

MILPER Message 17-331 – Proponent AHRC-EPF-R

Title: Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) Program ...Issued:[18-Oct-2017]...

- A. MILPER Message 17-156, AHRC-EPF-R, 15 May 2017, subject: Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) Program.
 - B. MILPER Message 17-292, AHRC-EPF-R, 19 September 2017, subject: Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) Program.
 - C. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1304.31 (Enlisted Bonus Program (EBP)), 12 March 2013.
 - D. AR 601-280 (Army Retention Program), 1 April 2016.
 - E. AR 11-6 (Army Foreign Language Program), 18 February 2016.
1. This MILPER message is effective on 23 October 2017 and may change after 23 November 2017 without further notice. This message will expire no later than 23 October 2018. Changes to the SRB program will be announced in a subsequent MILPER message. Reference A is rescinded on the effective date of this message. Reference B is rescinded immediately.
 2. This MILPER message announces changes to the Active Component SRB program. This message will be brought to the immediate attention of all commanders, retention offices, recruiters, and Finance and Accounting Offices (FAO).
 3. To avoid future claims of erroneous or unfulfilled commitments, commanders will ensure FAO and retention personnel are advised of the contents of this message.
 4. Soldiers reenlisting under this paragraph may be entitled to a lump sum, flat-rate, SRB payment as depicted in paragraph 5. An additional amount up to \$12K is authorized for Soldiers who are within the established reenlistment window (15 months from contractual ETS) and reenlist for a term length of at least 48 months, see paragraph 7k below. Bonuses that are identified for a specific location must adhere to the rules in paragraph 6. Soldiers must currently possess a primary Military Occupational Specialty (PMOS) and rank with associated Skill Qualification Identifier (SQI), Additional Skill Identifier (ASI), or language code, if any, or be currently scheduled for training in the listed skill depicting a tiered level in the following table. If receiving a training bonus for changing their PMOS, the tier must be listed as a tier 3 or higher. If already PMOS qualified and receiving a training bonus for ASI, SQI or language code only, there is no tier requirement. Additionally, if already PMOS qualified and receiving a training bonus, there is no requirement to be on assignment instructions to the listed location at the time of reenlistment; the only requirement is that they be scheduled for the critical skill shortage training listed for that location. Bonuses will not

be paid until Soldiers have successfully graduated the PMOS and/or SQI, ASI or language code training that is associated with their bonus, and if applicable, been assigned to the specific location as identified in the table below.

MOS	SQI	ASILANG	LOCATION	SL1	SGT	SSG	SFC
11B				1	2	1	3
11B			1/25TH SBCT	4	4	0	0
11B		J3		0	0	6	6
11B	G			4	4	4	4
11B	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	2	0	0	0
11B	U			0	7	7	7
11B	V		75TH RANGER REGT	7	7	7	7
11C				3	1	3	0
12B				0	2	1	0
12B	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	1	0	0	0
12B	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	7	0	0
12C				0	0	3	0
12C	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	4	0	0
12D				4	4	5	2
12K	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	0
12K	P		SP OPNS CMD	6	0	0	0
12M				4	0	6	0
12P				7	7	3	3
12R	P		SP OPNS CMD	8	3	0	0
12T				4	4	2	2
12T	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	6	0	0	0
12W	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	8	0	0
12W	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	3	0	0
12Y				0	3	7	1
13B				3	6	0	0
13D				6	6	0	0
13F				3	7	8	0
13F	V		75TH RANGER REGT	8	8	0	0
13J				6	6	0	0
13M				0	6	8	1
13P				6	6	0	0
13R				1	2	7	3
14E				6	4	4	1
14E		7A		7	0	0	0
14G				8	6	5	1
14H				5	5	5	0
14P				8	8	4	4

