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### PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT

## OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL OPTION

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1. Purpose. This regulation establishes the command responsibilities and administrative procedures for enlisting male civilian persons in the Regular Army for the specific purpose of entering Officer Candidate School. The OCS option is designed to supplement other sources of male OCS applicants. This regulation prescribes the additional requirements and procedures, other than those specified in AR 350-50, which are applicable to applicants for this option.

2. Courses available. a. The following Officer Candidate Courses are currently available:

Branch	School	Time required to complete
Infantry	U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.	23
Artillery	U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, Okla.	23
Engineer	U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va.	23
Signal	U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.	23
Branch Immaterial*	U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.	22

\*This training will be conducted in two phases consisting of:

Phase I: 13 weeks of branch immaterial training at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Phase II: 9 weeks of branch material training at one of the following:

U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground,
Aberdeen, Md.

U.S. Army Owerter master School, Fort Lee, Va.

U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va. U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

b. Applicants who enlist for Artillery OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Leohard Wood, Mo., and Advanced Individual Training in MOS 13E Field Artillery Operations and Intelligence Assistant at the U.S. Army Training Center, Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla. Applicants who enlist for Infantry OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training and advanced individual training in MOS 11B, Hight Weapons Infantryman, at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Applicants enlisting for Engineer, Signal, or Branch Immaterial OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training and advanced individual training in MOS 11B, Light Weapons Infantryman, at either the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., or the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C.

c. Officer Candidate School graduates who are assigned to duty with a branch of service other than that represented by the Officer Candidate School will be required to attend a basic officer course conducted by the branch to which assigned.

3. Responsibility. The Commanding General, USCONARC is responsible for the operation of this program. The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command will take appropriate action to insure a vigorous program for the recruitment of officer candidate school applicants from civilian life. Professors of Military Science at Approx ROTC institutions will conduct active recruiting campaigns among senior class students for the OCS Enlistment Option during the period through 30 June 1967. The Army Recruiting Service will provide such assistance in

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this effort as may be requested by the Professors of Military Science.

4. Eligibility requirements. Applicants for

enlistment under this program must-

a. Meet the eligibility requirements of AR 601-210 and AR 350-50, and this regulation. Where different criteria or requirements are established by these regulations the provisions of AR 601-226 will apply.

b. Be a United States citizen.

- c. Have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education, as listed in Part 3, Education Directory, Higher Education, except that students in their senior year may submit applica-tions at any time during the senior year. These applications will show the anticipated date of graduation in the "Remarks" section. Upon receipt of application, these applicants will be processed as college graduates; however, they will not be enlisted until documentary evidence has been submitted showing that they have been awarded their degrees. Such documentary evidence will be returned to the individual and will not be a part of his enlistment file.
- d. Be at least 18 years of age and must not have passed his 27th birthday at time of enlistment.

e. Enlist in the Regular Army for a 2-year

f. Successfully complete basic combat and advanced individual training prior to entry in OCS.

5. Counseling OCS applicants. Each applicant for this option will be provided a copy of DA Pam 20-18 "Take Command—Apply for OCS" and the United States Army Recruiting Command Officer Candidate School option fact sheet "How Tough is Rough?" (RPI 112). Recruiting personnel and OCS Examining Boards will insure that applicants are completely aware of the nature of the challenge which confronts them. Care must be exercised to insure that each applicant realizes that during the period between the date of his enlistment and the date of his scheduled graduation from OCS, he will undergo approximately 9 months of intensive training. He must be made to realize that the training has been specifically designed to place him under physical, mental, and emotional pressure to simulate, as closely as possible, the stress and fatigue of combat.

6. Submission of applications. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will submit application on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in triplicate, to the nearest U.S. Army

Recruiting Main Station.

7. Physical fitness test. The physical fitness test will not be administered prior to appearance before the OCS examining board. However, successful completion of the physical fitness test prior to graduation from the OCS course of instruction is a mandatory prerequisite to commissioning.

8. Processing by recruiting main station commanders. Recruiting main station commanders

will take the following action:

a. Have administrative personnel assist the applicant in preparing forms listed in paragraphs 27a, b, and d(3) and (5), AR 350-50. Documentary evidence of date of birth and highest level of

education attained is required.

b. Instruct applicant to complete single copy of DA Form 3027WS (U.S. Army Request for National Agency Check (Worksheet)). The DA Form 3027WS will be included with the documents forwarded under the provisions of paragraph 11d. Orders issued by Recruiting Main Stations will include a requirement that a National Agency Check be initiated for these individuals immediately upon their reporting for duty at a basic training activity.

c. Review the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified under this regulation.

d. Discuss the application and Officer Candidate Program with the applicant to insure he is cognizant of the nature of Officer Candidate School training and the responsibilities which are assumed by commissioned officers.

e. Arrange for necessary testing. If the applicant fails any one of these tests, he will be disqualified immediately. Tests will be administered

in the following sequence:
(1) AFQT (applicant must achieve a per-

centile score of 65 or greater).

(a) When testing on college campuses with the Reserve Component Edition of the AFQT (AFQT-5B and AFQT-6B) is authorized by separate DA directives, retest at AFEES with the current active Army edition of the AFQT is not required.

(b) On-campus testing, when authorized, will be conducted by testing personnel who are fully qualified and equipped to administer, score, and provide security for such tests in accordance with

applicable regulations.

