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AR 600-106, 24 February 1966, is changed as follows:

Page 3. Paragraph 4d(2) is superseded as follows:

- (2) Have satisfactorily completed the basic course in aviation medicine at the U.S. Army Aviation School, or the U.S. Army Aviation Medicine Orientation Course conducted at the U.S. Army Aviation School following completion of the basic course in aviation medicine conducted at either the U.S. Naval School of Aviation Medicine or the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine.

Page 3, paragraph 5b. In line 4, "paragraph 3c" is changed to read "paragraph 3b."

Page 6, paragraph 10b. The title is changed to read "*Authorized TOE or TD crew chief, crew engineer, assistant crew chief, assistant crew engineer, or aircraft mechanic assigned to a crew chief position.*"

Page 6. Paragraph 10b(6) is changed to read as follows:

- (6) OH (when assigned to a tactical unit engaged in actual combat or to an Aero Scout Platoon and the crew chief habitually flies as a gunner or observer)—one.

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Section I. GENERAL

1. Purpose. This regulation establishes procedures for the award of designations and the administration of flying status orders for Army personnel.

2. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, the following definitions apply:

a. Aeronautical designation. One of the several ratings conferred by competent authority upon a commissioned officer or warrant officer of the Army who has completed the requisite course of flying training or has obtained the requisite competence

in a given aspect of flying or aviation medicine as determined by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

b. Student aviator. An individual undergoing a Department of the Army-approved course of flight instructions leading to award of the aeronautical designation of "Army aviator."

c. Nonaviator personnel. Personnel required by competent orders to perform duties in-flight other than duties of pilots or student aviators.

Section II. AERONAUTICAL DESIGNATIONS

3. Authority to award. The Secretary of the Army, or such officers as he may designate, may award aeronautical designations as he may specify for members of the U.S. Army. An aeronautical designation once awarded to an individual becomes a part of his status and cannot be removed except by appropriate board action.

a. The commandants of the appropriate U.S. Army Aviation Training Schools will award the aeronautical designation of Army aviator to student aviators who graduate from the fixed or ro-

tary wing course. All other awards of the aeronautical designation of Army aviator or aviation medical officer will be made by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

b. Commanders in chief of major Army overseas commands, commanding generals of major Army commands; commanding generals of ZI armies and the Military District of Washington, U.S. Army; division commanders; and installations or commands of comparable responsibility which are authorized a commander of general

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officer grade may award the ratings of senior Army aviator, master Army aviator, flight surgeon and senior flight surgeon to personnel on active duty.

c. Commanding generals of ZI armies and the Military District of Washington, U.S. Army, may award the ratings of senior Army aviator, master Army aviator, flight surgeon and senior flight surgeon to U.S. Army Reserve personnel not on active duty.

d. The Chief, National Guard Bureau may award the ratings of senior Army aviator, master Army aviator, flight surgeon and senior flight surgeon to National Guard personnel not on active duty.

e. Two copies of all special orders published under the above authority will be forwarded to the Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXAA, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315, for aviator personnel and to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MC, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315, for flight surgeons. One copy for each officer's personnel records will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPF-FR, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20310.

4. Designations. a. Army aviator. To be eligible for award of aeronautical designation of Army aviator, each individual must—

- (1) Be an officer or warrant officer of the U.S. Army.
- (2) Be medically qualified for flying duty in accordance with AR 40-501.
- (3) Be assigned in a branch of service authorized Army aviation.
- (4) Have piloted a heavier-than-air craft for at least 200 hours, of which 75 are solo (10 U.S.C. 3692).
- (5) Have satisfactorily completed a course of operational and tactical training in fixed or rotary wing aircraft as prescribed by Headquarters, Department of the Army. This requirement may be waived or modified for Reserve component officers and warrant officers not on active duty as follows:
 - (a) For personnel who have been previously awarded a U.S. military aeronautical rating as pilot or naval aviator, the requirement may be waived provided they are medically qualified

for flying status and are recommended for designation as Army aviator by an Army Flying Evaluation Board conducted in accordance with AR 600-107.

