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reorganized to make it compatible with the Army electronic publishing database. No content has been changed.

**Summary.** This revision updates the appointment criteria for Reserve Component members of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.

**Applicability.** See paragraph 2.

**Proponent and exception authority.** Not Applicable.

**Army management control process.** Not Applicable.

**Supplementation.** Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited, except upon approval of the Secretary of the Army. Send requests for exception, with justification, through command channels to HQDA (DACS-RF), WASH DC 20310.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this

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 Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Suggested Improvements.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the Chief of Staff, US Army. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements of DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to HQDA (DACS-RF), WASH DC 20310.

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## 1. Purpose

This regulation defines the authority, composition, and duties of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee (ARFPC) and the Subcommittees on Army National Guard and Army Reserve Policy. It also defines the relationships of the ARFPC and the subcommittees with other DA agencies.

## 2. Applicability

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

## 3. Reference

AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy and Procedures) is a required publication. (Cited in para 6 (f).)

## 4. Authority of the committee

*a. General.* The ARFPC and its ARNG and USAR subcommittees are agencies of the Office of the Chief of Staff, US Army (OCSA) and the Secretary of the Army. Their jurisdiction is as defined in this regulation or as further directed by the Secretary of the Army. The ARFPC, or the proper subcommittee, will review and comment on major policy matters directly affecting the Reserve Component (RC) of the Army. The ARFPC's comments on such policy matters will accompany the final report on any such matter submitted to the Vice Chief of Staff, US Army (VCSA) and the Assistant Secretary responsible for Reserve Affairs. The ARFPC, its subcommittees, or the military executives will review regulations or changes that affect the basic structure and logistical support of the Reserve Components. The committee is empowered to consider both coordinated policies referred from OCSA and such uncoordinated matters presented either by a division of the Army Staff or by a committee member. The ARFPC's review and comments will be sent through OCSA to the Secretary of the Army.

*b. Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.* The ARFPC will act whenever matters affecting both the ARNG and the USAR are being considered.

*c. Subcommittee on Army National Guard Policy.* The Subcommittee on ARNG Policy will act when any matter solely concerning the ARNG is being considered.

*d. Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy.* The Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy will act when any matter solely concerning the USAR is being considered.

*e. Dissents from decisions of the committee.* A dissenting committee member may initiate an appeal to any decision of the committee. The member will give notice of such action to the chairman and other members of the committee. The notice may be forwarded to the Secretary of the Army as a minority report with the committee action.

## 5. Authority of the chairman

The ARFPC chairman has the power to decide any matter within the jurisdiction of the committee when a majority decision cannot be reached by its members. The chairman is authorized to establish, within the committee, continuing or temporary subcommittees or ad hoc groups to assist in carrying out the responsibilities of the committee. These groups may be needed to conduct studies, assemble information, or make recommendations. Members of these groups may be placed on additional active duty to achieve their mission. Like authority is extended to the chairman of the Subcommittees on ARNG Policy and Army Reserve Policy.

## 6. Composition

*a. Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.* Principal and alternate members of the ARFPC will be general officers, or a civilian grade equivalent, appointed by the Secretary of the Army as follows:

(1) *Principal members.* Five principal members from each component (Active, ARNG, USAR) will serve on the ARFPC.

*(a) Active Component (AC).* One principal member from each of the Army General Staff elements listed below.

1. Office of the Comptroller of the Army (OCA).

2. Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (ODCSOPS).

3. Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (ODCSLOG).

4. Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (ODCSPER).

5. Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate (PAED), OCSA.

*(b) Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS).*

1. One principal and one alternate member, not on active duty, from each of the three Continental United States (CONUS) Armies, and

2. Two members-at-large. One member-at-large position is reserved for the position of subcommittee chairman.

*(c) US Army Reserve.*

1. One principal and one alternate member, not on active duty, from each of the three CONUS Armies, and

2. Two members-at-large. One member-at-large position is reserved for the position of subcommittee chairman.

(2) *Alternate members.* Five alternate members from each component of the same composition as described above will serve on the ARFPC. At any given time, the subcommittee panel will consist of no more than two principal members from any one CONUS Army, respectively, including the subcommittee chairman.

(3) *Liaison representatives.* These members of the ARFPC will have equal voice in all discussions. They will take part fully in every way, except they will have no vote. One general officer member will be appointed as a liaison representative from—

*(a) Headquarters, US Army Forces Command.*

*(b) Headquarters, US Army Training and Doctrine Command.*

*(c) Headquarters, US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.*

*(d) Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition (ODCSRDA).*

*b. Subcommittee on Army National Guard Policy.* The Subcommittee on ARNG Policy will consist of the members of the ARFPC other than the USAR members.

*c. Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy.* The Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy will consist of the members of the ARFPC other than the ARNG members.

*d. Reserve Component panels.* The ARNG and USAR panels will consist of the respective subcommittee members other than the AC members.

*e. Chairman.*

(1) *Chairman, Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.* The ARFPC chairmanship will rotate every 2 years between the ARNG and USAR subcommittee. The ARFPC Chairman will be the chairman of the respective subcommittee entitled to provide the chairman at the time a vacancy occurs. The next senior member of the component entitled to provide the chairman at the time will fill a vacancy occurring during an unexpired term. During temporary absence of the chairman, the next senior member of the incumbent component will act for and exert the powers of the chairman.

