ORDERS FOR OFFICER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

1. Purpose. Orders to various programs and assignments require officers to agree to remain on active duty (ACDU) for a specified amount of time. This instruction sets forth obligations for officer special programs not covered in other MILPERSMAN articles.

2. Special Programs with Orders Contingent on Agreement to Remain on ACDU

   a. Orders for Defense Information School (DINFOS) Broadcast Manager Course (BMC) Students.

      (1) DINFOS BMC is a 12-academic-day course that provides training in broadcast management techniques to

            (a) enlisted, officers, and civilians who are assigned to, or en route to duties with an American Forces Radio and Television Service affiliate station; and

            (b) international students based on separate agreements.

      Personnel eligible for this course include network commanders, detachment chiefs, station managers, operations managers, maintenance managers, section non-commissioned officers in charge, and leaders in broadcast operation detachments, which could include Navy broadcasting at the Naval Media Center or any Navy broadcasting detachment.

      (2) The course is conducted up to two times per year at DINFOS, Fort George G. Meade, MD. Attendance constitutes an agreement to remain on ACDU for 24 months or the follow-on
Department of Defense (DoD) area tour length, whichever is longer.

b. Instructor Pilots, Naval Flight Officers (NFOs), and Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) Students.

(1) Acceptance of orders to FRS training en-route to a warfare specialty squadron constitutes an agreement to remain on ACDU for a period of time equal to a normal squadron tour (first-tour pilots – 36 months and second-tour pilots – 30 months) following completion of FRS training. Officers already under obligation for initial fleet training will continue under the provisions of that agreement or the 36-months stipulation, whichever is longer.

(2) Pilots and NFOs assigned to a squadron that have conducted FRS training, and are transitioning to a new type aircraft incur the same obligation as above.

(3) Officers ordered to a flying billet involving an instructor under training (IUT) syllabus incur an agreement to remain on ACDU for 24 months at the completion of the IUT.

(4) Successful completion of any program that leads to an air combat training continuum (ACTC) level V designation (to include strike fighter tactics instructor (SFTI) level V) constitutes an agreement to remain on ACDU for a period of 24 months in a sea duty billet at the conclusion of the first shore tour. If fleet replacement training is required, the 24 months will commence upon reporting to the assigned sea duty billet.

(5) To ensure incorporation in orders of the obligated service (OBLISERV) provision for replacement and instructor pilots or NFOs, the placement officer will specify in the Officer Assignment Information System one of the following personalized texts (PTEXT) listed below:

(a) P73009 or P73011 (as appropriate) for replacement pilots or NFOs.

(b) P73011 or P73012 (as appropriate) for instructor pilots or NFOs.
c. **Pilots and NFOs Assigned to Squadrons Transitioning to New Model Aircraft.** All pilots and NFOs assigned to a squadron who accept transition to a new model aircraft with the squadron constitute an agreement to remain on ACDU for a period of 24 months upon completion of training.

d. **SFTIs accepting orders to joint strike fighter (JSF) shore tours in lieu of either squadron training officer or other sea tours.** Acceptance of orders involving the completion of a JSF FRS syllabus followed by duty as a JSF pilot with a shore-based unit constitutes an agreement to remain on ACDU for a period of 24 months in a sea duty billet at the conclusion of the JSF shore tour.

e. **Full Time Support (FTS) Pilots to Initial Training of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) (C-40, C-20/37, and C-130) Aircraft.** Acceptance of orders by FTS pilots for initial training in VR aircraft constitutes an agreement to remain on ACDU for a period of 36 months (equivalent to a normal squadron tour), commencing upon completion of the transition training or upon reporting to the ultimate duty station, whichever is later.

f. **Exchange Pilots and NFOs.** Acceptance of orders to exchange duty involving other than U.S. Navy functional training in aircraft to be flown constitutes an agreement to remain on ACDU for a period of 24 months following completion of training.

g. **Submarine Officer Advanced Course.** Submarine officers ordered to department head school for training and subsequent assignment will be issued orders contingent upon a 3-year agreement to remain on ACDU upon course completion. The agreement will run concurrently with any other OBLISERV previously contracted.

h. **Department of Energy, Naval Reactors Representative’s Office (NAVREACTREPOFC) Staff.** Officers ordered to the NAVREACTREPOFC staff will be issued orders contingent upon a 3-year agreement to remain on ACDU. The agreement will run concurrently with any other OBLISERV previously contracted.

i. **Surface Warfare Officer Department Head Course.** Officers executing orders to Surface Warfare Officer Department Head Course constitute an agreement to remain on ACDU for a period of 3 years active service. The 3-year obligation will commence upon completion of the course and is concurrent with the remaining time required by any prior ACDU obligation (PTEXT 73006).
j. **Fire Control Officer (FCO) or Combat Information Center Officer (CICO) Second Tour Division Officer Tour Lengths for AEGIS Platforms.** All officers executing orders to AEGIS FCO or CICO billets must agree to remain on ACDU the entire prescribed tour length. Lateral transfer, resignation, or voluntary release from ACDU requests will not be approved for dates earlier than the established projected rotation date.

k. **Personnel Exchange Programs (PEPs).** Officers assigned to exchange/loan programs must agree to remain on ACDU for the full PEP tour. Special security restrictions may apply to officers ordered to exchange or loan program billets, or to officers ordered to foreign-service colleges in order to comply with country clearance/Status of Forces Agreements. In addition, any such officers must be made aware of their status relative to judicial jurisdiction. Refer to reference (a).