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Assignments, Details, and Transfers

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AIRBORNE AND SPECIAL FORCES UNITS

This revision updates selection and retention criteria for Special Forces applicants.
Adds requirement for swimming ability for Special Forces applicants.

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1. **Purpose.** This regulation prescribes procedures for selecting and assigning ARNG personnel to airborne and Special Forces units, including training requirements and security provisions.

2. **Policy.** a. AR 614-110, AR 614-162, and AR 614-200 are applicable to the Army National Guard (ARNG), except as modified herein.

b. Individuals who were deliberate terminators of former airborne duty or training are not eligible for selection and assignment to airborne and Special Forces units under this program, unless termination was due to compassionate or hardship reasons that no longer exist.

3. **Selection and Retention Criteria (Airborne).** ARNG personnel selected for assignment to airborne units must be volunteers who:

a. Were previously awarded prefix or suffix digit (7) or additional skill identifier (ASI) 5P for officer personnel or special qualification identifier (SQI), character (P) for enlisted personnel. These personnel will not be required to participate in further qualification training except as may be prescribed to maintain proficiency. ALL prior service personnel not previously awarded prefix digit (7) or ASI 5P for officer personnel or SQI character (P) for enlisted personnel and nonprior service (NPS) personnel required to participate in initial active duty for training (IADT) program (NGR 600-200) may be assigned contingent upon completion of airborne training. These personnel must be less

than 36 years of age, and this training must be completed within 1 year after assignment. See paragraph 7c for age waiver. In the event a lack of school quotas or temporary physical disability prevents completion of training within this time period, this provision may be waived by the Chief, National Guard Bureau. (See paragraph 7 for time extensions and paragraph 8 for terminations.)

b. Meet the initial medical standards for assignment to an airborne unit as contained in AR 40-501, and pass the appropriate Army physical fitness tests within 30 days prior to forwarding school application and 30 days prior to attendance.

c. Have adequate service remaining on current enlistment or before mandatory removal, to allow completion of a minimum of 24 months service after qualification training is completed. Those who will not have adequate service remaining will be given the opportunity to extend their current enlistment under NGR 600-200 for a sufficient period of time to meet this requirement.

4. **Selection and Retention Criteria (Special Forces).** ARNG personnel selected for assignment to Special Forces units must be volunteers who:

a. Were previously awarded prefix digit (3) or ASI 5G for officer personnel or SQI character (S) for enlisted personnel. These personnel will not be required to participate in further qualification training except as may be prescribed to maintain proficiency. ALL prior service personnel not previously awarded prefix digit (3) or ASI 5G officer personnel or SQI

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character (S) for enlisted personnel and NPS personnel required to participate in IADT program (NGR 600-200) may be assigned, contingent upon completion of airborne and Special Forces training. Airborne qualified personnel need to complete Special Forces training only. If airborne training is required, applicant must be less than 36 years of age, and the training must be completed within 1 year after assignment. In the event a lack of school quotas or temporary physical disability prevents completion of training within this time period, this provision may be waived by the Chief, National Guard Bureau. (See paragraphs 7 and 8.)

b. Meet the initial medical standards for assignment to a Special Forces unit as contained in AR 40-501, and pass the appropriate Army physical fitness tests within 30 days prior to forwarding application for airborne or Special Forces training and 30 days prior to attendance.

c. Have adequate service remaining on current enlistment or before mandatory removal, to allow completion of a minimum of 24 months service after qualification training is completed. Those who will not have adequate service remaining will be given the opportunity to extend their current enlistment under NGR 600-200 for a sufficient period of time to meet this requirement.

d. Officers must complete either the resident Special Forces Officer Course (2E-F8) or the Special Forces Correspondence Course within 2 years from the date of initial assignment.

e. Must have successfully completed high school or a general education development test (GED) for the 12th grade.

f. Must have SECRET clearance or must qualify for SECRET clearance. Action to obtain a SECRET security clearance as prescribed in AR 381-130 and AR 604-5 will be initiated and completed prior to attending Special Forces training. If such clearance is denied, application for Special Forces training will be cancelled, and assignment to a Special Forces unit will be terminated.

5. Physical Fitness Tests. a. Physical fitness tests required for qualification for parachute training in accordance with AR 614-110 and AR 614-200 will be administered by authorized State military personnel.

b. Physical fitness tests required for Special Forces personnel in accordance with AR 614-162 and AR 614-200 will be administered by authorized State military personnel.

c. Ability to swim 50 meters in fatigues and combat boots is required of all Special Forces applicants.

6. Award of ASI or SQI to OPMS Specialty or MOS. a. Airborne. ASI 5P for officers and SQI character (P) to enlisted MOS will be awarded/certified by the training activity upon completion of required training and awarded by the State Adjutant General when recommended by the unit commander.

b. Special Forces. ASI 5G for officers and SQI character (S) to enlisted MOS will be awarded/certified by the training activity upon completion of required training and awarded by the State Adjutant General when recommended by the unit commander.

7. Training Requirements. a. Orders issued to IADT personnel, based upon training allocations from HQDA, MILPERCEN, will include instructions to undergo airborne and/or Special Forces training at the appropriate stage of IADT, except as specified in b below.

b. Officer and enlisted personnel who are not required to participate in IADT program will complete airborne training within 12 months after assignment to airborne or Special Forces unit. This 12-month requirement may be extended by the Chief, National Guard Bureau, upon request from the State Adjutant General concerned; complete justification must be provided.

c. A waiver for age may be granted by the Chief, National Guard Bureau when recommended by the medical officer accomplishing the medical examination.

8. Termination of Assignments. Assignment to an airborne or Special Forces unit will be terminated under any of the following conditions:

a. When determined that the individual is unsuitable for further airborne or Special Forces duty as a result of investigation by a board of officers appointed by the State Adjutant General concerned.

b. When the individual concerned voluntarily withdraws.

c. When the individual fails to meet criteria established in paragraphs 3 or 4.

d. When the physical qualifications for retention in assignment no longer exists.

9. Disposition of Personnel upon Termination of Assignment. a. Officer personnel. Officer personnel whose assignment to airborne or Special Forces duty is terminated must be reassigned in accordance with NGR 600-100, transferred to the Inactive Army National Guard in accordance with NGR 614-1, or permitted to resign in accordance with NGR 635-100.

b. Enlisted personnel.

(1) Enlisted personnel with remaining Ready Reserve obligation who cannot be reassigned to other units of the ARNG of the State will be processed in accordance with AR 135-91.

(2) Enlisted personnel without remaining Ready Reserve obligations who can

not be reassigned to other units of the ARNG of the State will be transferred to the Inactive Army National Guard in accordance with NGR 614-1 or will be concurrently discharged from the ARNG of the State and as a Reserve of the Army, citing this paragraph as authority for discharge action.

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