(2) *Chairman, Subcommittee on Army National Guard Policy.* The senior ARNG member will be designated chairman to hold such office for the duration of the chairman's membership. On accession to office, the chairman will be designated a member-at-large. The chairman may be a member-at-large before accession to office. If so, no replacement is necessary. The chairman may represent a CONUS Army before accession to office. If so, the CONUS Army that the chairman previously represented will nominate a replacement member. However, a member-at-large may represent that CONUS Army also. If so, the member-at-large will be designated the Army representative.

(3) *Chairman, Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy.* The senior USAR member will be designated chairman to hold such office for the duration of the chairman's membership. On accession to office, the chairman will be designated as member-at-large. No replacement is necessary if the chairman was a member-at-large before accession to office. The chairman may represent a CONUS Army before accession to office. If so, the CONUS Army that the

chairman previously represented will nominate a replacement member. The USAR Panel will consist of no more than two principal members from any one CONUS area.

*f. Seniority.* Seniority will be determined according to AR 600-20.

## 7. Qualifications for Reserve Component members

### *a. Qualifications for appointment.*

(1) To be eligible for appointment, including appointment to fill an unexpired term, as an RC member or alternate, or for retention on the ARFPC, an officer must—

(a) Be a federally recognized general officer of the ARNGUS or a general officer of the USAR in an active Reserve status.

(b) Have enough time remaining before mandatory removal from an active Reserve status under pertinent laws or regulations to complete the required 3-year term of office.

(c) Possess a current security clearance for access to Top Secret materials or be eligible for such security clearance.

(2) While not mandatory, it is desirable that nominees have graduated from a senior service college.

(3) Prospective members should be aware of and agreeable to the requirement to devote sufficient time to this important additional duty.

*b. Army National Guard members.* The Secretary of the Army will appoint ARNG members and alternates from nominations—

(1) Submitted by the governors of their respective states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, or the Commander, District of Columbia National Guard.

(2) Recommended by the Chief, National Guard Bureau (CNGB), through the Chairman, Subcommittee on ARNG Policy.

*c. US Army Reserve members.* The Secretary of the Army will appoint USAR members and alternates from nominations—

(1) Submitted by the Commanding Generals, CONUS Armies through the Commanding General, US Army Forces Command (CG, FORSCOM).

(2) USAR Mobilization Designee (MOBDES) general officers may be nominated by the Commanding General, US Army Reserve Component Personnel and Administration Center (CG, RCPAC), for the principal and alternate member-at-large positions.

(3) Recommended by the Chief, Army Reserve through the Chairman, Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy.

*d. Membership lists.* The military executives will maintain membership lists for DA of Active Component, ARNGUS, and USAR officers approved by the Secretary of the Army to serve as members and alternates of the committee. Membership lists will be revised as necessary or at least once a year.

## 8. Service on the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee

### *a. Term of office.*

(1) *Three-year term.* The Secretary of the Army will appoint all ARFPC members for a term of 3 years. Section 3033, title 10, United States Code, requires that two or more officers of each Reserve Component with more than 1 year of continuous service be on the committee at all times. New members should be given the widest possible chance to serve on the ARFPC. Continuing representation from among qualified general officers of the ARNG and USAR should be assured.

(2) *Extensions.* Because members should be rotated without undue turbulence, the Secretary of the Army may extend principal member appointments in 1-year increments. Appointments may be extended when necessary—

(a) To insure compliance with the statute.

(b) To limit membership turnover of either ARNG or USAR principal members.

(c) For reasons approved by the Secretary of the Army.

(3) *Reappointment.* Members and alternates are not eligible for reappointment except as stated above; however, alternate members are eligible for reappointment as principal members.

(4) *AC members' term of office.* In the case of AC members, the

requirements of section 3031 (d), title 10, United States Code, apply. Tour length for ARFPC members is a 3-year term from the beginning date of appointment.

*b. Filling vacancies.* If a principal member becomes—

(1) Permanently unable to serve for some reason, the Secretary of the Army may designate an alternate to serve a 3-year term of office.

(2) Temporarily unable to serve, as determined by the Secretary of the Army, an alternate will be designated to serve until the principal member is able to resume ARFPC activity.

*c. RC officers entering active duty.* When RC officers enter active duty on a full-time basis, their membership on the ARFPC will be terminated according to section 101(22), title 10, United States Code.

*d. RC officers transferring to inactive status.* When RC officers are transferred to inactive status, their membership on the ARFPC will be terminated.

## 9. Military executives

*a. Appointment.* The Secretary of the Army will appoint one ARNGUS and one USAR officer in grade not lower than colonel as military executives of the subcommittees. The respective subcommittee chairman will recommend to the Secretary of the Army those nominated for appointment. Appointees will be assigned on extended active duty for this specific assignment. The normal tour of duty for the ARFPC military executives, according to section 3033, title 10, United States Code, is 4 years. Exceptionally well-qualified officers may be granted one extension, not to exceed 1 year. While serving, the military executives will be detailed to duty on the Army General Staff as additional members. Selection of military executives will be made from the entire ARNG and USAR to insure the selection of the best qualified officers.