- (b) Personnel not qualifying for above waiver, who hold a currently valid FAA certificate for commercial pilot or higher, may be recommended by a Flying Evaluation Board, convened as above, for entry into the U.S. Army Aviation School on a proficiency basis with subsequent designation as Army aviator on successful completion. Approved board proceeding will be submitted by letter through channels to the Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXAA, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315 (for Army Reserve personnel), or Chief, National Guard Bureau, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20310 (for National Guard personnel).
- (6) Application for the rating of Army aviator for Reserve component personnel as outlined above may be initiated and processed concurrently with an application for a commission in an appropriate Reserve component. However, the award of the rating of Army aviator will not be made until after the individual has been offered and accepts a commission or warrant as an officer of the Army of the United States.

b. Senior Army aviator. To be eligible for award of aeronautical designation of senior Army aviator, each individual must—

- (1) Be an Army aviator on flying status.
- (2) Have been an aviator in the military service of the United States for a minimum of 7 years, of which at least 4 years will have been as an Army aviator, and/or liaison pilot of the U.S. Army.
- (3) Have a minimum of 1500 hours flying time as a student pilot, first pilot, copilot, and/or instructor pilot in civilian and/or military aircraft.
- (4) Hold a current standard or higher military instrument certificate.

c. Master Army aviator. To be eligible for

award of aeronautical designation of master Army aviator, each individual must be on current flying status, and—

- (1) Have been a senior Army aviator for a minimum of 8 years or have been an aviator in the military service of the United States for a minimum of 15 years, of which at least 12 years will have been as an Army aviator, and/or liaison pilot of the U.S. Army.
- (2) Have a minimum of 3,000 hours flying time as a student pilot, first pilot, copilot, and/or instructor pilot in civilian and/or military aircraft.
- (3) Hold a current special military instrument certificate.

d. Aviation medical officer. To be eligible for award of aeronautical designation of aviation medical officer, each individual must—

- (1) Be a member of the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army.
- (2) Have satisfactorily completed the basic course in aviation medicine at the U.S. Army Aviation Medicine Orientation Course conducted at the U.S. Army Aviation School following completion of the basic course in aviation medicine conducted at either the U.S. Naval School of Aviation Medicine or the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine.
- (3) Be medically qualified for flying duty in accordance with chapter 4, AR 40-501.

e. Flight surgeon. To be eligible for award of aeronautical designation of flight surgeon, each individual must—

- (1) Hold the designation of aviation medical officer and be currently on flying status.
- (2) Have completed a minimum of 1 year as

an aviation medical officer on flying status.

- (3) Be medically qualified for flying duty in accordance with chapter 4, AR 40-501.
- (4) Be credited on DA Form 759 (Individual Flight Record—Army Aviator) with a minimum of 100 hours of flying time in Army aircraft.

f. Senior flight surgeon. To be eligible for award of aeronautical designation of senior flight surgeon, each individual must—

- (1) Hold the designation of flight surgeon and be currently on flying status.
- (2) Have completed a minimum of 6 years as a flight surgeon on flying status.
- (3) Be medically qualified for flying duty in accordance with chapter 4, AR 40-501.
- (4) Be credited on DA Form 759 with a minimum of 700 hours of flying time in Army aircraft.

5. Applications for designation. *a.* Army aviators will submit applications for designation as senior or master Army aviator, in duplicate, through channels to the appropriate commander concerned. All others will submit application, in duplicate, through channels to the Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXAA, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315. The format for letter application appears in figure 1.

b. Application for designation as flight surgeon or senior flight surgeon will be submitted in duplicate, through channels to the appropriate commander outlined in paragraph 3e, or to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDDD-PA, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315. The format for letter application appears in figure 2.

6. Aviation badges. Description and instruction as to the requisitioning and wearing of the aviation badges are contained in AR 672-5-1.

Section III. FLYING STATUS FOR AVIATORS

7. Flying status orders. *a.* In accordance with Executive Order 11157, dated 22 June 1964, the Secretary of the Army may issue orders requiring aviators to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights.

b. Responsibility to issue flying status orders is assigned as follows:

- (1) The Secretary of the Army will issue orders requiring aviators (other than

student aviators) of the active Army to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights. The following limitations apply:

- (a) Aviators placed on flying status must be assigned to aviation duty or duty in the appropriate category as outlined in AR 600-105.
- (b) The total number of aviators on flying

status will not exceed the number authorized in active Army units, plus a variable percentage for pipeline reserve and career programing. The variable percentage will be determined periodically by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

