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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: National Guard Members Supporting the Southwest Border Security Mission in a  
Title 32 Status

I have determined that members of the National Guard who perform active service under title 32, U.S.C., section 502(f), at the request of the Secretary of Defense in support of Department of Homeland Security activities to secure the southern border of the United States are "responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds" for purposes of determining eligibility for Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits and other specified benefits, as applicable, effective February 15, 2019, the date of Presidential Proclamation 9844, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Southern Border of the United States." The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)) is directed to provide an analysis of any other benefits or entitlements resulting from my determination, as well as any implementation guidance, as necessary.

The Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force will take necessary actions to ensure that members of the National Guard affected by this determination have a record of their eligibility for any associated entitlements or benefits, consistent with any implementation guidance issued by the USD(P&R).

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matt T. Spa".

cc:  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
Chief of the National Guard Bureau  
Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

