



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY ARMOR CENTER AND FORT KNOX
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY 40121-5000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZK-PTO (614)

20 September 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Six Policy Memo No. 38-18 – Short Notice Taskings

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 350-1, Army Training, 1 Aug 81.
- b. Field Manual 25-101, Battle Focused Training, 30 Sep 90.
- c. Fort Knox Regulation 350-1, Command Training Management, 18 Oct 00.
- d. Message, HQDA, CSA Sends, 031353Z Jan 01, subject: HQDA Short Notice Tasking Policy.

2. A significant contributor to instability and unpredictability is short notice taskings. Within the Armor Center, we must commit to providing the soldiers and employees of Fort Knox better predictability by reducing the turbulence caused by short notice taskings.

3. Effective immediately, the following approval authorities are established for late taskings originating from this headquarters. The only exception to these approval authorities is support taskings for unanticipated operational requirements, i.e., Protocol missions.

- a. Late tasking requests received 45 days (under T-6), or less, before the required execution date require approval from the Commanding General, or the Deputy Commanding General, of USAARMC and Fort Knox. The 45-day clock is a function of the day reviewed and acted on by the noted general officer, not the day received by the staff section.

- b. Late tasking requests received 46 (T-6) to 90 days (T-12) before the required execution date require approval from the Chief of Staff (CofS), USAARMC and Fort Knox. Late taskings received during this period are a function of the day reviewed and acted on by the Chief of Staff.

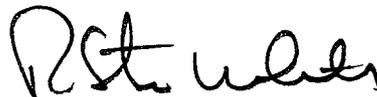
4. On receipt of a late tasking request, G3/Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization (G3/DPTM) will check the tasking request for completeness. They will immediately issue an oral warning order of the tasking; and within 24 hours after receipt of the request, the G3/DPTM will publish a written warning order to applicable units and forward the late tasking request to the appropriate approval authority for decision. This can be done via e-mail.

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5. A standard for reclaims is also established for short notice taskings. Upon receipt, commanders have 48 hours to reclama the tasking to this headquarters, or the unit will be obligated to fill the tasking.
6. Change 1 to Fort Knox Regulation 350-1 establishes comprehensive guidance for tasking procedures and reflects the timelines established in paragraph 3 above.
7. It is the responsibility of all Army leaders to ensure that no soldier goes into harm's way untrained or unprepared. We must reduce the turbulence caused by short notice taskings that are adversely affecting our Army's number one priority – training our soldiers and units for combat. I am confident that, with our personal attention to this issue, we can provide our soldiers the predictability in our training programs and daily lives that they deserve.

FORGE THE THUNDERBOLT!



R. STEVEN WHITCOMB
Major General, USA
Commanding General

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