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Section I. GENERAL

1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes the Department of Army programs for the procurement and professional training of career Dental Corps officers.

2. Scope. The following dental programs are sponsored by the Army:

- a. Senior Dental Student Program.
- b. Dental Intern Program.

3. General eligibility requirements. In addition to fulfilling the special requirements for the program concerned as outlined in this regulation, an applicant must be potentially qualified for appointment in the Regular Army by meeting the requirements indicated in paragraph 4 *a* through *f* AR 601-100.

4. Medical examination. Applicants will undergo a medical examination of the scope pre-

scribed for Regular Army appointment in paragraph 2*b*, AR 40-500. Medical fitness standards for appointment in chapter 2, AR 40-501, will apply. Examination will be conducted at an Armed Forces medical facility.

5. Security requirements. An applicant will not be appointed until a National Agency Check or personnel security investigation of broader scope as prescribed in AR 381-130 has been completed with favorable results. Requests for investigation in connection with appointment under this regulation will be initiated by The Surgeon General. In order to expedite the investigation, the Army commander will, for those applicants who do not hold a commission in the Reserve of the Army, complete DA Form 340 (Report of National Agency Check) in sextuplicate, prior to

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forwarding application to The Surgeon General. Items 1 through 9; 11 and 12 where applicable; 15, 16, and 17 should be completed. Item 18 should be used if necessary to give any pertinent data considered helpful to further identify and clarify information regarding applicant, to include dates of military service when applicable.

6. Selection. Selections will be made by a board of officers appointed by The Surgeon General. Criteria for selection will include scholastic and professional standing; mental, moral, and medical fitness; demonstrated interest in a military career; and leadership potential as evidenced by past achievements. Each applicant will be notified of his selection or nonselection by The Surgeon General and will be advised as to whether he is a principal or alternate selectee. Selectees will be required to advise The Surgeon General of acceptance or nonacceptance within 10 days after receipt of notification.

7. Obligations. Prior to appointment as officers, prospective participants will be advised of any service obligation they may incur under AR 135-90.

8. Appointment. *a.* Applicants who do not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment and are seeking participation in the Senior Dental Student Program or Dental Intern Program, if selected as principals will be tendered appointments as Reserve commissioned officers of the Army for assignment to the Army Reserve as second lieutenants, Medical Service Corps, or first lieutenants, Dental Corps, as appropriate. Grades and

branch are dependent upon the program for which selected. Alternate selectees who do not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment will not be tendered an appointment for assignment to the Army Reserve nor ordered to active duty except to fill vacancies created by disqualification of principal selectees.

b. Selectees who hold a status in the Reserve of the Army (USAR) with assignment to a branch other than the Medical Service Corps or Dental Corps, dependent upon the program for which selected, will be detailed or transferred to the Medical Service Corps or reappointed in, or transferred to the Dental Corps, whichever is appropriate.

c. Letters of appointment, active duty orders, and oaths of office, commission, or assignment instructions will be issued by the Chief of Personnel Operations, and forwarded to each selectee as follows:

- (1) *For the Senior Dental Student Program.* Prior to the beginning of the senior academic year, or as soon as possible thereafter.
- (2) *For the Dental Intern Program.* In time to permit necessary travel and insure arrival at the designated time at the Army installation where internship will be served. Army dental interns will be called to active duty in the temporary grade of captain.

9. Waivers. Waiver of eligibility requirements listed herein may be requested.

Section II. SENIOR DENTAL STUDENT PROGRAM

(Applications, selection, and appointments under this section will be made only when directed by Headquarters, Department of the Army.)