*b. Authority.* Military executives will have authority to take executive action in keeping with approved plans, programs, and policies of the committee. They will act on those matters that do not require formal committee action. Military executives will have the authority to act on those matters when time does not permit formal committee concurrences.

*c. Duties.* Military executives will—

(1) Prepare the committee agenda.

(2) Organize the information needed for members of the committee.

(3) Take necessary steps to assemble the committee.

(4) Refer matters to the committee.

(5) Process committee recommendations.

(6) Supervise all administrative matters of the committee.

(7) Represent the ARFPC within HQDA meetings when RC policies are being discussed.

(8) Represent the committee as liaison officers with the Army General Staff at conferences on subjects affecting ARNG and USAR policy.

(9) Represent the committee at briefings of the Secretary of the Army; the Chief of Staff, US Army (CSA); the VCSA; and Assistant Chiefs of Staff when ARNG and USAR policies are being considered.

## 10. Administration

*a.* The Secretary of the Army will provide the ARFPC such personnel, facilities, and other administrative services as are needed to perform committee functions.

*b.* The ARFPC will meet at the call of the Secretary of the Army, the CSA, the VCSA, or the ARFPC Chairman, and at such other times as are fixed by the committee. The presence of a majority of committee members, or qualified alternates, will constitute a quorum.

*c.* The separate subcommittees will meet at the call of the Secretary of the Army, the chairman of the subcommittee concerned, and at such other times as are fixed by the ARFPC. The presence of a majority of subcommittee members, or qualified alternates, will constitute a quorum.

d. The ARFPC and subcommittee will follow Roberts Rules of Order.

e. The chairmen of the respective subcommittees will—

- (1) Prepare evaluation reports on their military executives.
- (2) Stamp the evaluation reports “No Indorsement Required.”
- (3) Forward the evaluation reports to The Adjutant General.

f. The military executives will function under the direction and supervision of the respective subcommittee chairmen.

g. The military executive having the longest service on the committee will be responsible for the overall administrative functioning of the offices of the ARFPC.

h. The military executives will continuously review membership lists and project membership vacancies to assure timely appointment of replacement members and alternates. Procedures to fill projected member vacancies are—

(1) *Army National Guard Military Executive*. The ARNG military executive will—

(a) Notify the CNGB of the projected ARNG vacancies.

(b) Request that CNGB seek nominations of qualified ARNGUS general officers from the governors of States within specific CONUS Armies to fill each projected vacancy.

(2) *Chief, National Guard Bureau*. The CNGB will forward all nominations with his recommendations to the Chairman, Subcommittee on ARNG Policy.

(3) *Chairman, Subcommittee on ARNG Policy*. The Chairman, Subcommittee on ARNG Policy will forward the nominations with recommendations and those of the CNGB through the CSA to the Secretary of the Army for selection and appointment of members and alternates. The USAR military executive will prepare a letter, for the CSA, to the CG, FORSCOM. The letter will direct the CG, FORSCOM to obtain from the commanding generals of specified CONUS Armies the names of at least three qualified USAR general officers to be nominated for each projected vacancy. A similar letter will be directed to the CG, RCPAC to obtain the nomination of USAR MOBDES general officers qualified for principal and alternate USAR member-at-large positions. Member-at-large position nominations may come from both the CG, FORSCOM and the CG, RCPAC.

(4) *Commanding General, FORSCOM*. The CG, FORSCOM will consolidate the names of nominees in order of preference. He will then forward the CONUS Army lists with his recommendations to the Chairman, Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy, HQDA(DACS-RF), WASH DC 20310.

(5) *Commanding General, RCPAC*. The CG, RCPAC will follow the same procedure as (4) above.

(6) *The Chairman, Subcommittee on Army Reserve Policy*. The subcommittee chairman will—

(a) Obtain the recommendations of the Chief, Army Reserve on each nomination.

(b) Forward the nominations, with the recommendations of the CG, FORSCOM; CG, RCPAC; Chief, Army Reserve; and Subcommittee Chairman through the CSA to the Secretary of the Army for selection and appointment of members and alternates.

(c) Notify Chief, Army Reserve after selections are made. The Chief, Army Reserve will notify the CG, FORSCOM, and the CG, RCPAC.

## 11. Relationships

a. The chairman, committee members, and the military executives will communicate directly and expeditiously with other DA agencies on any matter within their jurisdiction and in which a mutual interest or responsibility exists.

b. The ARFPC will—

(1) Coordinate its efforts with all DA agencies having mutual interest in or responsibility for any of the programs or policies being considered.

(2) Determine what formal concurrences, if any, are required.

c. The Director of the Army Staff is the monitor of, and the advisor to, the ARFPC.

d. An observer or liaison officer may represent Army Staff agencies, other than those listed in paragraph 6 a(1) and (2), at ARFPC

meetings. Observer or liaison officer will take part in ARFPC meetings with the prior approval of the chairman.

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