



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2016-22 (Authority to Initiate Applications to Correct Military Records on Behalf of a Group of Soldiers or Former Soldiers Who Were Similarly Harmed by the Same Error or Injustice)

1. References:

a. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552 (10 U.S.C. § 1552) (Correction of military records: claims incident thereto).

b. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-92, section 521, 129 Stat. 726.

c. Army Board for Correction of Military Records, 32 C.F.R. section 581.3 (2002).

d. Department of Defense Directive 1332.41 (Boards for Correction of Military Records (BCMRs) and Discharge Review Boards (DRBs)), March 8, 2004.

e. Army Regulation 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records), 31 March 2006.

2. Section 521 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 amended 10 U.S.C. § 1552 to give the Secretary of the Army limited authority to initiate applications for the correction of military records. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1552(b), as amended, the Secretary of the Army may file a request for the correction of military records on behalf of a group of Soldiers or former Soldiers who were similarly harmed by the same error or injustice.

3. I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) the authority to file a request for correction of a military record with the Army Board for Correction of Military Records on behalf of a group of Soldiers or former Soldiers to remedy a common error or injustice. This authority may not be further delegated.

4. For purposes of this directive, a "group" consists of three or more Soldiers or former Soldiers.

5. This directive is effective immediately. When the policy in this directive conflicts with Army regulations, this directive takes precedence. The Assistant Secretary of the Army

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(Manpower and Reserve Affairs) is the proponent for this policy and will issue implementing guidance no later than 15 July 2016. The Assistant Secretary will incorporate the provisions of this directive and the implementing guidance into Army Regulation 15-185 as soon as practicable.

6. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the updated regulation.



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