- (c) Flying status orders will contain a reference to the orders which awarded the latest aeronautical designation. When issued concurrently, aeronautical designation and flying status will be incorporated in the same orders.
- (2) The Commandants of the U.S. Army Aviation Schools will issue temporary flying status orders to student aviators undergoing flight instruction. These orders will be effective only for the duration of the course at each installation or the termination of attendance thereat, whichever is earlier, and will include the phrase "is required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial training flights."
- (3) As an exception to (1) above, the Commandants of the U.S. Army Aviation Schools will incorporate in one order the aeronautical designation and flying status for active Army graduates of the appropriate Army aviation fixed or rotary wing course. Copies of orders authorizing flying status and/or awarding the aeronautical designation of Army aviator will be furnished Headquarters, Department of the Army, as follows:
 - (a) TAG, ATTN: AGRZ—1 copy.
 - (b) Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXAA—2 copies.
 - (c) The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MS for AMEDS aviators—1 copy.
 - (d) TAG, ATTN: AGPF—1 copy for each individual concerned for inclusion in official military personnel file.
 - (e) USAAFIO, ATTN: SIGCC-17—1 copy.
 - (f) CNGB, ATTN: AROT—2 copies for each NGUS officer.
 - (g) Appropriate Army commander—2 copies for each Reserve officer serving in an active duty for training status.

(4) Commanding generals of major commands, ZI armies, and Military District of Washington, U.S. Army, and the Chief, National Guard Bureau, will issue flying status orders requiring aviators not on active duty to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights. The following limitations apply:

- (a) Aviators placed on flying status must be assigned in one of the branches authorized Army aviation but need not be assigned to a unit authorized aviation.
 - (b) The total number of such aviators on flying status will not exceed the number authorized in Reserve component TOE and TD units within the command concerned plus 50 percent of this total.
 - (c) A maximum of 15 percent of the total authorized aviators may be filled by aviators of field grade.
 - (d) Flying status orders will contain reference to the orders which awarded the individual his latest aeronautical designation.
 - (e) Flying status orders are valid for short tours of active duty provided the using agency has budgeted therefor.
- c. Current flying status orders terminate within 30 days after individual concerned undergoes a change of status such as—
- (1) Active to inactive, or vice versa.
 - (2) Warrant officer to commissioned officer, or vice versa. Request for new flying status orders will be submitted in accordance with paragraph 8.
- d. Army aviators accepting a detail or branch transfer to a branch not authorized Army aviators will be indefinitely suspended from flying status automatically on the effective date of such detail or transfer.
8. Request for flying status orders. a. If flying status orders are terminated as indicated in paragraph 7c, the aviator normally must initiate a request for new flying status orders to the appropriate control headquarters if he desires to maintain flying status. If the aviator is ordered to active duty, flying status orders will be issued by the Department of the Army concurrently with active duty orders, provided—

- (1) The aviator is medically qualified for flying status as prescribed by AR 40-501.
 - (2) An Army aeronautical designation has been awarded.
 - (3) The aviator is ordered to active duty in one of the categories of aviation assignments authorizing flight status as prescribed in AR 600-105, and his orders so specify the proper category.
 - (4) The aviator who is a member of an Army National Guard or Army Reserve unit was on permanent flying status immediately prior to his current entry into the active Army; or, if he is not a member of an organized Reserve component unit, was on flying status at the time of relief from his last tour of active duty; or
 - (5) The aviator concerned has satisfactorily completed a course of flight training as prescribed by paragraph 4a(5). Aviators designated under the waiver provisions of the cited requirement will not be issued flying status orders while on extended active duty prior to completion of the prescribed operational and tactical training in fixed or rotary winged aircraft.
- b. Requests will be addressed as follows:
- (1) Aviators of the active Army will submit applications through channels to the Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXAA, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315.
 - (2) Aviators of the Army National Guard not on active duty will submit requests through channels to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C., 20310.
 - (3) Aviators of the Army Reserve not on active duty will submit requests through channels to the appropriate commander indicated in paragraph 7b(4).
- c. Requests will include the following:
- (1) Grade, name, service number, and branch of service.
 - (2) Component and duty status; i.e., active duty, active Reserve status, or inactive Reserve status.
 - (3) Organization and station.
 - (4) Duty assignment, MOS, assignment category as prescribed in AR 600-105.
 - (5) Copy of most recent aeronautical designation orders.
 - (6) Copy of most recent flying status orders, and copies of any suspensions from or termination of flying status.
 - (7) One copy (three copies if an ARNG officer) of Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination), one copy of Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History), Report of Electrocardiogram with tracings (cut and mounted) and one copy of any other medical reports of special consultation.
 - (8) Copy of current assignment orders.