MOS	SQI	ASILANG	LOCATION	SL1	SGT	SSG	SFC
14T				2	3	7	1
14T		T4		0	0	0	7
15B			160TH SOAR	6	0	0	0
15D				5	2	3	0
15D			160TH SOAR	6	4	0	0
15E				5	5	5	5
15F				3	0	0	0
15F			160TH SOAR	5	5	4	0
15G				5	0	1	0
15G			160TH SOAR	6	4	0	0
15H				4	0	0	0
15H			160TH SOAR	6	5	0	0
15K			160TH SOAR	0	0	0	6
15N				4	4	3	0
15N			160TH SOAR	6	5	0	0
15P			160TH SOAR	5	0	3	5
15Q				0	4	5	0
15Q	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	5	0	0	0
15R				5	0	1	2
15T				5	1	2	3
15T			160TH SOAR	6	5	5	0
15T			FFC - 160TH SOAR USE ONLY	7	7	7	7
15U				4	2	4	1
15U			160TH SOAR	5	0	5	3
15U			FFC - 160TH SOAR USE ONLY	7	7	7	7
15W				8	5	6	5
15Y				6	2	0	0
17C				7	7	7	7
17C		E6	780TH MI/CYBER PROT BDE	9	9	9	9
17C (EA)			780TH MI/CYBER PROT BDE	8	8	8	8
17E				4	4	0	0
18 CMF				5	5	5	5
18 CMF			1/1 DLPT OR 1 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)	6	6	6	6
18 CMF			1+/1+ DLPT OR 1+ OPI (CTLANG ONLY)	7	7	7	7
18 CMF			2/2 DLPT OR 2 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)	8	8	8	8
18 CMF			2+/2+ DLPT OR 2+ OPI	9	9	9	9

MOS	SQI	ASILANG	LOCATION	SL1	SGT	SSG	SFC
		(CTLANG ONLY)					
18 CMF		3/3 DLPT OR 3 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		10	10	10	10
19D				4	4	4	2
19K				3	4	0	0
25B			160TH SOAR	7	0	6	0
25B	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	6	0	7
25B	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	3
25C	P		75TH RANGER REGT	8	0	0	0
25C	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	4	2	0
25D				0	8	8	10
25E				0	6	6	2
25E	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	0	7	0
25E	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	0	8	0
25L	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	1	0	0	0
25M	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	3	4	0
25N				6	2	3	0
25P				5	0	0	0
25P	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	4	0	0
25Q				3	0	0	0
25Q	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	0
25R	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	5	0
25S				6	0	0	0
25U				5	0	0	0
25U			160TH SOAR	0	4	0	0
25U	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	7	7	0
25V	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	5	0	0	0
25W	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	0	0	8
25W	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	0	0	4
25Z	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	0	0	4
27D			160TH SOAR	0	7	0	0
27D		C5		5	5	2	2
29E				4	4	0	0
31B	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	2	0	0	0
31D				7	7	7	3
31K				3	0	0	0
35F			160TH SOAR	0	5	0	5
35F	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	5	5	8
35F	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	2	1	1	4
35G				4	2	3	0
35G			160TH SOAR	0	5	0	8
35L				6	6	4	0
35L	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	0	0	8

MOS	SQI	ASILANG	LOCATION	SL1	SGT	SSG	SFC
35M		2/2 DLPT OR 2 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		4	4	4	4
35M		2+/2+ DLPT OR 2+ OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		5	5	5	5
35M		3/3 DLPT OR 3 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		6	6	6	6
35M	P		75TH RANGER REGT	6	8	8	7
35M	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	3	0	0	0
35N	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	0	7	7
35P		KP (2/2 DLPT CTLANG ONLY)	KOREA	7	7	0	0
35P		PF, QB (2/2 DLPT CTLANG ONLY)		7	7	7	7
35P		PF, QB (3/3 DLPT CTLANG ONLY)		8	8	8	8
35P		RU (2/2 DLPT CTLANG ONLY)		9	9	9	9
35P		RU (3/3 DLPT CTLANG ONLY)		10	10	10	10
35P	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	0	4	8
35Q		E6		8	8	8	8
35S	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	2	0	4	0
35T				10	6	3	0
36B			160TH SOAR	0	8	5	0
36B	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	7	7	0
36B	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	4	0	0
37F				5	5	0	0
37F		1/1 DLPT OR 1 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		6	6	6	6
37F		1+/1+ DLPT OR 1+ OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		7	7	7	7
37F		2/2 DLPT OR 2 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		8	8	8	8
37F		2+/2+ DLPT OR 2+ OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		9	9	9	9
37F		3/3 DLPT OR 3 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		10	10	10	10
38B		2+/2+ DLPT OR 2+ OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		5	5	5	5
38B		3/3 DLPT OR 3 OPI (CTLANG ONLY)		6	6	6	6
38B		W4	CIVIL AFFAIRS BDE	8	8	8	8
38B	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	0	0	8
42A	P		75TH RANGER REGT	7	7	7	7

