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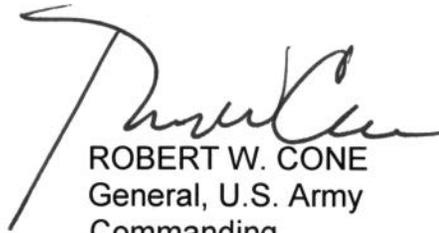
MEMORANDUM FOR TRADOC CIVILIAN WORKFORCE

SUBJECT: Government Shutdown and the Emergency Furlough

1. As you are painfully aware, the lapse of appropriations has forced a Government-wide shutdown and required our Army to place most of the Civilian workforce into an emergency furlough status. I am saddened by the impact this furlough has on you and your Families, particularly following so closely to the administrative furlough you endured this summer. Your forced absence from the workplace is felt by those of us in uniform who rely on your competence, commitment, and hard work. Each day that passes means our force is denied your talents and experience.

2. I ask each of you to be aware of your personal stress levels. If you need help, please ask for it. Coping with the uncertainty that surrounds your paychecks and when you can return to duty is difficult. Seek the support of Family, friends, and community resources. I pledge to provide my voice and advocacy for retroactive pay for the period of time we are on emergency furlough. For those of you who have been excepted and are reporting to work, uncertain as to when you will be paid, thank you for your professionalism.

3. I trust your strong sense of professionalism and public service are not undermined by these recent events. More than ever, our Army, its Soldiers, and our Nation are dependent on you. Your unwavering patriotism and your strength are inspiring. I am proud and honored to serve with you.


ROBERT W. CONE
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