Section IV. FLYING STATUS FOR NONAVIATOR PERSONNEL

9. Authority to issue orders. a. In accordance with paragraph 10514a, AR 37-104, authority to issue competent orders requiring non-aviator personnel to perform regular and frequent aerial flights is delegated to the following:

- (1) *For personnel who meet the requirements of paragraphs 10 and 11.* Commanders in chief and commanding generals of major Army commands; commanding generals of ZI armies and the Military District of Washington, U.S. Army; commanding generals of oversea armies and Commanding General, U.S. Army, Vietnam; division commanders; installations or commands which are authorized a commander of general officer grade; and Chief, National Guard Bureau.
- (2) *For student personnel while undergoing training for operation of airborne electronic sensory systems (para 10f (1) and (2)).* Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Combat Surveillance and Target Acquisition Training Command, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., 85613, or the commanding officer of any training command established by the Department of the Army for the primary purpose of training personnel to operate airborne electronic sensory devices.
- (3) *For positions requiring approval for flying status under paragraph 12.* Authority for approval of initial requests for flying status under the provisions of paragraph 12 is reserved to Commanding

General USCONARC, major oversea commanders and The Adjutant General. Approving authority for *initial* requests will not be redelegated.

b. Commands, services, and activities not coming under the jurisdiction of the authorities in a above, will submit requests for flying status to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPF-IE, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20310. All such requests will contain information substantially as specified in paragraph 12. Requests for flying status orders for medical officers pursuing a course of instruction in aviation medicine will include inception and termination date of the "flight phase" of the course of instruction.

10. Crewmember flying status. Crewmember flying status involves the performance of duties in-flight which are essential to the operation of the aircraft, the operation of a primary airborne electronic sensory system, the operation of a primary airborne electronic intelligence collection system, the operation of a primary airborne electronic target acquisition system, the operation of a primary aerial weapons system, or the aerial medical evacuation of personnel (crew complement). The following personnel will be considered crewmembers under the provisions of paragraph 10511c, AR 37-104.

a. *Flight surgeons.*

- (1) Medical Corps officers, when awarded the designation of flight surgeon or senior flight surgeon.
- (2) Care will be exercised to insure that only those flight surgeons and senior flight surgeons who are actively engaged in the practice of aviation medicine are placed on crewmember flight status. The following activities are considered within the scope of actively engaged in the practice of aviation medicine in priority:
 - (a) Officers undergoing formal aviation medicine training leading to a certification in that specialty. Officers undergoing formal training in a specialty other than aviation medicine will be removed from flying status for the duration of such training.
 - (b) Senior flight surgeons with primary MOS B-3160 or A-3160 in staff,

command, and clinical assignment, and while attending senior service schools.

- (c) Flight surgeons who are assigned primary aviation medicine responsibilities.
- (d) Flight surgeons whose primary duties are clinical or staff medical responsibilities and who are required to practice aviation medicine as an additional responsibility.

b. *Authorized TOE or TD crew chief, crew engineer, assistant crew chief or assistant crew engineer positions.* Enlisted personnel occupying these positions for the type of aircraft specified herein will be placed on flying status under this authorization. Commanders issuing orders will maintain controls to insure that the number authorized flying status based on *assigned* aircraft as indicated below is not exceeded.

- (1) Medium cargo helicopter—two.
- (2) Light cargo helicopter—one.
- (3) Utility helicopter—one.
- (4) Light fixed wing utility airplane (U-1)—one.
- (5) Medium fixed wing transport airplane—two.
- (6) LOH (when assigned to a unit engaged in actual combat and the crew chief habitually flies as gunner or observer)—one.

c. Personnel occupying TOE or TD positions as gunners for primary aerial weapons systems provided that they have successfully completed the prescribed gunnery qualification course for the weapons system and that the weapons system (or systems) are authorized and available in the unit for training or combat use.

d. *Students undergoing crewmember training course.* Flying status for enlisted men undergoing a formal crewmember training course is authorized only when the pilot and mechanic are receiving simultaneous crew indoctrination and training. Flying status is not authorized for enlisted men undergoing individual crew training in mechanic training courses. Flying status orders issued under this authority will be limited specifically by the commencing and terminating dates of the course.

e. *Medical aidmen.*

- (1) TOE or TD medical aidmen of air am-

balance units when actively and continuously engaged in the administration of medical care and treatment of patients while being transported in flight.