MOS	SQI	ASILANG	LOCATION	SL1	SGT	SSG	SFC
42A	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	3	0	0	0
42R				5	0	0	0
46Q				6	6	0	0
46R				6	6	0	0
46S				6	6	0	0
46Z	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	0	0	4
46Z	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	0	0	8
56M			160TH SOAR	0	7	0	0
56M	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	7	0	0
56M	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	2	2	0	0
68C				7	5	3	0
68E	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	3	0	0	0
68F				4	2	0	0
68G	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	5	0	0
68G	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	0	7	0
68J	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	3	0	4	0
68N				8	6	4	0
68P	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	3	0	0	0
68Q	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	3	0	0
68R				3	0	0	0
68S	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	0	4	0
68S	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	0	7	0
68T	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	4	0	0
68T	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	7	0	0
68U				0	3	0	0
68W				4	0	2	0
68W		F2		8	8	8	8
68W		W1	160TH SOAR	8	8	8	8
68W		W1	75TH RANGER REGT	0	8	8	8
68X				2	0	2	0
68Y				3	3	0	0
74D	P		75TH RANGER REGT	8	8	0	7
79R				0	7	7	7
88L	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	0
88M				0	3	0	0
88M	P		75TH RANGER REGT	7	0	0	0
88N				2	6	0	0
88N	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	0	7	0
88N	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	2
89A				4	3	0	0
89A	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	0	6	0	0
89B			160TH SOAR	7	0	0	0
89B	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	2	2	0

MOS	SQI	ASILANG	LOCATION	SL1	SGT	SSG	SFC
89D				0	0	0	5
91A				0	4	4	0
91B				3	0	0	0
91B			160TH SOAR	7	0	0	0
91B		H8		7	0	0	0
91B	P		75TH RANGER REGT	6	6	6	0
91B	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	0
91C				3	0	0	0
91C			160TH SOAR	7	0	0	0
91C	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	0
91D			160TH SOAR	6	4	0	0
91E				6	2	1	0
91E			160TH SOAR	0	7	0	0
91F	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	5	1	0	0
91H				2	2	1	0
91H	H8			7	7	0	0
91J			160TH SOAR	7	6	0	0
91J	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	1	0	0
91L				0	4	0	0
91L	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	0	0	0
91M				0	6	1	0
91P				0	6	8	1
91S				2	0	4	0
91S	P		75TH RANGER REGT	8	6	0	0
91X			160TH SOAR	0	0	0	8
91X	P		SP OPNS CMD	0	0	0	4
92A			160TH SOAR	7	0	0	0
92A	P		75TH RANGER REGT	5	0	5	8
92A	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	1	0	0
92F			160TH SOAR	7	0	0	0
92F	P		75TH RANGER REGT	7	0	6	0
92G	P		75TH RANGER REGT	8	5	8	8
92G	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	5	3	0	0
92L	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	5	0	0	0
92L	P		SP OPNS CMD	7	0	0	0
92R	P			5	5	5	0
92R	P		160TH SOAR	0	0	0	8
92R	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	0	0	9
92W	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	3	4	0	0
92Y			160TH SOAR	7	0	4	6
92Y	P		75TH RANGER REGT	8	0	7	6
92Y	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	3	0	1
94A	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	6	0	0	0

MOS	SQI	ASILANG	LOCATION	SL1	SGT	SSG	SFC
94D				4	0	0	0
94E			160TH SOAR	3	4	0	0
94E	P		75TH RANGER REGT	0	8	0	0
94E	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	3	4	0	0
94F				3	0	0	0
94F	P		75TH RANGER REGT	7	0	0	0
94F	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	4	7	0	0
94H				4	4	3	0
94M				4	0	0	0
94M	P		AIRBORNE POSITION	5	0	0	0
94P				0	0	4	0
94R				0	0	1	0
94R			160TH SOAR	6	0	0	0
94S				5	4	0	0
94T				6	4	4	0
94W			160TH SOAR	0	0	0	6

