MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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1. References.
   a. IMCOM Narrative Funding Guidance (Page 31)
   b. Audit Readiness Handbook – Civilian Pay
   c. Labor Management Agreement
   d. DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 8, Civilian Pay Policy
   e. IMCOM Regulation 690-610 (Civilian Pay Work Schedules)

2. Purpose. To establish policies and procedures regarding overtime (OT) and compensatory time (CT) work requests that are consistent with and support audit readiness principles.

3. Applicability. This guidance applies to all appropriated and non-appropriated fund personnel employed by the United States Army Garrison, Fort Sill.

4. General: We are responsible for managing the Army’s resources. Accountability leads to a stronger Army and clean audit opinions, proving that we are responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.
   a. Civilian Pay makes up a significant portion of the Army’s budget and has a direct impact on the Army’s Statement of Budgetary Resources. As a result, proper management of the Civilian payroll business process is of great interest to the Army Audit Readiness team.
   b. Leaders in all Directorates and at all levels will ensure that established procedures are followed in order to ensure successful Civilian Pay audit samples for the Garrison.

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a. Regular assigned duties and functions will be performed during regular duty hours. The Deputy Garrison Commander (DGC) will grant civilian OT or CT in limited cases e.g., when the performance of work cannot be delayed until the next workday. OT or CT should be utilized to accomplish a specific, time sensitive task. Requests for OT or CT will be considered for approval if the mission is life, health or safety related. OT or CT is not intended for use by employees to catch up on back logged tasks. Detailed justification as to the bona fide need for OT/CT is required on the IMCOM Form 1-H. Failure to adequately justify the requirement will result in disapproval by the DGC. IMCOM has accepted risk in regards to manning, and those decisions have implications on the Garrison’s ability to perform functions. Utilizing OT and CT to perform daily tasks masks the impacts of these HQ imposed resource limiting decisions.

b. Directors will ensure that all subordinate leaders and employees understand and comply with this policy.

(1) Overtime is defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act and United States Code Title 5 (see also, IMCOM Regulation 690-610).

(2) Restricted to those mission critical operations that would fail if not authorized such as:

   (a) Unforeseeable situations involving preservation of health, welfare, and safety of individuals.

   (b) Temporary peak workload or seasonal requirements when overtime is more economical than hiring additional personnel.

   (c) Protection of government property.

   (d) Unique operating requirements when overtime is more economical than payment of other charges.

(3) Scheduled and approved by DGC or designee before OT/CT work is performed where possible and documented. DGC or GC must approve all OT/CT requested/worked by the directors in advance when possible and documented.

(4) When circumstances preclude a written advance request, the request may be oral, but must be followed up with a written request with date of verbal approval by the DGC documented in the remarks section.

(5) Should not be combined with annual leave or compensatory time taken in one work day except in rare emergency/mission critical situations.

(6) Reported in ATAAPS using the appropriate Labor/Reason Codes.
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(7) Overtime or compensatory time where appropriate, must be paid for overtime
work. Management will not "suffer or permit" employees to work unauthorized overtime,
which can include (as examples only) working through lunch and working at home.
When management knows of or has reason to believe work is being performed and
has not stopped the work, overtime or compensatory time must be paid for the extra
work.

6. Approving Officials. Authority to approve overtime or comp time is reserved to the
DGC level. Prior to submittal for consideration, requestor must ensure that the employee
has not worked more than 48 hours of OT/CT in any one pay year. Requestor must
annotate on the IMCOM Form 1-H if any of the following conditions apply:

   a. Any OT or CT requested for an employee who has scheduled/paid annual leave or
      compensatory time taken in that affected 2 week pay period.

   b. All OT or CT that will exceed 48 hours for the requesting employee within a pay
      year.

7. Responsibilities/Procedures.

   a. Employees will:

      (1) Employees eligible for overtime pay must maintain a record of the total hours they
          work each day. Reported time must accurately reflect all regular and overtime hours
          worked, any absences, early or late arrivals, or early or late departures, and should be
          regularly submitted for verification and approval. Employees are prohibited from performing
          any "off-the-clock" work, which means work performed, but unreported, in time
          management. Employees must be compensated for all hours worked for the employer.

      (2) Submit all request for OT or CT by completing the IMCOM Form 1-H, Request
          Authorization and Report of Overtime and Compensatory Time, to the supervisor in
          advance for approval. The DGC may also grant verbal approval in those instances
          where constraints do not allow the employee to obtain documented approval in advance
          of the requirement, but the employee must follow up with official documentation at the
          earliest opportunity. Employee must ensure that OT or CT requests are only submitted
          in the case of an emergency or for performance of work that cannot be delayed until the
          next workday.

      (3) Accurately record labor hours worked, leave, overtime, compensatory time in
          ATAAPS, including sick leave reason codes.

      (4) Adhere to timely concurrence of time in ATAAPS on a biweekly basis.
b. Certifier will:

(1) Establish a tour of duty for each employee.

(2) Review/process OT/CT requests in advance to the extent possible. If unable to complete in advance, process as soon as possible, with verbal approval documented in remarks section.

(3) Maintain approved OT/CT requests in a central location accessible to back up certifiers.

(4) Retain both original and revised OT/CT forms matching actual if applicable for audit purposes.

(5) Provide the Resource Management Office with a copy of all approved and disapproved OT/CT requests.

8. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

9. The proponent for this policy is USAG Resource Management Office, 580-442-8130.

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