



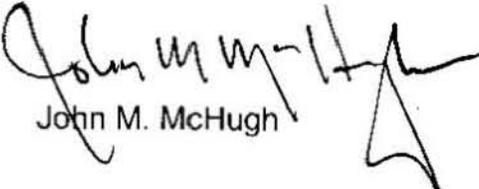
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2012-06 (Centralized Selection List—Tour Length Policy for Command and Key Billets)

1. This directive changes Army policy for tour lengths for centralized selection list (CSL) command and key billets. The adjustment is made in an effort to increase broadening experiences and aid in developing officers capable of effectively operating in Joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational environments. This directive applies to commands and key billets in Army organizational elements in the Army Competitive Category and the Army Medical Department Category. It does not apply to commands that have established 36- to 48-month tour lengths or to Army Acquisition Corps commands and key billets.
2. Effective immediately, CSL command and key billet tours for lieutenant colonels and colonels will be 24 months with a minimum of 18 months. Commanders who have completed 18 or more months of command as of 30 days before the unit's mission readiness exercise or culminating predeployment exercise will relinquish command. Officers who surpass 24 months because of deployment will relinquish command 30 to 90 days after redeployment.
3. The Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent for this policy and will incorporate the guidance in this directive in the next revision of Army Regulation 600-20 (Army Command Policy).


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