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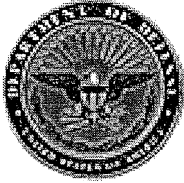
Memo

To: Court Staff and Civil Litigants
Date: July 25, 2018
Re: Civil Affidavits of Non-military Service

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act requires courts to insure that Defendants against whom default judgments are sought are not on active military duty. This Court has accepted the statement of process servers that the defendant is not in the military as contained in the affidavit of service in the past without much proof that the process server has exercised due diligence to determine the truth of those blanket statements. Now however, due to the easy availability of the Department of Defense Manpower Data Center, Military Status Report found at:

<https://scra.dmdc.osd.mil/scra/#/home>

This court is no longer willing to accept less in the way of proof. An example of the Military Status Report is attached, marked exhibit #1. The information needed to produce such a report is attached as exhibit #2. Neither an order of default nor any default judgment will be issued unless the motion is accompanied by an affidavit of non-military service that includes a copy of the Military Status Report as to each defendant against whom a default order or default judgment is sought.



**Status Report
Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act**

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Active Duty Status As Of: May-29-2014

| On Active Duty On Active Duty Status Date | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Active Duty Start Date | Active Duty End Date | Status | Service Component |
| NA | NA | No | NA |
| This response reflects the individuals' active duty status based on the Active Duty Status Date | | | |

| Left Active Duty Within 367 Days of Active Duty Status Date | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Active Duty Start Date | Active Duty End Date | Status | Service Component |
| NA | NA | No | NA |
| This response reflects where the individual left active duty status within 367 days preceding the Active Duty Status Date | | | |

| The Member or His/Her Unit Was Notified of a Future Call-Up to Active Duty on Active Duty Status Date | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Order Notification Start Date | Order Notification End Date | Status | Service Component |
| NA | NA | No | NA |
| This response reflects whether the individual or his/her unit has received early notification to report for active duty | | | |

Upon searching the data banks of the Department of Defense Manpower Data Center, based on the information that you provided, the above is the status of the individual on the active duty status date as to all branches of the Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, NOAA, Public Health, and Coast Guard). This status includes information on a Servicemember or his/her unit receiving notification of future orders to report for Active Duty.

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"EXHIBIT 1"

The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) is an organization of the Department of Defense (DoD) that maintains the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database which is the official source of data on eligibility for military medical care and other eligibility systems.

The DoD strongly supports the enforcement of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 USC App. § 501 et seq, as amended) (SCRA) (formerly known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940). DMDC has issued hundreds of thousands of "does not possess any information indicating that the individual is currently on active duty" responses, and has experienced only a small error rate. In the event the individual referenced above, or any family member, friend, or representative asserts in any manner that the individual was on active duty for the active duty status date, or is otherwise entitled to the protections of the SCRA, you are strongly encouraged to obtain further verification of the person's status by contacting that person's Service via the "defenselink.mil" URL: <http://www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/PC09SLDR.html>. If you have evidence the person was on active duty for the active duty status date and you fail to obtain this additional Service verification, punitive provisions of the SCRA may be invoked against you. See 50 USC App. § 521(c).

This response reflects the following information: (1) The individual's Active Duty status on the Active Duty Status Date (2) Whether the individual left Active Duty status within 367 days preceding the Active Duty Status Date (3) Whether the individual or his/her unit received early notification to report for active duty on the Active Duty Status Date.

More information on "Active Duty Status"

Active duty status as reported in this certificate is defined in accordance with 10 USC § 101(d) (1). Prior to 2010 only some of the active duty periods less than 30 consecutive days in length were available. In the case of a member of the National Guard, this includes service under a call to active service authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense under 32 USC § 502(f) for purposes of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds. All Active Guard Reserve (AGR) members must be assigned against an authorized mobilization position in the unit they support. This includes Navy Training and Administration of the Reserves (TARs), Marine Corps Active Reserve (ARs) and Coast Guard Reserve Program Administrator (RPAs). Active Duty status also applies to a Uniformed Service member who is an active duty commissioned officer of the U.S. Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Commissioned Corps).

Coverage Under the SCRA is Broader in Some Cases

Coverage under the SCRA is broader in some cases and includes some categories of persons on active duty for purposes of the SCRA who would not be reported as on Active Duty under this certificate. SCRA protections are for Title 10 and Title 14 active duty records for all the Uniformed Services periods. Title 32 periods of Active Duty are not covered by SCRA, as defined in accordance with 10 USC § 101(d)(1).

Many times orders are amended to extend the period of active duty, which would extend SCRA protections. Persons seeking to rely on this website certification should check to make sure the orders on which SCRA protections are based have not been amended to extend the inclusive dates of service. Furthermore, some protections of the SCRA may extend to persons who have received orders to report for active duty or to be inducted, but who have not actually begun active duty or actually reported for induction. The Last Date on Active Duty entry is important because a number of protections of the SCRA extend beyond the last dates of active duty.

Those who could rely on this certificate are urged to seek qualified legal counsel to ensure that all rights guaranteed to Service members under the SCRA are protected

WARNING: This certificate was provided based on a last name, SSN/date of birth, and active duty status date provided by the requester. Providing erroneous information will cause an erroneous certificate to be provided.

Certificate ID: 4A57F9220000A70

Single Record Request

Use this page to request a Certificate verifying Active Duty Status for an individual on a specified date.

* Indicates a required field

* SSN

* Repeat SSN

* Birth Date
MM/DD/YYYY(e.g., 09/16/2012)



**SSN
OR
Birth Date
Required**

* Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

* Active Duty Status

Date *MM/DD/YYYY(Default will be today's date e.g., 05/29/2014)*

" EXHIBIT 2 "

Tips & Notes

- Without a Social Security Number, DMDC cannot authoritatively assert that this is the same individual that your query refers to. Name and date of birth alone do not uniquely identify an individual.
- Check your data entry before submitting it.
- Response may take up to 15 seconds after clicking "Submit".

Resources

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