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MEMORANDUM FOR Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310

SUBJECT: Designation of Djibouti as a Hostile Environment in Support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel – Horn of Africa and Authorization for Wear of the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service and Overseas Service Bars

1. References:

a. Army Regulation (AR) 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia), 10 April 2015.

b. Memorandum, United States Africa Command, 31 July 2015, subject: Request for Authorization of Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service (SSI-FWTS) and Overseas Service Bars (OSB) for Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

2. In support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel – Horn of Africa (OFS-HOA), Djibouti is hereby designated a hostile environment.

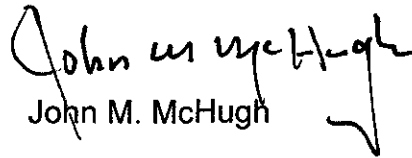
3. In accordance with AR 670-1, paragraph 21-17a, the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service (SSI-FWTS) is authorized for Soldiers deployed to Djibouti in support of OFS-HOA, who received both combat zone tax exclusion and hostile fire/imminent danger pay. The SSI-FWTS is authorized from 1 January 2015 to a date to be determined. Soldiers who are deployed to Djibouti for training exercises, or in support of operations other than OFS-HOA, are not authorized the SSI-FWTS, unless those exercises or operations became combat or support missions to OFS-HOA.

4. In accordance with AR 670-1, paragraph 21-29a, one overseas service bar is authorized for each 6-month period of active Federal service as a member of a U.S. Service participating in OFS-HOA in Djibouti between 1 January 2015 and a date to be determined.

5. This approval shall remain in effect until the next revision of reference 1a, and will be incorporated into future versions of regulations, policies, procedures and guidance regarding wear and appearance of the Army uniform and insignia.

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