10. General. *a.* As required by current Dental Corps needs, fourth year dental students matriculated in dental schools in the United States and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, approved by the American Dental Association, will be selected and tendered appointments as Reserve commissioned officers of the Army for assignment to the Medical Service Corps. Such initial appointment will be in the grade of second lieutenant. Waiver may be requested for individuals who hold a commission in the grade of first lieutenant.

b. Appointees will be ordered to active duty with station at their respective dental schools on the starting date of the senior year, or as soon as possible, as indicated by the deans of the appropriate dental schools. No student, however, will be appointed prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which he will complete his senior year. They will be permitted to continue their studies as officers on active duty with full pay and allowances for officers of their grade and years of service for pay purposes until they complete the

academic requirements for the degree of doctor of dental surgery or doctor of dental medicine, or until completion of the academic year in which enrolled at the time of entry on active duty, whichever occurs earlier, but not later than 30 June of the fiscal year in which ordered to active duty.

c. The payment of tuition and other fees incident to attendance at dental school will remain a responsibility of the individual participant.

d. Participants will be required to serve on active duty under their Reserve of the Army appointment and are ineligible for temporary Army of the United States promotion while enrolled in the program and continuing their dental studies leading to the award of a professional degree.

11. Special eligibility requirements. Applicants will—

a. Not have passed the age of 31 prior to the date of appointment.

b. Have successfully completed the junior year of dental school, be eligible to enroll for the senior year, and will, within 5 days after entry on active duty as an officer, begin or have commenced formal studies required as part of their curriculum for the senior year of dental school.

12. Obligations. *a.* Applicants will agree to accept appointment in the grade of first lieutenant for assignment to the Dental Corps, Army National Guard of the United States, or Army Reserve, as appropriate, immediately upon graduation from dental school. Appointment in this grade will be rendered within sufficient time so that the Oath of Office—Military Personnel (DA Form 71) accepting appointment may be effective immediately upon graduation.

b. Participants will be required to serve on active duty as dental officers subsequent to date of graduation for a period of 3 years unless sooner released for the convenience of the Government, or unless a further period of service is required under paragraph 15.

13. Application. *a.* Applicants who do not hold a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army, and who desire to participate in the Senior Dental Student Program in an Army National Guard of the United States status must obtain Federal recognition and appointment in the Reserve of the Army (ARNGUS) prior to submission of their application and allied papers for participation in the

program. These individuals will be referred to the appropriate State adjutant general (for address of State adjutants general, see AR 635-5) for consideration. To be eligible for Federal recognition as second lieutenants, Medical Service Corps, they must meet the general requirements contained in NGR 20-2, except as follows:

- (1) Applicants must not have attained their 31st birthday prior to their appointment as second lieutenant, Medical Service Corps.
- (2) Applicants will be considered to meet the education and service requirements contained in NGR 20-2, by virtue of their enrollment in an accredited dental school.
- (3) Upon completion of the above requirements these applicants will submit the documents listed in *c* below, except DA Form 61, DD Form 398, and FD Form 258.

b. Those applicants who hold commissions in the Army Reserve will submit the documents listed in *c* below, except DA Form 61, DD Form 398, and FD Form 258.

c. Applicants who do not hold a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army and desire to participate in Army Reserve status will submit the following:

- (1) Application in letter form (fig. 1), one copy.
- (2) DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) in duplicate.
- (3) DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty), one copy. Item 9*b* will be annotated, as follows: "I hereby volunteer * * * period as indicated in my letter of application in accordance with paragraph 12 or 18, AR 601-131."
- (4) Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination), Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History), and reports of consultation, if any, in duplicate.
- (5) DD Form 98 (Armed Forces Security Questionnaire) in duplicate. Applicants who fail or refuse to accomplish DD Form 98 in its entirety will be denied appointment. If the applicant completes DD Form 98 with qualifications, or entries are made thereon which provide reason for belief that appointment is not

clearly consistent with the interest of national security, appointment will not be made without specific approval of the Secretary of the Army.

- (6) DD Form 395 (Statement of Personal History) in quadruplicate. Every item will be completed.
- (7) FD Form 258 (FBI U.S. Department of Justice Fingerprint), two copies. This form may be accomplished at any military facility or law enforcement agency.
- (8) Photograph (recent head and shoulder type), 3 by 5 inches.
- (9) Evaluation from the Army Medical Service Personnel Counselor.
- (10) For applicants who are members of a Reserve component of any other Armed Force, evidence that the applicant will be granted a conditional release, contingent upon appointment in the Army Reserve under this program.
- (11) Transcript of college and dental school grades.
- (12) Letter of recommendation from the dean, to be forwarded by the dean to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315.

d. Applications will be forwarded as indicated below to reach The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, at the earliest practicable date, but not later than 15 January of the junior year in order that selections can be made and orders issued prior to the start of the senior year. Later applications will be considered for any unfilled vacancies.