(2) AQB (applicant must achieve a GT Aptitude Area score of 110 or higher and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first indorsement of DA Form

(3) Officer Candidate Test (OCT). standard score of at least 115 must be attained and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first indorsement of DA Form 61.) When administration of this test on college campuses is authorized, the provisions of e(1)(b) above, apply.

(4) Applicant must be found medically qualified in accordance with provisions outlined in paragraph 20, AR 350-50.
(5) Medical examination, SF 88 and SF 89,

will be forwarded to the Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command for review and action required in paragraph 40e, AR 350-50. Upon completion of review, medical examinations will be returned to the appropriate recruiting main stations by the most expeditious means.

f. If applicant successfully meets all the foregoing screening requirements, his application will be indorsed to the OCS examining board and the entire file retained until the next convening of the board at that particular recruiting main station.

9. OCS examining boards. The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command is delegated authority to establish and convene OCS examining boards within each recruiting district. Boards will consist of at least three officers each, one of whom is of field grade assigned to the combat arms. Boards convened to screen applicants for the inservice OCS program will not be utilized for screening applicants under this program. The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command may further delegate to recruiting district commanders authority to appoint OCS examining boards.

10. Action by recruiting district commanders. Recruiting district commanders will take necessary action to—

- a. Notify recruiting main station commanders of the specific dates Officer Candidate School applicants are to report for board examinations.
  - b. Insure that the following are administered:
     (1) OLI-1 (Officer Leadership Qualification Inventory).
    - (2) OLB-1 (Officer Leadership Board Interview).
    - (3) DA Form 6224 (Interview Appraisal Sheet M).
- c. Have a composite score computed for each applicant, based on the measures in b above and scored by the OCS examining board. Minimum acceptable composite score for qualification is established at 160.
  - d. Enlist qualified applicants.
    - (1) In those cases where the OCS examining board is unanimously in favor of acceptance, applicant will be enlisted.
    - (2) In those cases where the OCS examining board is unanimously in favor of rejection, applicant will be informed that he has not been selected.
    - (3) All cases wherein the OCS examining board renders a split decision will be referred to the Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command or recruiting district commander as appropriate, for final action. In these instances, the applicants will be informed that they will be notified at a later date

as to their status. When the decision on the applicant's acceptability is made, action will be taken in accordance with (1) or (2) above.

11. Final processing at recruiting main stations. a. Prior to enlistment, the applicant must complete the statement of understanding shown below. This statement of understanding will be reproduced locally on 51/4- by 8-inch paper, will be signed in duplicate, and will be securely fastened to the original and duplicate copies of the enlistment record.

### STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

#### PART I

In connection with my enlistment in the Regular Army and selection for attendance at Officer Candidate School, I hereby acknowledge that I completely understand the following:

That as a minimum I must successfully complete training which includes basic combat training (of 8 weeks' duration), advanced individual training (of 8 weeks' duration), and Officer Candidate School (of 23 weeks' duration), qualify for security clearance, pass the physical fitness test, serve no less than 24 months on active duty as a commissioned officer, and serve the remainder of the military obligation required by law.

That throughout my training, I must be prepared to meet rigorous physical, mental, and psychological requirements as outlined in DA Pam 20-18, "Take Command—Apply for OCS" and the United States Army Recruiting Command Officer Candidate School Option fact sheet "How Tough is Rough?" (RPI 112) which have been given to me

That in the event I should fail to qualify for security clearance, fail to successfully complete pre-OCS training, fail to successfully complete Officer Candidate School, or fail to pass the physical fitness test. I will be required to complete the time remaining on my 2-year Regular Army enlistment period in an enlisted status and serve the remainder of the Military obligation required by law.

#### PART II

To further emphasize the importance of understanding the promises made to me, I have listed below in my handwriting all promises, both oral and written, other than those listed in Part I, above, that have been made to me in connection with my enlistment in the Regular Army.

(Name, grade, and service No. (Signature of applicant) of witnessing officer)

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- b. Enlistment Record—Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 4) of individuals enlisted under the provisions of this regulation will contain the following notations:
  - (1) Item 9, for service in "RA Unasgd."
  - (2) Item 13, initial assignment "Officer Candidate Applicant."
  - (3) Item 14, enlistment authority "AR 601-226 and AR 350 -50."
- c. The GT and OCT scores will be recorded under item 39 of the DD Form 4.
- d. After enlistment is accomplished, application and allied papers, together with copies of orders,

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will be forwarded with the individual to his first duty station. Assignment orders will specify that enlisted man is a selected OCS candidate and indicate the Officer Candidate School and the date he is scheduled to attend.

12. Waivers. The waiver provisions set forth in AR 350-50, as appropriate will be applied to applicants for enlistment under this option. However, requests for waiver of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 4 b, c, e, and f; and 8e (1), (2), and (3) of this regulation will not be made. Recruiting district commanders may forward requests for which approval is recommended direct to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-O, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315.

13. Control of class input. Department of the

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Army will allocate bulk OCS class training spaces for this option to the Commanding General, USCONARC. Commanding General, USCONARC will allocate training spaces to United States Army Recruiting Command for suballocation to the Recruiting Districts.

14. Procedure at Officer Candidate Schools. The provisions of section VI, AR 350-50, except

paragraphs 49 and 59f, will apply.

15. Recruiting Progress Report (RCS AG-54 (R4)). Enlistment of prior service and nonprior service personnel under this regulation will be reported in accordance with instructions contained in AR 601-285. (Credit will be given to the recruiter responsible for each enlistment under this program.)

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