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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Family Members at Demobilization Stations

1. Although family travel, at a family member's own expense, to demobilization stations is not prohibited to greet loved ones, I encourage family members NOT to do so. I strongly recommend commanders instruct their Family Group Leaders and families to greet their returning loved ones at their home station for the following reasons.

- The Army does not fund expenses for travel to the demobilization stations.
- Unit arrival times at demobilization stations are not always accurate.
- The soldier is still under Active Component control and numerous tasks are required at the demobilization site that may prohibit soldiers from even seeing their families.
- Depending on the Force Protection conditions, access to the demobilization base may be limited.
- Due to safety and C2 issues, the unit commander may not even allow soldiers to leave the base.
- We will know for sure when the soldiers will arrive at the home station.
- There will be pre-arranged homecoming activities for the returning soldiers.
- Upon completion of the Home Station activities, soldiers will be released to return to their families.
- In some instances, radio and/or newspaper personnel will be at the homecomings.

2. POC for Family Readiness issues is Ms. Kathryn Ashford, 63D RRC Family Program Director at 562-795-2182 or e-mail Kathryn.Ashford@usarc-emh2.army.mil. You can also contact LTC Bob Karbel for other concerns.

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