- (2) A maximum of one medical aidman is authorized to be placed on crewmember flying status for each aircraft employed regularly for medical evacuation of patients.

f. Airborne electronic sensory system operators and supervisors.

- (1) Student personnel undergoing training for the operation of airborne electronic sensory systems at the U.S. Army Combat Surveillance and Target Acquisition Training Command, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., 85613, or at any other Department of the Army training command established for the primary purpose of training such operators.
- (2) Personnel occupying TOE or TD operator or supervisor positions for primary airborne electronic sensory systems, primary airborne electronic intelligence collection systems and primary airborne electronic target acquisition systems provided that they are MOS qualified and that the specific airborne electronic systems are authorized and available in the unit for training, operational or combat use.

g. Enlisted personnel occupying door gunner positions in a unit engaged in actual combat may be placed on flying status under this authorization. Commanders issuing orders will maintain controls to insure that the number authorized flying status does not exceed the number of positions approved by Department of the Army.

11. Noncrewmember flying status. Personnel (other than crew complement) performing military duties in flight which are directly related to the inflight mission of the aircraft may be considered for noncrewmember flying status, provided they are required to perform frequent and regular aerial flights in the discharge of their duties. Care will be exercised to insure that only personnel required to accomplish the assigned mission of organizations concerned are placed on such status. Participation in aerial flights as a means of transportation or to perform duties on the ground at

destination or points en route is not qualifying for flying status. TOE and TD positions or other conditions which may be qualifying for noncrewmember flying status under the provisions of paragraph 10511d, AR 37-104 are described below. When noncrewmember flying status is desired for personnel not specifically covered below, requests for authorization of flying status will be submitted under paragraph 12.

a. Enlisted aircraft maintenance personnel.

- (1) Aviation platoon, section and detachment sergeants (chiefs), aircraft maintenance supervisors and aircraft technical inspectors in units and detachments which are *equipped* with a total of six or more observation, reconnaissance, surveillance, utility or light fixed/rotary wing aircraft are authorized noncrewmember flying status. Additionally, in units and detachments *equipped* with such aircraft, one aircraft crewchief/mechanic or one aircraft system equipment mechanic/repairman per each multiple of six aircraft or major fraction thereof is authorized noncrewmember flying status.
- (2) Aviation platoon, section and detachment sergeants (chiefs), aircraft maintenance supervisors and aircraft technical inspectors in units and detachments which are *equipped* with a total of two or more medium or larger cargo-type aircraft are authorized noncrewmember flying status. Additionally, in units and detachments *equipped* with such aircraft, one aircraft crewchief/mechanic or one aircraft system equipment mechanic/repairman per each multiple of three aircraft or major fraction thereof is authorized noncrewmember flying status.
- (3) Aircraft maintenance platoon sergeants, aircraft maintenance section sergeants, aircraft maintenance supervisors and aircraft technical inspectors in headquarters companies, batteries, troops or detachments of TOE aviation groups, aviation battalions or aviation squadrons exercising direct and continuous command over two or more operational aviation companies, batteries or troops are authorized noncrewmember flying status.

- (4) Aircraft maintenance or repair platoon sergeants, shop foreman, aircraft maintenance section or branch sergeants (chiefs), aircraft maintenance or repair supervisors (excluding component repair supervisors) and aircraft technical inspectors in TOE/TD direct support and general support aircraft maintenance units and activities are authorized non-crewmember flying status.

b. Medical personnel.

(1) *Aviation medical officers.*

- (a) Medical Corps officers, when awarded designation of aviation medical officer.
- (b) Care will be taken to insure only those aviation medical officers who are actively engaged in practice of aviation medicine are placed on noncrewmember flying status. Those aviation medical officers actively engaged in practice of aviation medicine are those whose primary duty is performance of aviation medicine responsibilities and those who are required to perform these functions as additional duty. Officers undergoing formal training in a specialty other than aviation medicine will be removed from flying status for the duration of such training.