5. The following table lists the SRB amounts associated with paragraph 4 and 7 of this message:

TIER LEVEL	RANK	12 TO 23 MONTHS	24 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 47 MONTHS	48 TO 59 MONTHS	60 OR MORE MONTHS
TIER 1	PFC	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$2,100	\$2,600	\$3,200
	SPC	\$1,100	\$1,700	\$2,300	\$2,900	\$3,500
	SGT	\$1,200	\$1,900	\$2,500	\$3,200	\$3,800
	SSG/SFC	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$2,900	\$3,500	\$4,300
TIER 2	PFC	\$1,500	\$2,300	\$3,000	\$3,800	\$4,600
	SPC	\$1,600	\$2,500	\$3,300	\$4,100	\$5,000
	SGT	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$3,700	\$4,500	\$5,500
	SSG/SFC	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,100	\$5,100	\$6,100
TIER 3	PFC	\$2,100	\$3,200	\$4,400	\$5,400	\$6,500
	SPC	\$2,300	\$3,500	\$4,800	\$5,900	\$7,100
	SGT	\$2,600	\$3,900	\$5,200	\$6,500	\$7,800
	SSG/SFC	\$2,900	\$4,400	\$5,900	\$7,300	\$8,800
TIER 4	PFC	\$3,100	\$4,700	\$6,300	\$7,800	\$9,400

TIER LEVEL	RANK	12 TO 23 MONTHS	24 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 47 MONTHS	48 TO 59 MONTHS	60 OR MORE MONTHS
	SPC	\$3,300	\$5,100	\$6,800	\$8,500	\$10,200
	SGT	\$3,700	\$5,600	\$7,500	\$9,300	\$11,200
	SSG/SFC	\$4,100	\$6,300	\$8,400	\$10,400	\$12,600
TIER 5	PFC	\$4,400	\$6,700	\$9,000	\$11,100	\$13,400
	SPC	\$4,800	\$7,300	\$9,800	\$12,100	\$14,600
	SGT	\$5,300	\$8,000	\$10,700	\$13,300	\$16,100
	SSG/SFC	\$5,900	\$9,000	\$12,100	\$14,900	\$18,000
TIER 6	PFC	\$6,300	\$9,500	\$12,800	\$15,900	\$19,100
	SPC	\$6,800	\$10,400	\$14,000	\$17,300	\$20,900
	SGT	\$7,500	\$11,500	\$15,400	\$19,100	\$23,000
	SSG/SFC	\$8,500	\$12,900	\$17,200	\$21,400	\$25,800
TIER 7	PFC	\$9,000	\$13,700	\$18,300	\$22,700	\$27,400
	SPC	\$9,800	\$14,900	\$20,000	\$24,700	\$29,800
	SGT	\$10,800	\$16,400	\$22,000	\$27,200	\$32,800
	SSG/SFC	\$12,100	\$18,400	\$24,600	\$30,500	\$36,800
TIER 8	PFC	\$11,300	\$17,100	\$22,900	\$28,400	\$34,200
	SPC	\$12,300	\$18,600	\$25,000	\$30,900	\$37,300
	SGT	\$13,500	\$20,500	\$27,500	\$34,100	\$41,100
	SSG/SFC	\$15,200	\$23,000	\$30,800	\$38,200	\$46,000
TIER 9	PFC	\$14,100	\$21,400	\$28,700	\$35,500	\$42,800
	SPC	\$15,300	\$23,300	\$31,200	\$38,700	\$46,600
	SGT	\$16,900	\$25,600	\$34,400	\$42,600	\$51,300
	SSG/SFC	\$19,000	\$28,800	\$38,500	\$47,800	\$57,600
TIER 10	PFC	\$17,600	\$26,700	\$35,800	\$44,400	\$53,500
	SPC	\$19,200	\$29,100	\$39,000	\$48,400	\$58,300
	SGT	\$21,100	\$32,100	\$43,000	\$53,300	\$64,200
	SSG/SFC	\$23,700	\$36,000	\$48,200	\$59,700	\$72,000

6. Location specific SRB program: Soldiers meeting the requirements below may be entitled to a lump sum, flat-rate, SRB payment:

a. Soldiers receiving a location specific SRB who require training prior to being assigned to the listed location will always receive a training SRB type to be released upon successful completion of the required training and assignment to the listed

location. For example, a Soldier receiving an SRB to go to a “SP OPNS CMD” position who still requires airborne school (SQI “P”) will be paid a future training SRB regardless of the fact that it is a location specific SRB, even if the Soldier has not been placed on assignment instructions at the time of reenlistment. The only requirement is that they be scheduled for training at the time of reenlistment.

b. Possess a PMOS and rank with associated SQI, ASI, or language code, if any, and are on assignment Instructions to, or reenlisting (to include option E-2) for a location listed in paragraph 4.

