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PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY OFFICERS IN THE ARMY  
OF THE UNITED STATES UPON MOBILIZATION

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Page 3, subparagraph 9a is superseded to read:

a. Applications for temporary appointment will be submitted and processed as prescribed in AR 135-100 and AR 135-101 for appointments in the Army Reserve. Except as specified in b below, they will be forwarded to the major commander concerned for final action.

Page 3, subparagraph 9b is superseded to read:

b. Applications for appointment in the commissioned Corps of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) will be forwarded directly to HQDA (SGPE-PD), 1900 Half Street, SW, Washington, DC 20324. The following applications will be forwarded to Cdr, RCPAC for processing. With exception of applications for appointment in the special branches (para 1-2, AR 614-100), composite scores will be included with recommendation of the major commanders.

Page 3, paragraph 9 is expanded to add subparagraph d to read:

d. Upon mobilization and until the orderly and established Selective Service System procedures are functioning, the authority to appoint in the commissioned corps of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) is delegated to the Cdr, USAMEDDPERSA. Applications in this crisis environment will be reviewed by an AMEDD representative at the AFEES for professional and physical acceptability for temporary appointment, in addition to initiation of the NAC for qualified individuals. Oaths of office will be administered for temporary AUS appointment. Initial assignment instructions to medical treatment

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facilities or initial transition training will be as prescribed in USAMEDDPERSA contingency plans. Records on each individual processed (select or nonselect) will be forwarded to HQDA (SGPE-PD), Washington, DC 20324. At HQDA, formal action will be taken for appointment and forwarding to RCPAC. Chapter 9, AR 601-270 sets forth medical registrant and health professional processing at AFEES which is relevant subsequent to crisis mobilization with transition to the conscription process. See also AR 601-54.

Page 4, subparagraph 14c is superseded as follows:

c. Individuals applying for any branch of the AMEDD will be considered eligible for appointment if they meet the requirements prescribed in AR 135-101. Credit for "years service in an active status" will be granted for professional degree attained in the specialty in which the applicant is being appointed (Table 3-1, AR 135-101). Credit for periods of professional training and experience accrued after receipt of basic qualifying degree may also be granted in accordance with existing directives. The temporary grade in which appointed will be determined in accordance with the appropriate DA Circular 601 (series) in effect at the time of appointment.

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1. This interim change is being distributed through publications pinpoint distribution system to all holders of AR 601-50, in accordance with DA Form 12-9A block \_\_\_\_\_. Pending revision of AR 601-50, dated 25 February 1975, and by order of the Secretary of the Army, subject regulation is changed as follows and is effective immediately.

2. Paragraph 12b, Section IV, AR 601-50, is deleted.

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PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT  
APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY OFFICERS IN THE ARMY OF THE  
UNITED STATES UPON MOBILIZATION

Effective Upon Mobilization

*The substantive changes in this revision include a revised narrative to the statutory authority for temporary appointments and changes in command references as a result of DA reorganization. Local supplementation of this regulation is permitted but is not required. If supplements are issued, Army Staff agencies and major Army commands will furnish one copy of each to CDR RCPAC (AGUZ-RPC-PR) St. Louis, MO 63132; other commands will furnish one copy of each to the next higher headquarters.*

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Section I. GENERAL

1. Purpose. This regulation—

a. Provides for the appointment of temporary commissioned officers in the Army of the United States for immediate active duty in the Army to—

(1) Meet the mobilization requirements for officer personnel.

(2) Provide for battlefield appointments as second lieutenants.

b. Supplements procurement through the Reserve and Regular Army programs and is to be used only when these programs are unable to provide the numbers and types of individuals needed on active duty in emergency situations (para 2a).

2. Statutory authority (10 USC 3441, 3444, and 3447 (b) and (c)). a. In time of emergency declared

by Congress or the President and in time of war, the President may appoint any qualified person, with or without prior military service (including a person who is not a Regular or Reserve officer) in any temporary commissioned grade in the Army without specification of component. Persons so appointed may be ordered to active duty for such periods as the President prescribes.

b. The President alone appoints these officers (Regular or Reserve) in grades below lieutenant colonel and, by and with advice and consent of the Senate, in grades of lieutenant colonel and above.

c. A temporary appointment is effective during the war or emergency in which it is made and for

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six months thereafter, unless sooner vacated. The President may vacate a temporary appointment at any time.

