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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: UTD for MAP 167-12(R) – Basic Allowance for Housing for Two-Member Couples – One on Sea Duty

1. SYNOPSIS: Implements Section 603 of FY13 NDAA in which 37 U.S.C §403 is amended to authorize a housing allowance to a member in pay grade E-5 and below who is assigned to sea duty and married to another uniformed member. This authority allows a housing allowance when one is assigned to sea duty and the other assigned to shore duty allowing each a housing allowance even when the couple has dependents or one is in a pay grade E-6 and above. The current authority authorized each member a housing allowance only when both are assigned to sea duty, in pay grade E-5 and below, and the couple is without dependents.
2. The Committee Chair has approved the attached changes to the Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1 (JFTR) made in MAP 167-12.
3. This determination is an advance notice of the changes to the JFTR. You are requested to disseminate this determination to the appropriate offices within your Service.
4. These changes are scheduled to appear in JFTR change 317 dated 1 May 2013.
5. This determination is *effective 1 January 2013* per FY13 NDAA authority as approved by the PDTATAC Chair.

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Chief, Strategic Planning and Policy Division

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JFTR REVISIONS

U10200:

U10200 GENERAL

Per 37 USC §421, a dependent who is on active duty in a U.S. Uniformed Service and entitled to basic pay cannot be a dependent for housing allowance purposes. See Table U10C-1 for housing allowances when both spouses are entitled to basic pay. See par. U10400-E4 for member to member couples when one or both are serving on sea duty.

U10400-E4:

Effective 1 Jan 2013

4. A Uniformed Service member married to another member, who is in a pay grade below E-6, is authorized BAH or OHA if assigned to permanent sea duty.

U10400, Table U10E-1, note 5:

5. A member in pay grade E-6 or above is authorized to receive BAH after reporting to a deployed ship or afloat unit. A member TDY to the ship or afloat unit is also authorized BAH/OHA after reporting to the deployed ship or afloat unit if in receipt of BAH/OHA at the PDS before beginning TDY. A member in pay grade E-4 or E-5, without a dependent, assigned to sea duty may be authorized BAH/OHA if appropriate considering the availability of QTRS for E-4s and E-5s. A member married to another member who is in a pay grade below E-6 is authorized BAH/OHA. See par. U10400-E for requirements.