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PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT

WARRANT OFFICER FLIGHT TRAINING OPTION

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1. Purpose. This regulation establishes command responsibilities and administrative procedures for enlisting male civilian persons in the Regular Army for the specific purpose of entering the Warrant Officer Flight Training Program.

2. Training program. *a. Warrant Officer Indoctrination Training (Preflight).* The Warrant Officer Indoctrination Training (Preflight) is a 4-week course, conducted at the U.S. Army Pri-

mary Helicopter School, Fort Wolters, Tex. The purpose of this course is to provide a working knowledge of essential preflight subjects in preparation for primary flight training. This course must be completed by each applicant in order to become eligible for entry into primary flight training. Graduates of this course are selected to attend either fixed wing or rotary wing flight training.

b. Warrant Officer Fixed Wing Aviator Course.

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Location</i>
I. Primary.....	18 weeks, 3 days.....	Fort Rucker, Ala.
II. Advanced Contact Tactics.....	6 weeks.....	Fort Rucker, Ala.
III. Instruments.....	9 weeks, 2½ days.....	Fort Rucker, Ala.
Total.....	34 weeks	

c. Warrant Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course.

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Location</i>
I. Primary.....	12 weeks.....	Fort Wolters, Tex.
II. Advanced Contact and Tactics.....	12 weeks, 3½ days.....	Fort Rucker, Ala.
III. Instruments.....	8 weeks, 2 days.....	Fort Rucker, Ala.
Total.....	33 weeks	

3. Responsibility. The Commanding General, USCONARC, is responsible for the operation of this program. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command will take appropriate action to support a vigorous program for the recruitment of warrant officer flight training applicants from civilian life.

4. Eligibility requirements. An applicant for enlistment under this program must—

a. Be a citizen of the United States.

This regulation supersedes AR 601-108, 25 June 1965, and DA Message 739065, 4 November 1965.

b. Be at least 18 years of age and not have reached his 30th birthday at time of enlistment.

c. Meet the mental and medical prerequisites and complete the processing outlined in paragraph 8.

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d. Weigh not over 200 pounds.

e. Be not over 76 inches nor less than 64 inches in height.

f. Be a high school graduate. Successful completion of the GED test and/or state equivalency certificates are acceptable.

g. Be willing to enlist in the Regular Army for a 2-year period.

h. Agree to accept appointment as a warrant officer, USAR, for an indefinite term upon successful completion of the flight training program, and to serve as a warrant officer on active duty for no less than 36 months following successful completion of the flight training course (para. 9).

5. Prior training. Applicants must successfully complete basic combat training prior to entry in the flight training program. Prior service personnel who have fulfilled this requirement may be sent directly to preflight training.

6. Ineligibles. The provisions of paragraphs 9 and 10, AR 601-210 and paragraph 5 (except *g*, *h*, and *i*), AR 135-100 apply.

7. Submission of applications. Persons who meet the eligibility requirements will submit application on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) in triplicate, to the nearest U.S. Army Recruiting Main Station.

8. Action by Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command. The Commanding General, USAREC will take necessary action to insure the following is accomplished:

a. The applicant is rendered assistance in preparing his application as prescribed in AR 611-85. A Reserve officer will be advised of the provisions of paragraph 5*h*, AR 135-100.

b. The application is reviewed to determine whether the applicant is qualified under these regulations.

c. The application and the warrant officer flight training program are discussed with the applicant to insure he is cognizant of the nature of flight training and the responsibilities that are assumed by warrant officers. Each applicant will be advised that the needs of the service will be the final determining factor in programing his attendance at aviation rotary or fixed wing training courses. In addition, he will be informed that approximately 50 percent of the personnel who enter flight training successfully complete the course, and that those who fail are required to serve the

time remaining on their enlistment in accordance with the needs of the service. An applicant with a history of air sickness or fear of flying will be disqualified immediately.

d. Arrangements for necessary testing are made. Necessary mental testing is conducted at Armed Forces Examining Stations. If the applicant fails any one of the following tests, he will be disqualified immediately. Tests will be administered in the following sequence:

- (1) Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT). Applicant must achieve a percentile score of 65 or greater to qualify.
- (2) Army Qualification Battery (AQB). Applicant must achieve an Aptitude Area (GT) score of 115 or higher to qualify.
- (3) Army Rotary Wing Aptitude Battery (ARWAB) consisting of—
 - (a) Locations Test (DA Form 6240).
 - (b) Helicopter Information Test (DA Form 6241).
 - (c) Complex Movements Test (DA Form 6242).
 - (d) Helicopter Pilot Description Form (DA Form 6243).

