



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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1. References:

- a. Title 10, United States Code, section 1521 (Posthumous commissions).
- b. Executive Order No. 13358 (Assignment of Functions Relating to Certain Appointments, Promotions, and Commissions in the Armed Forces), September 28, 2004.
- c. Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, Nov 17 2008, subject: Redlegation of Authority Under Executive Order 13358 – Assignment of Functions Relating to Certain Appointments, Promotions, and Commissions in the Armed Forces.
- d. Army Regulation (AR) 150-1 (United States Military Academy Organization, Administration, and Operation), 5 March 2019.
- e. AR 601-100 (Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers in the Regular Army), 21 November 2006.

2. This directive establishes the Army's policy and procedures for the posthumous conferring of a baccalaureate degree, designation as a graduate of the United States Military Academy (USMA), and commissioning for USMA cadets.

3. A cadet may be posthumously conferred a baccalaureate degree and designated a graduate of USMA under the following conditions:

- a. The USMA Academic Board determines that a first class cadet successfully completed the necessary academic, military, physical, and character development programs required to receive a posthumous diploma and graduate with a bachelor of science degree.

- b. The Secretary of the Army determines that awarding the posthumous degree and diploma is in the best interest of the Government.

4. Pursuant to references 1a–1c, the Secretary of the Army may posthumously commission a USMA cadet who:

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a. was appointed a second lieutenant, but was unable to accept the commission because of death; or

b. was officially recommended for appointment to the grade of second lieutenant, but was unable to accept the appointment because of death; and

c. the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) advises the Secretary of the Army that the cadet was qualified for appointment to the higher grade at the time of death.

5. A cadet who, at the time of death, is not in good standing pursuant to reference 1d may not be conferred a baccalaureate degree, designated a graduate of USMA, or issued a commission. This may apply to a cadet who:

a. is under investigation for violation of the Honor Code, misconduct, or immorality; or is the subject of an administrative action that could result in separation or the award of punishment.

b. is deficient in the academic, military, physical, or character development programs.

c. is not in good standing due to violation(s) of the Cadet disciplinary system.

6. Requests for consideration of posthumous graduation and commission will be submitted through the Director of Military Personnel Management, Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.

7. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, under the oversight of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), is the proponent for this policy and will incorporate the provisions of this directive into AR 150-1 and AR 601-100 within 2 years of the date of this directive.

8. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulations.



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