**3. Authority to announce appointments and order to active duty.** *a.* Except as indicated in paragraph 9a, commanders of major field commands (referred to as major commanders in this regulation) who have been delegated authority to announce appointment in the USAR (AR 135-100) are authorized to process applications and announce appointments as temporary commissioned officers in the Army of the United States, without component, to qualified applicants residing within their jurisdictions and to order them to active duty in the Army.

*b.* The Commanding General, US Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center (CG RCPAC), will announce appointments of individuals except those announced by major commanders.

**4. Branches.** *a.* Upon appointment, individuals will be assigned to basic and special branches as listed in paragraph 1-2, AR 614-100. When services of an individual are needed for Civil Affairs or Staff

Specialist duties, the officer will be assigned to an appropriated carrier branch and then detailed for such duties. Strength ceilings for carrier branches will be increased as required to compensate for these appointments.

*b.* Female applicants may be appointed and assigned in all branches of the Army Medical Department, Chaplains branch, and the Women's Army Corps. Those appointed in the WAC may be permanently detailed to all branches except AMEDD, Armor, Field Artillery, Infantry, Air Defense, and Chaplain.

**5. Waivers.** Major commanders may consider, on an individual basis, requests for waiver of education or experience and approve these waivers when the individual is otherwise qualified and possesses qualifications needed by the active military service. Except for battlefield appointments in the Medical Service Corps, no waivers will be granted for appointment of individuals in any of the special branches who do not meet the educational requirements for appointment in a Reserve component of the branch concerned.

## Section II. CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT

**6. Eligibility.** To be eligible for appointment, applicants must meet the following criteria:

*a. Age.* Minimum age is 18. Maximum ages for grades and specialties will be those prescribed in announcement of quotas.

*b. Citizenship.* An applicant must be a citizen of the United States or have lawfully entered the United States for permanent residence under applicable provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, unless he—

(1) Is currently serving or has served previously in the Armed Forces of the United States, or

(2) Is a citizen of an allied or friendly country (except as indicated in para 7d).

*c. Education.* The individual must be a graduate of a high school or school of similar educational level, or must pass the General Educational Development Test (high school level or higher). Additional educational requirements will be those prescribed for appointment in the Reserve component of the branch concerned. Foreign born applicants whose mother tongue is other than English will be examined to insure that they have

command of the English language sufficient to understand the necessary technical information.

*d. Mental.* Male applicants must have an aptitude area GT score of 110 or higher and 115 on the Officer Candidate Test (OCT). Female applicants must have a score of 115 on aptitude area GT and are not required to take the OCT. If the scores are not recorded on the qualification record, the applicant must be tested to determine if these requirements are met. Exceptions may be made for appointments in the Army Medical Department, Chaplain's Branch, and Judge Advocate General's Corps; also for former commissioned officers.

*e. Moral.* Each applicant must have high moral character and good personal qualifications.

*f. Medical fitness.* Requirements are prescribed in AR 40-501. Individuals will not undergo examination until authorized by their major commander.

*g. Service.* An applicant who cannot complete 10 years active commissioned service before completing 20 years active Federal service will be

required to sign a statement that he understands he may not qualify for retirement as an officer.

**7. Ineligibles.** Persons who are not eligible for appointment because they—

*a.* Are conscientious objectors. Former conscientious objectors will be required to furnish statements expressing their abandonment of these beliefs.

*b.* Have a record of conviction by any type of military or civil court for other than a minor traffic violation. The major commander may grant waivers for convictions for minor violations which are not recurrent and which are not regarded as prejudicial to performance of duty as an officer. Requests for waiver of conviction of the following offenses will be forwarded with the application to CDR RCPAC (AGUZ-PAD) 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132 and evaluated with the National Agency Check (NAC):

(1) Felony under local, Federal, or military law.

(2) One which resulted in a sentence to confinement in prison, stockade, or detention area; or in a sentence to hard labor.

(3) One involving moral turpitude.

*c.* Have been dropped from the rolls, released from active duty, or separated from any component of the Armed Forces of the United States—

(1) Under other than honorable conditions.

(2) For unsatisfactory service.

(3) By reason of resignation in lieu of court-martial, elimination, or any other form of corrective or disciplinary action.

(4) As security risks or for other than security reasons while undergoing investigation.

*d.* Are in the military service of a foreign government or are employed by a foreign government, unless approval is obtained from HQDA.

*e.* Have been ordered to report for induction by a Selective Service Board.

**8. Security check.** *a.* An NAC (AR 381-130) is a prerequisite for appointment. In event of a hostile attack or battlefield appointment, major commanders are authorized to waive this prerequisite, but will request an NAC immediately. Until final results of the investigation are received, the duties of the appointee on active duty will be restricted to those which do not require access to information classified higher than CONFIDENTIAL.

