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To the Active Duty and Reserve Men and Women of the Coast Guard,

I am pleased to announce the Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Coast Guard have identified a way to pay our military workforce on 31 December 2018. This one-time action applies to military members that served on active duty in the month of December and those reserve military members that drilled prior to the lapse in appropriation.

I recognize that this changes course from previously provided guidance on military pay; however, this is outstanding news for our military workforce. Here is what the update means for you:

- If you were an active duty military member in December, then you will receive your monthly paycheck on 31 December 2018. That paycheck will include all of the normal pay and allowance benefits (e.g. basic pay, BAH, BAS, etc.).
- If you were a reservist that served on active duty during the month of December, you will also receive your monthly paycheck on 31 December 2018 and it will include all of your normal pay and allowance entitlements.
- Finally, if you were a reservist that conducted reserve training prior to 21 December 2018, then you will receive the appropriate pay and allowance entitlements on 31 December 2018.

I must emphasize that this approval only covers the 31 December 2018 paycheck. Meeting active duty and reserve military payroll for January 2019 will require a fiscal year 2019 appropriation, a continuing resolution, or passage of an alternative measure. Stated very simply—today's action will not guarantee a paycheck on 15 January 2019.

You may have questions about this direction and I encourage you to utilize your chain of command to the utmost. We will continue to update the Service's FAQ database to ensure that the most current information is available to members.

Semper Paratus.

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