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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2021-19 (Direct Appointment of Senior Noncommissioned Officers to Chief Warrant Officer Two for Special Forces)

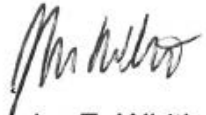
1. References. For a list of references, see the enclosure.
2. Purpose. This directive establishes policy for the direct appointment of senior noncommissioned officers (NCOs) in the Regular Army to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Two (CW2) in the Special Forces (SF) branch. This directive supersedes otherwise relevant provisions in Army directives; Army regulations; and Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-1 guidance that control direct appointments of officers.
3. Applicability. This directive applies to accessions of senior noncommissioned officers (E-7/E-8/E-9) serving in the Regular Army. This directive does not apply to inter-Service or inter-component transfers pursuant to Department of Defense Instruction 1300.04 (Inter-Service and Inter-Component Transfers of Service Members).
4. Policy. To meet accession requirements for the SF branch, senior NCOs in the Regular Army may be appointed directly to the rank of CW2 after completing Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS). Selection for this appointment will be made based on criteria established by the DCS, G-1 in coordination with the SF branch.
  - a. Army Regulation (AR) 601-100 establishes the eligibility criteria for all warrant officer applicants. Effective the date of this directive, criteria set forth in sections 1-9 and 1-10 of AR 601-100 will not apply to the SF branch.
  - b. AR 600-8-29 establishes rules for computing eligibility for promotion to CW2. Effective the date of this directive, paragraph 3-16d is added to the regulation:

Following graduation from the Warrant Officer Candidate School and award of the military occupational specialty, candidates who meet accession requirements established by DCS, G-1, in coordination with the Special Forces branch, are eligible for direct appointment to CW2 in lieu of WO1.
5. Proponent. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent for this policy. Under the policy oversight of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 will coordinate revision of AR 601-100 and AR 600-8-29 to incorporate the provisions of this directive within 2 years of the date of this directive.

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6. Duration. This directive is rescinded on publication of the revised regulations.

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## REFERENCES

- a. Title 10, United States Code, section 580 (10 U.S.C. 580) (Regular warrant officers twice failing of selection for promotion: involuntary retirement or separation), as of 7 January 2011
- b. 10 U.S.C. 14509 (Separation at 62: reserve officers in grades below brigadier general or rear admiral (lower half)), as amended 17 October 2006
- c. Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 1300.04 (Inter-Service and Inter-Component Transfers of Service Members), 25 July 2017
- d. DoD Instruction 1312.03 (Entry Grade Credit for Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers), 28 December 2018
- e. Army Regulation 135–100 (Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Army), 1 September 1994
- f. Army Regulation 600–8–29 (Officer Promotions), 9 September 2020
- g. Army Regulation 601–100 (Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers in the Regular Army), 21 November 2006
- h. Army Directive 2019-27 (Direct Appointment of Officers Up to the Grade of Colonel (Other Than Special Branches)), 12 September 2019

Enclosure