Applicant must achieve a final score of 135 or higher on the ARWAB to qualify for additional processing. Answer sheets of applicants who fail to achieve required ARWAB score will be forwarded to the U.S. Army Personnel Research Office, ATTN: OCRD, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315.

- (4) A medical examination of the scope described in paragraph 2*b*, AR 40-500.

e. All applicants who meet the mental and medical prerequisites are referred to the Warrant Officer Flight Training Examining Board for further consideration.

- (1) The Board will interview each applicant using the instructions contained in DA Pam 611-227 to include personal history, training, and experience. DA Form 6227 (Officer Leadership Board Interview, Interview Record) will be used by each Board member to record his impressions of the applicant. The OLB-1 will be scored by the TCO member upon completion. Applicant must achieve a minimum score of 20 to qualify.

- (2) Each member will make an independent, individual appraisal of the applicant in writing on the reverse of DA Form 6227 to indicate the applicant's overall qualification for appointment as a warrant officer in the Army Reserve. The Board will insure, to the extent possible, by direct questioning that the applicant possesses the degree of motivation and determination necessary for successful course completion. Emphasis should be placed on isolating the existence of personal problems, i.e., family, financial, or emotional, which would adversely affect performance during training.
- (3) Upon completion of the above appraisals, the examining board will review the ap-

plicant's test scores and other pertinent personnel records and will recommend acceptance or rejection of the applicant for enlistment under this option.

f. Qualified individuals are enlisted. If an applicant meets all of the foregoing prerequisites, and completes the statement required in paragraph 9, he may be enlisted in the Regular Army for the purpose of entering the flight training program.

9. **Final processing.** a. Prior to enlistment, the applicant must complete the Statement of Understanding (fig. 1). This statement will be reproduced locally, will be signed in duplicate, and will be securely fastened to the original and duplicate copies of the enlistment record.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Part I

In connection with my enlistment in the Regular Army and selection for the Warrant Officer Flight Training Program, I hereby acknowledge that I completely understand the following:

That I must successfully complete basic combat training (delete if inappropriate for a prior service person); meet class I medical standards for flying as prescribed in Chapter 4, AR 40-501; successfully complete the Warrant Officer Flight Training Course; qualify for security clearance; serve no less than 36 months on active duty as a warrant officer, and serve the remainder of the military obligation required by law.

That in the event I should fail to qualify for security clearance, fail to meet class I medical standards for flying, or fail to complete flight training successfully, I will be required to complete the time remaining on my 2-year Regular Army enlistment period and serve the remainder of the military obligation required by law.

That the needs of the service will be the final determining factor in programing my attendance at fixed or rotary wing aviation training courses.

Part II

To further emphasize the importance of understanding the promises made to me, I have listed below in my handwriting all promises, both oral and written, other than those listed in part I, above, that have been made to me in connection with my enlistment in the Regular Army.

(Name, grade, and service No.
of witnessing officer)

(Signature of applicant)

Figure 1.

b. Enlistment Record (DD Form 4) of individuals enlisted under the provisions of these regulations will contain the following notations:

- (1) Item 14, enlisted under authority of AR 601-108.
- (2) Item 9, branch enlisted for "RA Unasgd."
- (3) Item 13, for assignment in WO Flight Training Program.
- (4) Item 39, record GT score.

