MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #21: Release Authority for Officer’s to Attend Professional Military Education (PME)

1. This memorandum establishes my policy for release or deferment of 15th Regimental Signal Brigade officers to attend PME.

2. All Majors and Captain (P) that are requesting early attendance at the Army’s Intermediate-Level Education (ILE) course will require the Brigade Commander’s approval. Submission of a DA 4187 requesting the above action, with approval from the Battalion Commander, will be forward through the respective staff sections with a DA 4187-R-1 attached consisting of the Brigade Commander’s signature block. The Brigade Commander will be the final approval authority on the DA 4187-R-1. All deferments from ILE will follow the same method outlined above.

3. The following outlines my approval method for all officers within the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade for attendance to the SCCC:

   a. The Brigade Commander will be the final approval authority for all DA Form 4187 requesting attendance at the Signal Captain’s Career Course. The Brigade Commander’s signature block will be included on the DA Form 4187-R-1 and routed through the proper staff sections.

   b. All Captains and First Lieutenant (P) that are assigned to the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade will be placed on an Order of Merit List (OML) to attend the SCCC. This Order of Merit List will take into consideration Time on Station, Date of Rank, and whether there is a replacement on the gains roster or already present within the Brigade for the officer that desires to attend the SCCC.

   c. Officers arriving to the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade can expect to serve a minimum of 24 months within the Brigade prior to a Permanent Change of Station, to include but not limited to the Signal Captain’s Career Course. Exceptions will be approved by the Brigade Commander with the recommendation of the respective Battalion Commander.
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4. It is not my intent to deny any officer within the organization an opportunity to enhance their career. However, the TRADOC Advanced Individual Training environment is a highly transitional organization and continuity is a must in order to fulfill the Brigade’s Mission Statement of producing highly trained Soldiers that are able to make an immediate positive impact at their first duty assignment.

5. Point of contact is the Brigade S1 at (706) 791-3140, usarmy.gordon.sigcoe.list.15rsb-hhc-s1.

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