*b.* For the purpose of this regulation, an NAC is considered favorable for appointment when it contains no adverse information of the type listed in paragraph 7 or in AR 604-10. When information obtained from an NAC or any other source which indicates that the appointment may not be clearly consistent with the interests of national security, appointment will not be tendered without specific approval of HQDA.

### Section III. APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING

**9. Applications, processing, appointments, and active duty orders.** *a.* Applications for temporary appointment will be submitted and processed as prescribed in AR 135-100 for appointment in the Army Reserve. Except as specified in *b* below, they will be forwarded to the major commander concerned for final action.

*b.* The following applications will be forwarded to CDR RCPAC for processing. Composite scores will be included with recommendation of the major commanders.

(1) Appointment to grades of lieutenant colonel and colonel, requiring Senate confirmation (para 2*b*).

(2) Appointment in any of the special

branches (para 1-2, AR 614-100) or Military Intelligence.

(3) Appointment for duty with Civil Affairs or as a Staff specialist.

*c.* Except as authorized in paragraph 11, major commanders will request assignment instructions from HQDA (DAPC-OPD-(appropriate career branch)), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332, stating full name, SSN, grade, branch, and MOS of assignment for all individuals (other than the exceptions listed in *a* above), who are found acceptable and physically fit.

**10. Disposition of records.** Upon receipt of properly executed oaths of office, records will be disposed of in the same manner as for appointment in the Army Reserve.

**Section IV. BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS**

**11. Appointing authority.** Major commanders are authorized to announce temporary appointments as second lieutenants, Army of the United States, of warrant officers and enlisted personnel who are on active duty in the Army.

**12. Criteria.** The following criteria apply to battlefield appointments:

*a.* An individual must have demonstrated fitness for appointment by actual leadership performance in combat.

~~*b.* An individual must be at least 18 and must not have reached his 28th birthday. Major commanders may waive this maximum age only in the most exceptional circumstances. The minimum age cannot be waived.~~

*c.* A TOE/TD vacancy must exist.

*d.* An individual will not be required to appear before an examining board and the commander concerned may waive the mental test and minimum educational requirements.

**Section V. DIRECT APPOINTMENTS**

**13. Quotas for appointment.** *a.* Upon mobilization, HQDA will announce quotas by grade, age, branch, and MOS, except as provided in *b* below.

*b.* In case action under *a* above is precluded by the circumstances of mobilization, major commanders may determine quotas and assignments of their commands without reference to HQDA. Under these conditions needed personnel may also be appointed for assignment to another command upon request of the major commander concerned.

**14. Grade determination.** *a.* Grade for appointment will be based on the total number of years of qualifying college education and/or qualifying experience according to the following scale of minimum requirements:

Grade	Qualifying college education and/or experience (years)
Second lieutenant.....	4
First lieutenant.....	7
Captain.....	11
Major.....	16
Lieutenant colonel.....	20
Colonel.....	27

*b.* The basic requirement for credit for qualifying college education is a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited college or university which is counted as 4 years' credit regardless of the length of time in which it was acquired. However, up to 3 years' credit may be given for undergraduate study which did not lead to a bachelor's degree, on the basis of 1 year's service credit for each year of approximately 30 semester hours. A Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor degree

from a law school approved by the American Bar Association is counted, with its prerequisite undergraduate studies, as 7 years' credit.

*c.* Individuals applying for any branch of the Army Medical Department will be considered eligible for appointment if they meet the requirements in pertinent regulations (AR 135-101 or AR 601-139). Credit for additional qualifying college education for graduate study in the specialty for which the applicant is to be appointed will be counted as follows:

- (1) Master's degree—1 year.
- (2) Doctor's degree—3 years.
- (3) Each year of approximately 30 semester hours not otherwise credited—1 year.

*d.* Individuals applying for appointment in the chaplain branch will be considered eligible for appointment if they meet the requirements in AR 135-100. Credit for additional education for graduate study in the clergyperson's specialty will be counted as follows:

- (1) Master's degree (M.A., S.T.M., or Th.M.)—1 year.
- (2) D. Min.—1 year.
- (3) Th. D., S.T.D., or Ph. D.—2 years.
- (4) Each year of approximately 30 semester hours not otherwise credited—1 year.

*e.* Qualifying experience includes both military and civilian work performed in any one or in any allowable combination of the activities and the areas of experience for each specialty. One year's experience credit will be given for each full year of experience or its equivalent in military service or part-time employment in the specialty.



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