- (2) *Medical officers.* Medical officers, when pursuing a course of instruction in aviation medicine in a school conducted by one of the services of the Department of Defense during the "flight phase" of the course of instruction.

c. Air observers. Personnel specified below in units whose normal ground mission requires the use of observation aircraft (fixed or rotary wing) for air observation purposes. Observer status is not, however, authorized in those units which employ aircraft only for the purpose of transportation. Except as indicated in (4) and (5) below, all individuals will undergo a scheduled course of instruction in air observation substantially as outlined in AR 95-51 before being placed on flying status for air observer duties. Flying status is authorized for training or air observer duties under the conditions described below. Normally, air observer duties are restricted to company grade officers and enlisted personnel. Field grade officers

will only be placed on flying status to perform air observer duties under unusual and extraordinary circumstances, and then only after approval of individual request by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

(1) *Flight phase of air observation course of instruction.*

- (a) The number of individuals in any unit authorized flying status will not exceed two trainees per authorized observation aircraft on an aggregate basis.
- (b) Individual must have completed successfully the ground school phase of the course prior to being placed on flying status.
- (c) The period of authorized flying status will be limited specifically by the commencing and terminating dates of the "flight phase." The "flight phase" of the observer training course will be for not more than 30 days.

- (2) *Full-time air observer.* Qualified personnel who occupy TOE or TD positions of full-time air observers and who have completed a scheduled course of instruction in air observation.

- (3) *Field exercises.* During extended tactical field exercises or maneuvers, individuals who have completed a scheduled course of instruction in air observation and who perform air observer duties as participants in the exercises. The number of individuals placed on flying status for any one month will not exceed one per observation aircraft employed by the organization concerned in the exercise.

- (4) *Operational requirements in oversea commands.* Individuals in oversea commands only when there is an operational requirement in their unit for scheduled observer duty for military purposes other than training or transportation. Flying status for individuals concerned will remain in effect only for the duration of the requirement.

- (5) *Combat or during national emergency.* When in combat or during a national emergency, a maximum of two individuals per observation-type aircraft may be placed on flying status while performing air observer duties.

d. Aerial photographers. Two aerial photographer positions only in units whose normal ground mission requires the use of aircraft for air photography, mapping, or similar purposes other than combat surveillance.

e. Armorers of primary aerial weapons systems. TOE armorers of primary aerial weapons systems not to exceed two per unit may be authorized noncrewmember flight status when required to perform frequent and regular aerial flights in the performance of their duties on the aerial weapons systems.

f. Army National Guard personnel. Army National Guard enlisted personnel assigned in an aircraft maintenance TOE position are authorized noncrewmember flying status, provided the total in a given State does not exceed one enlisted man per six aircraft or major fraction thereof assigned to the State.

g. ARNG and USAR adviser personnel. Enlisted personnel occupying TOE or TD positions as aircraft maintenance advisers to organizations of the Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve maintaining six or more Army aircraft.

h. MAAG and Mission adviser personnel. Enlisted personnel occupying TOE or TD positions as aircraft maintenance advisers to foreign countries maintaining six or more Army aircraft furnished that government.

12. Flying status for personnel not otherwise specified. *a.* Personnel other than those specified in paragraphs 10 and 11 who are required to perform duties in flight on a frequent and regular basis may be recommended for flying status through normal military channels to the Commanding General, U.S. Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Va., 23351, major oversea commander, or The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPF-IE, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20310, as appropriate. Intermediate commanders will make recommendations when forwarding applications for consideration. Applications received by the U.S. Continental Army Command or a major oversea command which appear applicable to other commands or Army-wide will be forwarded to Headquarters, Department of the Army, when consideration of change to this regulation seems appropriate.

b. Unless otherwise prescribed by U.S. Continental Army Command or major oversea com-

mands for their jurisdiction, recommendations submitted under this paragraph will contain substantially the following information:

