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FOR: VIRGINIA S. PENROD, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR
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FROM: Lernes J. Hebert, Acting DASD (MPP) *10/19/18*

SUBJECT: Temporary Increase in Basic Allowance for Housing Rates in Florida due to
Hurricane Michael

- Request you approve by initialing below a temporary increase of up to 20 percent in basic allowance for housing (BAH) rates for military housing area FL063 (Panama City, Florida) affected by Hurricane Michael. We are currently reviewing the need for a similar authorization for military housing areas affected in other states.
 - Tyndall AFB is located in FL063. There are 3,981 Service members receiving BAH for FL063 (61 Army, 113 Coast Guard, 3,393 Air Force, 33 Marine Corps, and 381 Navy).
 - This temporary increase will expire on December 31, 2018.
 - The increased BAH rates are only payable to members who certify incurring higher costs.
- The temporary maximum BAH rates are at TAB A. Temporary increases in BAH rates are not subject to rate protection, and the Department will be collecting additional housing cost data as the areas become habitable to ensure the 2019 BAH rates are set appropriately.
- Section 403(b)(7) of title 37 United States Code and paragraph 100405 of the Joint Travel Regulations (TAB B), authorizes the Secretary of Defense to prescribe a temporary increase in BAH rates of up to 20 percent when the President issues a national disaster declaration. On October 9, 2018, the President declared an emergency in the state of Florida effective October 7, 2018 and invoked Title V of the Stafford Act (TAB C).
- Hurricane Michael made landfall over the Florida panhandle on October 10-11, 2018. This resulted in widespread damage. Photographs and news releases substantiating the widespread damage are attached at TAB D.

RECOMMENDATION: Initial below approving a temporary increase to BAH rates for the affected Florida military housing areas, effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2018.

Approve: *Penrod 10/18/18* Disapprove: _____ Other: _____

COORDINATION: TAB E

Attachments:

As stated

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FL063 Panama City, FL
BAH Rates with 20 percent increase
with dependents without dependents

E-1	1620	1357
E-2	1620	1357
E-3	1620	1357
E-4	1620	1357
E-5	1670	1490
E-6	1876	1570
E-7	1955	1620
E-8	2038	1714
E-9	2185	1771
WO-1	1886	1613
WO-2	1991	1710
WO-3	2095	1782
WO-4	2221	1890
WO-5	2362	1966
O-1E	1969	1670
O-2E	2077	1760
O-3E	2239	1865
O-1	1699	1566
O-2	1872	1656
O-3	2092	1796
O-4	2412	1951
O-5	2646	1998
O-6	2668	2077
O-7	2689	2131