c. After enlistment is accomplished, application

and allied papers, together with copies of orders, will be forwarded with the individual to his first duty station and a National Agency Check (NAC) will be initiated by the Army commander. National Agency Checks will be initiated on prior service personnel whose records do not indicate that a NAC of the scope prescribed in AR 381-130 has been completed subsequent to 12 September 1950. Assignment orders will specify that EM is a selected warrant officer flight training candidate,

indicate the date and class he is scheduled to attend, and contain a statement that a National Agency Check has been initiated and the date such action was initiated, or if a favorable NAC has been completed, the date and by whom completed.

d. All individuals enlisted under this option (except prior service personnel who are ordered directly to preflight training) will be assigned to basic training center at Fort Polk, La. Assignment orders for individuals who have been enlisted without a physical examination by an aviation medical officer or flight surgeon will include a statement that class I flight physical examination is required during basic combat training.

10. Warrant Officer Flight Training Examining Boards. The Commanding General, USAREC is delegated authority to appoint boards of officers known as Warrant Officer Flight Training Examining Boards within each recruiting district. Boards will consist of at least three officers each, one of whom is of field grade assigned to the combat arms. If possible, one of the Board members will be an Army aviator currently on flying status. One of the Board members will be designated as a Test Control Officer under the provisions of AR 611-85. The Commanding General, USAREC may further delegate to recruiting district commanders, authority to appoint examining boards.

11. Waivers. Applicants who do not meet the minimum prerequisites specified in paragraph 4 for this option will not be granted waivers. Disqualifications which may be waived under the provisions of paragraph 9, AR 601-210 and paragraph 5, AR 135-100 will be acted upon by the appropriate commander as specified in AR 601-210. Those waiver requests which are approved for enlistment purposes by commanders designated in AR 601-210 will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Reserve Component Personnel Center, ATTN: RCAP-A, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., 46249, for a determination of whether the disqualification would be waived to permit appointment as a Reserve warrant officer. When the Reserve Component Personnel Center determines that the disqualification may not be waived for the purpose of appointment as a Reserve warrant officer, the applicant will be denied enlistment under the provisions of this regulation.

12. Control of class input. Headquarters, Department of the Army will allocate bulk class training spaces for this option to the Commanding General, USCONARC. Commanding General, USCONARC will allocate training spaces to USAREC for suballocation to the recruiting districts. Input to flight training under this program will be controlled by the Commanding General, USCONARC.

13. Procedures at training centers and at flight schools.

a. During basic combat training, the immediate commanders of men enlisted for this option will arrange for the applicant to be provided an orientation and evaluation flight of the scope prescribed by paragraphs 8 and 24, AR 611-85. Those individuals desiring to waive their commitment after such rides will be permitted to do so. The provisions of AR 611-85 apply to procedures at flight schools.

b. During basic combat training, the immediate commanders of men enlisted for this option will arrange to have their medical fitness for Army aviation training and duty determined by a flight surgeon or aviation medical officer of any U.S. Armed Force. In this connection, the aviation medical examiner or flight surgeon may utilize the original report of medical examination (SF 88 and 89) accomplished immediately prior to enlistment, and complete the scope of the medical examination for flying as prescribed in paragraph 2b(1), AR 40-500. Such additional tests and examinations as are accomplished may be recorded on the original Standard Form 88, or on supplemental Standard Forms 88. The flight surgeon or aviation medical officer accomplishing these additional tests will date and countersign the original Standard Form 88 and the physician's remarks on Standard Form 89, and such supplemental forms as are prepared. Item 16 on all copies of Standard Form 88 will include a notation of any prior military service. Candidates must meet Class I medical fitness standards for flying prescribed in Chapter 4, AR 40-501. Completed reports of medical examination will be forwarded by airmail to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPS-SP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315 for review and final approval. The Surgeon General will make the determination

of medical fitness for flying training and duty and return the reports of examination to the examining agency by air mail.

14. Recruiting Progress Report (RCS AG-54 (R4)). Enlistment of prior service and nonprior [DCSPER-PD]

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

J. C. LAMBERT,
*Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.*

service personnel under this regulation will be reported in accordance with instructions contained in AR 601-285. (Credit will be given to the recruiter responsible for each enlistment under this program.)

HAROLD K. JOHNSON,
*General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.*

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