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PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT
THE ARMY GENERAL COUNSEL'S HONORS PROGRAM

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This major revision tells how to apply for the Army General Counsel's Honors Program. Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited.

Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by The Adjutant General. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes policy, acceptance criteria, and procedures for applicants applying for the Army General Counsel's Honors Program.

2. Applicability. a. This regulation applies to all qualified individuals, with or without military status, who may be considered for active duty as commissioned officers under the Army General Counsel's Honors Program.

b. This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard (ARNG), and the US Army Reserve (USAR).

3. Related references. Related publications are listed below. (A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.)

- a. AR 40-501 (Standards of Medical Fitness).
- b. AR 135-100 (Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Army).
- c. AR 381-20 (US Army Counterintelligence (CI) Activities).

4. Responsibility. The Office of the General Counsel will consider all qualified applicants for the Army General Counsel's Honors Program and make selections as vacancies occur.

5. Program criteria. Periodically, a limited number of attorney positions become available under the Army General Counsel's Honors Program. Individuals meeting the program criteria may apply whether or not they already have military status. To be accepted in the program, an applicant must—

- a. Have a J.D. or LL.B. degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association. A senior in such a law school may apply for admission to the Honors Program, but must receive a degree before acceptance.
- b. Have an outstanding undergraduate and law school record.
- c. Be potentially qualified for appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer (see AR 135-100) if not already a Reserve or Regular Army (RA) commissioned officer.
- d. Meet the medical fitness standards prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501. Required medical examinations will be conducted at an Armed Forces medical facility.
- e. Successfully undergo a National Agency Check or personnel security investigation of broader scope, as prescribed in AR 381-20.
- f. Be admitted to practice before a Federal court, or the highest court of a State, or of the District of Columbia. The applicant must also be

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a member in good standing of the bar. A law school graduate may be accepted into the Honors Program, conditionally, before admission to the bar. However, failure to gain such admission in due course, by failing a bar examination or otherwise, will result in removal from the program.

6. Acceptance. Successful applicants without commissioned status will be appointed as Reserve commissioned officers and ordered to active duty. Successful applicants who are commissioned officers in the ARNG or USAR not on active duty will be ordered to active duty. Successful applicants who are Reserve or RA commissioned officers on active duty will be reassigned in coordination with their career management activity. Successful applicants are designated as Assistants to the General Counsel.

7. Grade. *a.* Successful applicants without commissioned status will be appointed in the Reserve grade for which they are eligible under AR 135-100. They will be ordered to active duty in that grade.

b. ARNG or USAR officers not on active duty will be ordered to active duty in their Reserve grade.

c. Officers on active duty at the time of acceptance will retain their present grade.

8. Service obligations. Applicants accepted in the Honors Program incur an active duty service obligation of 3 years from the effective date of assignment to the Office of the General Counsel. This obligation runs concurrently with, but does not reduce, any previously incurred service obligation. Assignment to the Office of the General Counsel may be curtailed at the discretion of the General Counsel. However, this does not affect any service obligation incurred under this or any other regulation.

9. Submission of applications. *a.* Applications for the Honors Program will be submitted directly to the General Counsel, Department of the Army, WASH DC 20310, pursuant to the guidance in *b* below.

b. Applicants not holding a current appoint-

ment as a commissioned officer will submit the following:

(1) Application in letter form.

(2) DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) in duplicate. (See AR 135-100, AR 145-1, AR 351-5, and AR 601-100 for guidance in preparing this form.)

(3) DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty) in one copy. (See AR 135-10 for guidance in preparing this form.) Item 9*b* of the form will be annotated as follows: "See Item 13, Remarks." Items 13 will be annotated as follows: "If selected, I volunteer to serve on active duty for 3 years following assignment to the Army General Counsel's Honors Program."

(4) Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) in one copy. (See AR 40-501 for guidance in filling out this form.)

(5) FD Form 258 (Fingerprint Card) in two copies. This form may be completed at any military facility or law enforcement agency.

(6) Transcripts of all undergraduate and law school work, prepared by the schools where such work was completed. The transcripts should show class standing, if available.

(7) Law School Aptitude Test score.

(8) A certificate or statement:

(a) From the clerk of the highest court of a State or of the District of Columbia showing admission to practice and good standing before the bar; or

(b) By the applicant that he or she has taken a bar examination, the date thereof, and the expected date of admission to the bar; or

(c) By the applicant of his or her intent to take a bar examination, if one is required for admission to practice, as soon as the applicant becomes eligible; the date of such examination; and the expected date of admission to the bar.

(9) Letters based on personal acquaintance from at least three judges, lawyers, law school professors, or other knowledgeable persons concerning the applicant's reputation and professional standing. Letters should be forwarded by the writers directly to the General Counsel, Department of the Army, WASH DC 20310.

(10) A description of the applicant's full-time or part-time legal experience. Legal expe-



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rience includes private practice; Government, judicial, teaching, and military legal experience; and legal clerkships.

(11) Any additional information concerning the special qualifications of the applicant that would contribute to program appointment.

c. An applicant holding a commission in the ARNG or USAR, but not on active duty, will submit the documents listed in *b* above, except for DA Form 61 and FD Form 258. A USAR officer will submit these documents through Cdr, US Army Reserve Component Personnel and

Administration Center, and his or her career management activity. An ARNG officer will submit these documents through the State Adjutant General and obtain a conditional release from the State.

d. An applicant serving on active duty will submit the documents listed in *b*(1) and *b*(6) through (11) above, as well as a signed statement acknowledging and agreeing to the 3-year active duty service obligation described in paragraph 8 of this regulation through the applicant's career management activity.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the General Counsel. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to HQDA (SAGC), WASH DC 20310

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