- (1) Grade, name, service number, and MOS of individual.
- (2) Title, number, and date of TOE or TD to which individual is assigned.
- (3) Paragraph number, line number, designation, MOS, and grade of position occupied by individual as shown in section II of TOE or TD.
- (4) Duty titles, MOS codes, grades, and numbers of personnel over whom the individual directly exercises work supervision, if any.
- (5) Numbers and types (designations) of aircraft being operated and/or maintained by the organization to which the individual is assigned and for which the organization is directly responsible.
- (6) Detailed description of the duties performed by the individual while flying, and an estimate of the number of hours that will be spent in aerial flight per month while performing these duties.
- (7) Grades, names, service numbers, duty titles, and MOS codes of nonaviator personnel on flying status in the requesting organization.
- (8) When an individual is recommended for flying status for the purpose of inspecting aircraft maintenance in flight, a statement to the effect that no other qualified personnel on flying status are available in adjacent units or at higher or lower echelons, or support units, for such maintenance inspection tasks.

c. Authority to issue flying status orders for positions approved under the provisions of *a* above is delegated to commanders in chief and commanding generals of major Army commands. Authorization for flying status of a position will remain valid until the inherent duties of the position change and frequent and regular aerial flight with attendant flying status is no longer required. Commanders authorized to issue competent orders under this provision will maintain controls which assure termination of flying status authorization at any time that the duties of a position no longer require frequent and regular aerial flight. Noti-

fication of termination of flying status authorization of a position will be provided to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPF-IE, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20310, through the approving authority listed in *a* above.

13. Medical qualifications. Nonaviator personnel listed in *a* through *f* below must meet class 3 physical standards as prescribed by AR 40-501. These physical standards normally must be met before such personnel are placed on flying status. Under exceptional circumstances, where conditions of the service preclude the accomplishment of a physical examination, orders may be published placing nonaviator personnel on flying status and the physical examination temporarily deferred by commanders authorized to issue competent flying status orders until accomplishment is feasible. In the case of a deferred physical examination which subsequently results in a determination that an individual is physically unqualified for flying duties, flying status will be terminated effective on the date that the appropriate medical authority makes such determination.

a. Aviation medical officers, flight surgeons and senior flight surgeons.

b. TOE or TD gunners of primary aerial weapons systems.

c. TOE or TD crew chiefs, crew engineers, assistant crew chiefs or assistant crew engineers.

d. Airborne electronic sensory system operators and supervisors.

e. Aircraft technical inspectors.

f. Full-time air observers.

14. Instructions for issuing and terminating orders. *a. Authorization of flying status.* When flying status for nonaviator personnel is to cover a limited period of time only, orders will specify the dates for which flying status is authorized. Such dates will coincide with the anticipated dates of assignment to duties requiring frequent and regular participation in aerial flights. However, unless confirming a verbal order of competent authority, the commencing date of flying status will not be earlier than the date of the written order.

b. Termination of flying status orders. Unless sooner terminated or suspended by the issuing authority, orders authorizing flying status will automatically terminate on the date specified in orders, upon relief from assignment to the duties for which flying status is authorized, or upon sep-

aration of the individual from the Army. New orders are not required to continue flying status in effect for personnel reenlisting at the same station without a break in service, provided orders in effect at time of separation are so worded that, by their express terms, they remain effective after separation and immediate reenlistment. An authorized change of station does not require termination of flying status orders providing the individual remains assigned in the gaining organization to duties for which the same category (crewmember versus noncrewmember) of flying status is authorized. In such cases new orders are not required. If the individual is assigned to duties for which flying status is not authorized, or which result in a change in category (crewmember versus noncrewmember) the gaining organization will terminate flying status effective on the date of assignment to such duties and reestablish flying status in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 11, if appropriate.

c. Nonaviator crewmembers. Orders issued for nonaviator crewmembers (para 10) will specify that the individual is required to perform frequent and regular aerial flights as a crewmember.

d. Noncrewmembers. Orders issued for noncrewmembers (para 11) will specify that the individual is required to perform frequent and regular aerial flights as a noncrewmember, and the duty or purpose for which flying status is authorized.

e. Special instructions for medical officer personnel.

(1) *Aviation medical officers.*

(a) Flying status orders will be issued to aviation medical officers as specified in *d* above.

(b) The commanders listed in paragraph 9 will terminate flying status orders for aviation medical officers if any one of the following conditions exists:

1. The officer concerned is not actively engaged in the practice of aviation medicine.

2. Failure to accumulate a minimum of 24 hours flying time in a minimum of six flights during any 6-month period provided aircraft were available for such flight, or the individual is disabled from causes other than as a result of an aircraft accident.