14. Procedures for forwarding applications.

a. Applicants who do not hold a commission and desire to participate in the Senior Dental Student Program in Army Reserve status will forward the

letter of application with allied documents through the appropriate Army commander to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, except as indicated in b and c below.

b. Officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will forward their applications with allied documents to the appropriate State adjutant general, who will, in turn, forward the applications through the appropriate Army commander and Chief, National Guard Bureau, to The Surgeon General. Applications submitted by officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will include a statement from the State adjutant general concerned stating generally as follows:

If _____ is selected for partici-
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)

pation in the Army Senior Dental Student Program, consent is hereby granted to him to serve on active duty in accordance with the agreement made by him.

c. Officers of the Army Reserve will forward their applications with allied documents through the Army commander to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, unless, they are members of a USAR unit, in which case the application will be submitted to the Reserve unit commander, who will forward the application with appropriate remarks to The Surgeon General through the Army commander.

15. Failure to complete requirements for degree. If a participant fails to complete the requirements for the professional degree at the appropriate time, the student detachment commander will request disposition instructions from the Chief of Personnel Operations. Participants will not be relieved from active duty for a period of 2 years from date of termination of status as a dental student unless released at an earlier date at the convenience of the Government and will be assigned to appropriate Medical Service Corps vacancies.

Section III. DENTAL INTERN PROGRAM

16. General. Each year dental school graduates will be selected for military dental internships. Training approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, is conducted at certain Army installations and is of 1 year's duration commencing each July. Comprehensive rotating training is offered in the following areas:

Examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning-----	1½ months
Periodontics and preventive dentistry-----	1½ months
Oral surgery-----	3 months
Operative dentistry, fixed prosthodontics---	3 months
Removable prosthodontics-----	3 months

In addition, courses will be given in anesthesia and surgical technique, basic and applied sciences,

and research. Attendance at clinical pathology, tumor, and professional staff conferences is required. Selected candidates who do not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment will be commissioned in the grade of first lieutenant, Dental Corps, with assignment to the Army Reserve, and will be ordered to active duty in the grade of captain, Army of the United States. Candidates holding a current Reserve of the Army appointment with assignment to the Army National Guard of the United States, or Army Reserve, as first lieutenant, Dental Corps, will be ordered to active duty in the grade of captain, Army of the United States.

17. Special eligibility requirements. Applicant must—

a. Be enrolled in the senior year at an approved dental school (par. 10*a*).

b. Have reached his 21st birthday but not have passed the age of 32 upon entry into the Army Intern Program.

18. Obligations. Dental interns will be required to serve on active duty as Dental Corps officers for minimum periods as follows, including the period of internship, unless sooner discharged for the convenience of the Government or because of extreme compassionate circumstances.

a. Interns who participated in Army Senior Dental Student Program—4 years (in lieu of obligation indicated in par. 12*b*).

b. Other interns—3 years.

19. Application. Applications will consist of the following:

a. All applicants will submit application in letter form (fig. 2) one copy.

b. Applicants who are participants in the Senior Dental Student Program will submit Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination), Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History), and reports of consultation, if any, in duplicate.

c. Applicants who hold appointments as Reserve commissioned officers of the Army, other than those indicated in *b* above, will submit the documents listed in paragraph 13*c*, except (1), (2), (6), and (7). Applications submitted by officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will include a statement from the State adjutant general indicating consent for the applicant to serve on active duty.

d. Other applicants who do not hold a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army will submit the documents listed in paragraph 13*c*, except (1).