c. ‘SP OPNS CMD’ location specific SRB is not authorized for Soldiers who are currently assigned in, on AI to, or reenlisting (to include option E-2) for the ‘75TH RANGER REGT’ or ‘160TH SOAR’. Only the following Distribution Management Sublevels (DMSLs) are associated with the “SP OPNS CMD” location SRB: 4PO, 8PO, CAB, S03, S05, S07, S10, S11, SFC, SO1, SOG, SPH, SPT, SWC, SX1, SPO. Location specific SRB’s are not interchangeable and are restricted to the exact location listed in paragraph 4.

d. Soldiers reenlisting for a location specific SRB will be used in an authorized position based on PMOS, ASI, SQI, and language code as appropriate, for the authorized stabilization period. Soldiers who fail to complete the stabilization period are subject to recoupment of the SRB.

e. Soldiers reenlisting for a location specific SRB will be stabilized for a minimum of 24 months (12 months if reenlisting for a short tour area) unless otherwise directed by U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC). Stabilization will commence on date of reenlistment (CONUS) or Date Eligible to Return from Overseas (DEROS) (OCONUS) for Soldiers currently serving in a valid position at a designated location. Stabilization will commence upon arrival at the new duty station for all other Soldiers.

f. The RETAIN reenlistment confirmation process will send the Assignment Eligibility and Availability (AEA) code “U” and termination date for those Soldiers reenlisting for current station stabilization. Career Counselors will enter the number of stabilization months listed in paragraph e above regardless of the entry authorized on the DA Form 3286. For all other reenlistment options, installations will use AEA code "G" to stabilize Soldiers for the required stabilization period stated in paragraph e above.

g. Career Counselors will advise Soldiers who are reenlisting to comply with AI or for a training bonus and receiving a location specific SRB, that if they are diverted or deleted from the designated location, they may be subject to recoupment and should contact their servicing Career Counselor immediately. Career Counselors will contact HRC, Retention and Reclassification Branch, for further guidance.

7. Special considerations and technical information:

a. A Soldier is only allowed one bonus entitlement and cannot combine different bonus authorizations.

b. Soldiers who reenlist outside of the reenlistment window as established by HQDA, G-1 with a valid reason for discharge, may be paid a bonus if otherwise qualified. This includes Soldiers reenlisting under option E-1 to meet the service remaining requirement for training in a new PMOS (tier 3 or higher with a valid reclassification control number and approved decision report), SQI, ASI or language code or assignments that require completion of unit specific training (160th SOAR-Green Platoon, 75th Ranger Regiment-RASP1/RASP2) or the associated SQI, ASI, or language code.

c. Soldiers must be qualified in, or scheduled to attend training for the SQI, ASI, or language code (if applicable under paragraph h below) associated with a PMOS listed in paragraph 4. However, Soldiers who are scheduled to attend training will not receive their bonus payment until they have completed the associated training and are subsequently assigned to the incentivized location (if applicable).

d. Soldiers who are scheduled to attend training in a new PMOS listed in paragraph 4 with a tier 3 or higher are authorized to receive the SRB with the associated PMOS, SQI, ASI, or language code for which they are reenlisting. Soldiers who reenlist to attend PMOS, SQI, ASI, or language code training will not receive their bonus payment until they have successfully graduated the PMOS training and are assigned to the incentivized location (if applicable).

e. Soldiers will not be paid an SRB for their current PMOS if training will result in a change in the Soldier's 3-character PMOS, to include those that are approved, or conditionally approved, for an officer commissioning program prior to the date of reenlistment regardless of the reason for discharge.

f. Soldiers changing their PMOS to 38B are authorized the ASI W4 "CIVIL AFFAIRS BDE" location SRB as long as they are scheduled for ASI W1 training and have a valid reclassification control number and approved decision report at the time of reenlistment, or are reenlisting for option E-3. Career Counselors will ensure the DD form 4/1 reflects the ASI W4 SRB.

g. Soldiers who reenlist to meet the service remaining requirement for a HQDA directed detailed assignment instructions (such as recruiting, drill sergeant or instructor duty) are only authorized an SRB for their PMOS, SQI, ASI, or language code, provided they are otherwise qualified under paragraph 4. These Soldiers are not authorized a location specific SRB.

h. For a language dependent SRB, the following rules apply based upon the type of proficiency test administered:

(1) Defense Language Aptitude Test (DLPT), Career Management Field (CMF) 18,

35M/35P/37F/38B.