3. Personal request by an aviation medical officer. The flying status of an aviation medical officer will be terminated when so requested in writing.
 4. Administrative causes. This condition is so imposed for circumstances not included above.
- (2) *Flight surgeons.*
- (a) This paragraph pertains to both flight surgeon and senior flight surgeon.
 - (b) Termination of flying status orders. In addition to reasons listed in (1) (b) above, commanders listed in paragraph 9 will terminate flying status orders for flight surgeons or senior flight surgeons if any of the following conditions exists:
 1. The officer concerned fails to fulfill minimum flight requirements.
 - (a) Minimums outlined in (1) (b) 2 above.
 - (b) The following annual minimum requirements each fiscal year: A minimum of 80 hours of flying, 15 hours of which will be accomplished during hours of darkness and 20 hours which will be cross country (5 hours will be during the hours of darkness).
 - (c) Annual minimums will be reduced proportionately for officers placed on flying status throughout the current fiscal year.
 2. Administrative causes. This condition of termination is imposed for circumstances not included above.
- (3) *Medical officers.*
- (a) Flying status orders will be issued to Medical Corps officers attending a course of instruction in aviation medicine specified in paragraph 11b(2).
 - (b) Flying status orders will be valid only from inception to termination of the "flight phase" of the course of instruction.
- (4) *Waiver of minimum flying requirements.* Aviation medical officers, flight surgeons and senior flight surgeons who fail to meet minimum flying requirements outlined in (1) (b) 2 and 2(b) 1 above, respectively, may submit a request for waiver of the minimum flying requirements. Such requests will be submitted through channels to the authority outlined in paragraph 9a(1). The request for waiver must specify all facts which precluded the individual from completing minimum flying requirements. The issuing authority will consider the facts of the case and terminate flying status orders when appropriate. When flying status orders are terminated by appropriate authority for failure to meet minimum flying requirements, the individual concerned may not later be returned to flying status without the approval of The Surgeon General, Headquarters, Department of the Army.
- f. *Wording of orders.* Sample wording for all orders necessitated by this regulation are contained in appendix 1 to AR 310-10.

(Date)

SUBJECT: Application for Aeronautical Designation of Senior (master)
Army Aviator

THRU:

TO:

1. In accordance with AR 600-106, application is made for the aeronautical designation of (senior or master) Army aviator.
2. Pertinent information for the designation is as follows:
 - a. Grade, name, service number, branch of service, and component.
 - b. Organization and station to which permanently assigned.
 - c. One copy of each of the following attached:
 - (1) Original and each succeeding order awarding an aeronautical rating or designation.
 - (2) Copy of any orders suspending or revoking flying status, exclusive of temporary suspensions, including copy of order restoring such status.
 - (3) Copy of latest DA Form 759 (Individual Flight Record—Army Aviator). Verification of most recent renewal of instrument qualification will be entered in Item 25 "Remarks."

(Signature)

(Name)

(Grade, branch, service No.)

Figure 1. Format for letter application for aeronautical designation of senior or master Army aviator.

(Date)

SUBJECT: Application for Aeronautical Designation of Flight Surgeon
(Senior Flight Surgeon)

THRU:

TO:

1. In accordance with AR 600-106, application is made for aeronautical designation of flight surgeon (or senior flight surgeon).
2. Pertinent information for this designation is as follows:
 - a. Name, grade, service number, branch of service and component.
 - b. Organization and station to which permanently assigned.
 - c. I have (have not) served continuously on flying status and have (have not) been actively engaged in the practice of aviation medicine since date of award of rating as aviation medical officer. (If the above statement is



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negative, provide details concerning the cause or causes for interruption of flying status.)

d. School of aviation medicine attended and date of graduation.

e. Date of graduation from course in aviation medicine in the U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala., 36362.

3. One copy of each of the following is attached.

a. Original order awarding rating of aviation medical officer.

b. Original flying status orders requiring frequent and regular participation in aerial flights.

c. Most recent flying status orders requiring frequent and regular participation in aerial flights.

d. Copy of latest DA Form 759 (Individual Flight Record—Army Aviator).

(Signature)

(Name, grade, service No.,
branch of service)

Figure 2. Format for letter application for aeronautical designation of flight surgeon or senior flight surgeon.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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