20. Procedures for forwarding applications. The letter of application with allied documents will be forwarded by the applicant to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, through the appropriate Army commander, during the period of 1 October–1 December of the senior year. Applications from officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will be forwarded to the appropriate State adjutant general who will, in turn, forward the application through the Army commander and Chief, National Guard Bureau, to The Surgeon General.

21. Special pay. Dental interns are not entitled to special pay. See paragraph 3-24, AR 37-104.

SUBJECT: Army Senior Dental Student Program
THRU:

TO: The Surgeon General
ATTN: MEDPT-MP
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20315



1. This application is submitted for acceptance into the Army, Senior Dental Student Program. In return for my acceptance by the Department of the Army, I agree to serve on active duty in my Reserve grade until completion of the academic year in which enrolled at time of entry on active duty. I further agree to accept, upon graduation, appointment as a first lieutenant, Dental Corps, Army National Guard of the United States or Army Reserve, as appropriate, if tendered, and to serve thereafter on continuous active duty as a dental officer for a period of 3 years, unless sooner released for the convenience of the Government, or unless I incur a further service obligation as a result of participation in a subsequent training program for which a minimum period of service is prescribed.

2. If I fail to complete the requirements for the professional degree, I agree to continue service on active duty for a period of 2 years from the date of termination of status as a dental student. I understand that I may then be assigned to appropriate Medical Service Corps vacancies.

3. At the present time (I do) (do not) hold a Reserve commission in
(Branch, component, and Armed Force)

----- If currently commissioned in the Reserve of the Army with assignment to the Army Reserve in a branch other than the Medical Service Corps, I agree that if I am selected for this program, this application will serve as my request for transfer to the Medical Service Corps, Army Reserve, for the purpose of participating in the Senior Dental Student Program.

4. I will complete my junior year at ----- and expect to enroll
(Dental School)
in that school for my senior year on or about ----- 19-----, and to be graduated on or about ----- 19-----.

5. I (have) (have not) been rejected for military service.

Note. If previously rejected for military service, state when, where, and reasons therefor.

6. Completed forms, as required in AR 601-131 are attached.

(Name)

Figure 1.

SUBJECT: Army Dental Intern Program

THRU:

TO: The Surgeon General
ATTN: MEDPT-MP
 Department of the Army
 Washington, D.C. 20315

1. Under the provisions of AR 601-131, I hereby make application for participation in the Army Dental Intern Program. I have indicated below the order of preference for hospital assignment. I understand that this is to be used as a guide for consideration of assignment only, and I agree to accept appointment at any installation named.*

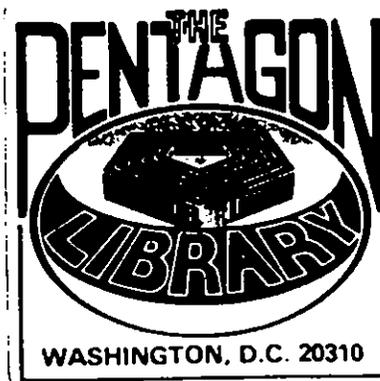
- Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Tex.
- Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.
- Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.
- U.S. Army Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C.
- William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Tex.
- Dental Service, Fort Knox, Ky., in affiliation with Ireland Army Hospital
- Dental Service, Fort Benning, Ga., in affiliation with Martin Army Hospital
- Dental Service, Fort Dix, N.J., in affiliation with Walson Army Hospital
- Dental Service, Fort Bragg, N.C., in affiliation with Womack Army Hospital
- Dental Service, Fort Sill, Okla., in affiliation with U.S. Army Hospital
- Dental Service, Fort Ord, Calif., in affiliation with U.S. Army Hospital

*Note. Fill in each block above in order of preference.

2. I understand and agree that, if selected for appointment as an Army dental intern, any request for release from active duty on my part will be disapproved until I have completed a minimum of (enter "4" for applicants who participated in the Army Senior Dental Student Program; or enter "3" for other applicants) years on active duty as a Dental Corps officer, including the period of internship, unless I am sooner discharged or released for the convenience of the Government or because of extreme compassionate circumstances.

3. Completed forms, as required by AR 601-131, are attached.

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 (Name)

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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

Official:

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

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