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ADT-AT Guidance/DA Lockdown “Why”/Waiver Reminders

As we near the 4th quarter, CG-R8 is scrutinizing funding requests and allocations to ensure all training and reserve needs can be funded for the remainder of the FY. Included in this bulletin is information that ensures fiscal responsibility while further explaining some concerns.

Final deadline for ADT-AT initial entry in DA: Per ALCOAST 293/19, members should have entered their ADT-AT in DA by 1 May. We recognize that past practice often resulted in the approval of ADT-AT orders submitted after the deadline. However, *for FY20, all initial ADT-AT orders not entered in DA by 15 July will be disapproved.*

Why the DA lockdown for IDT?: CG-R8 understands the impacts that the recent Direct Access (DA) lockdown is having on reservists and we’d like to take this opportunity to explain why this requirement was implemented. The 1 May deadline to enter IDT/ADT in DA has been policy since FY17 to guarantee funds are available to pay all reservists, while monitoring drilling costs and redistributing money whenever possible. CG-R82 carefully monitors drilling activity to ensure we are able to support all reserve training which changes each year based on contingencies, deployments, and EAD/ADOS opportunities.

From 2013-2106, the AFC-90 appropriation (reserve training budget) had a structural deficit which was further exasperated by insufficient financial controls, resulting in an “all stop” for Reserve orders in September 2016. In response to this, the CG CFO directed that additional controls be put into place to ensure compliance with financial regulations and policy.

One of the controls put into place was the 1 May deadline. This deadline ensures CG-R82 can account for payment of all remaining drills through the FY. Prior to this year there were no hard coded system controls to avoid:

- Entering/approving drills throughout the FY retroactively.
- Re-entering drills previously deleted due to not being authorized.
- Continuing to enter/approve paid drills after the 1 May deadline.



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As a result, CG-R was unable to accurately project the FY closeout balances. Working with the DA programming staff, we instituted the IDT lockdown where no members/commands are able to enter/alter paid drills submitted after 1 May. CG-R82 is now able to account for all drills and can make informed financial decisions as we closeout the FY. This lockdown allows CG-R to review drilling activity, enforce budgetary policy, and determine funds availability to distribute additional ATPs or other training to units/members if funds are available.

Due to COVID-19, travel restrictions, and this new lockdown, the CG-R82 staff has been very flexible with rescheduling requests and waivers. CG-R82 will continue to monitor the COVID-19 response. We understand that any new process is difficult and the CG-R82 staff is working diligently to answer all questions and respond to waiver requests.

Waiver process reminders: The CG-R82 staff has received numerous waiver requests and e-mail requests for date changes. Here's a quick reminder of what is required for consideration...

- IDT drills scheduled/approved prior to the deadline that need a date change: Commands may send an **e-mail** directly to CG-R82 (HQS-SMB-CG-R82-Waiver@uscg.mil) (copying District/Area) for the change. A waiver form does NOT need to be completed. (Supervisors should leave the drill in a pending status to prevent this.) The CG-R82 staff will open up DA for the dates that the drills need to be rescheduled for and communicate back to the command that the new drill dates can be entered into DA. The command/member can then cancel the drills currently in DA and reschedule the drills for the dates requested.
- IDT drills not entered into DA by deadline due to reenlistment/RELAD: Commands may send an **e-mail** directly to CG-R82. A waiver form does NOT need to be completed.
- IDT drills not entered into DA by deadline due to other circumstances: Member must complete a **waiver form**, route through the Chain of Command, and the Area/DOL shall send it to CG-R82's Waiver inbox.
- Unpaid IDT drills, RMPs for PHAs, and all paid drills left in a pending status: No waiver or e-mail required.



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Please direct all questions to the CG-R82 Waiver Inbox at HQS-SMB-CG-R82-WAIVER@uscg.mil.

Thank you so much for your assistance and cooperation with the processes listed above.

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