



JUNIOR RATES ASSOCIATION

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NOTIFICATION No. 07/2023

DOES NOT DIGNIFIE OR VALUE,  
DO NOT RECRUIT OR RETAIN!

Decree-Law 77/2023 was published on September 4th, which makes the 3rd amendment to the Statute of Military Personnel of the Armed Forces (EMFAR), on the creation of the Permanent Effective Soldiers in the Army and Air Force.

The AP got involved in this process, through several meetings at EMGFA and with the ~~former~~ Secretary of State for National Defense, free-spirited and presenting serious and feasible.

Not having the intention that all our proposals, and there were 32, would be accepted, what we found is that not even one was included in this 3rd amendment to EMFAR.

But what we consider most serious within the scope of the changes introduced in Decree-Law 77/2023 of 4 of September, is that these changes are extremely harmful to the Junior Rates (Soldiers).

Article 249 of the previous EMFAR, established which functions the Squares had to perform and number 3 of the same article, exempted the Major Corporals (OR5 in NATO) from some of those functions, which we consider which was correct.

In this 3rd change, the Major Corporals are, in terms of functions to be performed, at the same level as Corporals and 1st Sailors, which we consider unacceptable.

The highest position in the Class of Enlisted Personnel must be dignified!

In the Permanent Staff Class, there is no promotion based on seniority. And with this 3rd amendment to EMFAR still does not exist.

So, we will continue without recruiting and without retaining!

Therefore, we will request His Excellency the Secretary of State for National Defense, a meeting with of an urgent nature, so that we can convey our concerns.

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THOSE WHO FIGHT DON'T ALWAYS WIN, BUT THOSE WHO DON'T FIGHT ALWAYS LOSE!  
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Lisbon, September 5, 2023