(a) In order to be eligible to receive a language dependent SRB identified in paragraph 4, Soldiers must meet the minimum proficiency standards (level 1—listening and level 1—speaking or reading for all MOSs except 35P, which requires level 2—listening and level 2—speaking or reading) as reflected in the Enlisted Distribution and Assignment System (EDAS) for their control language (CTLANG) (control language is the primary language and is listed in their 9 character PMOS) within the past 12 months of the date of reenlistment. Language proficiency standards are listed in reference E.

(b) Soldiers changing their PMOS are not authorized a language dependent SRB unless their new PMOS is 35P. If changing their PMOS to 35P, Soldiers are only authorized the tier listed under 2/2 DLPT for the language they are scheduled to attend.

(c) If there is not a specific language listed in paragraph 4, the Soldier must be currently qualified in their CTLANG in order to be eligible for an SRB. Future training SRBs are not authorized unless a specific language is listed in paragraph 4.

(2) CMF 18/37F/38B only - Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI):

(a) In order to be eligible to receive a language dependent SRB identified in paragraph 4, the Soldier must meet the minimum proficiency standards (level 1—speaking) as reflected in EDAS for their primary language (CTLANG) within the past 12 months of the date of reenlistment. Language proficiency standards are listed in reference E.

(b) Soldiers changing their PMOS are not authorized a language dependent SRB under the OPI.

(3) In accordance with reference E, commanders/supervisors may recertify annual requirements in lieu of the DLPT or OPI for Soldiers who are deployed for a contingency operation of 180 days or more where testing facilities are not available. This does not remove the requirement to have EDAS updated prior to the reenlistment.

i. Soldiers must have completed at least 17 months of continuous active duty (other than active duty for training as a reservist) and no more than 20 years of Active Federal Service (AFS) at the date of reenlistment to be paid an SRB. Completion of the 17 months of continuous active duty need not occur immediately before the date of reenlistment. The maximum additional obligated service for bonus computation purposes is 60 months and may only be calculated up to the 24th year of AFS. If the Retention Control Point (RCP) is prior to the 24th year of AFS, calculate additional obligated service to the current RCP.

j. Soldiers possessing the SQL of “V” may receive the bonus for SQL “P” or “G”, if otherwise qualified, in accordance with paragraph 4 above. Soldiers possessing the SQL of “S” may receive the bonus for SQL “P”, if otherwise qualified. Soldiers possessing the SQL of “U” may receive the bonus for SQL “V”, if otherwise qualified.

k. Soldiers authorized a reenlistment bonus in accordance with the table in paragraph 4 and are within the established reenlistment window in accordance with reference D and applicable HQDA retention messages are further authorized a kicker amount based on the term of the reenlistment contract. Soldiers reenlisting under the Career Status Program reenlistments must also meet the term length requirement for the corresponding kicker amount. Kicker amounts are as follows:

\$3,000 - 48 month term
\$6,000 - 60 month term
\$12,000 - 72 month term

This kicker will be paid once all conditions for award of the SRB have been met to include graduation of training, if applicable.

l. Soldiers must meet all qualifications for SRB entitlement in accordance with AR 601-280 and this message.

m. SRB example entries on DD Form 4/1, item 8b(2): "SRB TIER 1, MOS 11B1" or "SRB TIER 2, MOS 11B1 W/ "P" or "SRB TIER 8, MOS 68W1 W/ "F2".

n. SRB entry on DD Form 4/1, item 8b(5): "LUMP SUM PAYMENT AUTHORIZED IAW MILPER MESSAGE 17-XXX PARA X ".

o. Information on taxable income can be found in table 44-1, chapter 44, volume 7A of the DODFMR.

p. The maximum SRB will not exceed \$90,000. Soldiers may receive more than one SRB throughout their career, but the total combined SRB payments over a career shall not exceed \$200,000.

q. Career Counselors are not required to distribute a hard copy of the reenlistment contract to finance. Career Counselors are required to distribute the DA Form 3340 to finance if the Soldier elects to cash in accrued leave in conjunction with the reenlistment.

8. Soldiers with questions pertaining to bonuses and eligibility requirements addressed in this message should contact their servicing Career Counselor. Servicing Career Counselors with questions regarding this message should contact their appropriate command retention office for clarification. Point of contact for this headquarters is the AIT Team, Retention and Reclassification Branch, AHRC-EPF-R, HRC, Fort Knox at usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.epmd-ait@mail.mil.