



DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

1931 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY
ARLINGTON, VA 22240-5291

DEC 4 2002

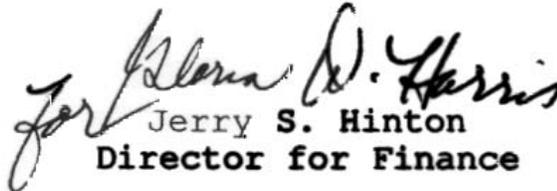
DFAS-DFM

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, MILITARY PAY OPERATIONS, DEFENSE
FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (PM/CL)

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Regarding
Special Pay for Officers Serving in Positions of
Unusual Responsibility and of a Critical Nature (DFAS
Item L-56)

Attached is Interim Change 56-02 to Chapter 13 of the
Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A.
It has an effective date of October 1, 2002. This change removes
language that formerly restricted payment of this entitlement to
officers of the Navy. Beginning October 1, 2002, wing, group and
squadron commanders of the Air Force may also become entitled to
responsibility pay. This change is a complete replacement of the
existing Chapter.

We have evaluated your comments on the proposed change and
included your comments where appropriate. Assignment of the
interim change number is your authority to initiate procedural
modifications to implement this change. Use the attached to
initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.


Jerry S. Hinton
Director for Finance

Attachment:
As stated

cc: OUSD(C) (ODCFO) (FP)
DASD(MPP) (Comp)
ODGC(F)
Service Liaisons
USCG/NOAA/PHS Liaisons
DFAS-DDM/CL
DFAS-PMA/CLDFAS-DFM

Responsibility Pay for Air Force Officers

1. Replace Chapter 13 with the following:

CHAPTER 13**SPECIAL PAY FOR OFFICERS SERVING IN POSITIONS
OF UNUSUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OF A CRITICAL NATURE**1301 ENTITLEMENT

The Secretary concerned may designate positions of unusual responsibility that are of a critical nature to an armed force under his jurisdiction and authorize special pay to officers performing the duties of such a position. Officers serving in a designated position and entitled to the basic pay of grades O-6 and below are entitled to this special pay. This special pay will be referred to as responsibility pay.

1302 RATES PAYABLE

The monthly rates of responsibility pay are:

<u>Pay Grade</u>	<u>Amount</u>
O-6	\$150
O-5	100
O-4 and below	50

1303 AUTHORIZED PAYEES

Subject to other entitlement conditions and restrictions, officers are entitled to responsibility pay while serving as a commanding officer or commander of a unit listed in directives issued under the authority of the Secretary concerned. Responsibility pay will continue to accrue while on TAD, leave, or similar temporary absences from duty where there is no permanent relief. Responsibility pay accrues from the date the assignment begins through the date the assignment ends.

1304 RESTRICTIONS

Responsibility pay is not authorized for:

130401. Officers temporarily in command.
130402. Officers assigned to "Officer in Charge" billets unless specifically designated in directives issued under the authority of the Secretary concerned.

130403. More than one officer per designated billet, except for the dates of assumption of and relief from command.

2. **Replace the Bibliography to Chapter 13 with the following:**

Bibliography

Chapter 13—Special Pay for Officers Serving In Positions of Unusual Responsibility
and of a Critical Nature

1301—Entitlement

37 U.S.C. 306
Public Law 102-587,
section 5205,
November 4, 1992
ASD(FMP) Comp Memo,
August 26, 2002