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**PERSONNEL SELECTION AND CLASSIFICATION
ASSIGNMENT TO ARMY ATTACHÉ DUTY**

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1. General. *a.* The U.S. Defense Attaché System is an organizational function of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), directed and maintained by the Director, DIA, and supported by the military departments and other Department of Defense components as directed by the Secretary of Defense. The principal duties of military personnel assigned to Army attaché duties within the Defense Attaché System are to collect information required by the Department of Defense and the Army, to maintain good relations between the United States Army and army officials of the country to which assigned, to further the interests of the Department of the Army in the country concerned, to provide military advice through the defense attaché to the chief of the diplomatic mission, and to represent the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army on Army matters.

b. Periodically the Department of the Army announces, in circular form, forecasts of Army officer vacancies in the Defense Attaché System. Training dates and grade requirements announced in these circulars are guides only and may not apply at the time final selections are made.

c. Military personnel are encouraged to submit application for assignment to army attaché duty under the provisions of these regulations. While applications for assignment to army attaché duty are encouraged by the Department of the Army, the selection of officers and warrant officers by Chief of Personnel Operations, will be based on consideration of all eligible and qualified personnel in the Army.

d. Intelligence and administrative orientation is accomplished at the Defense Intelligence School, Washington, D.C. Normally, the period of training is from 4 to 16 months duration, depending on the language requirement for the station.

e. For assignments requiring language training attachés-designate (and their spouses, wherever possible) will attend the Defense Language Institute, Washington, D.C. In some cases, training may be given at the Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, or civilian operated contract schools, normally located in Washington, D.C.

f. Officers assigned to army attaché duty are reimbursed for certain extraordinary and unusual expenses incident to such assignment.

g. It is highly desirable that the Army attaché be married and that his spouse proceed overseas and be stationed with him. Assistant Army attachés, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel need not be married, but if they are it is expected that their spouses will proceed overseas with them.

h. Military personnel and family will be required to complete a final-type physical examination under the provisions of AR 40-501 (see particularly para 7-9 *d* and *e*) prior to departure from the continental United States. Any medical or dental defects which might reasonably be expected to require care during an oversea tour will be corrected prior to departure.

2. Qualifications. *a.* Officers selected for assignment to Army attaché duty must have the following prerequisites:

- (1) Must be in grade of captain or higher.
- (2) Officers in the grade of colonel should have graduated from a War College level senior service school or have constructive credit therefor and must have graduated from or have credit for attendance at the Command and General Staff College; officers in the grade of lieutenant colonel or in the grade of major must have graduated from or have credit for attendance at the Command and General Staff College; officers in the grade of captain must have graduated from or

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have credit for attendance at their respective branch career course.

(3) Should possess the military background and experience necessary to perform as a member of his branch of service in the attaché system; and, unless accepted for a recognized specialty, have a well-balanced career with reference to command and staff assignments.

(4) Must possess at least a bachelor degree from an accredited college or university.

(5) An officer with no record of proficiency in a foreign language must attain a minimum score of 25 on the Army Language Aptitude Test, ALAT-1 or ALAT-2. This requirement may be waived except that an ALAT score under 18 will be cause for nonselection.

(6) Officer must be of general service physical classification.

(7) Officer and family must present a good appearance and be free of embarrassing physical handicaps.

(8) Officer and, if married, his spouse, must be citizens of the United States, preferably by birth, and must be free of any family, commercial, or other influencing relationships within a foreign country. If foreign born, U.S. citizenship must have been attained at least 10 years prior to date of application. Other dependents who accompany officer to station must be U.S. citizens who qualify for U.S. passports. Connection with foreign holdings or business may be considered disqualifying factors.

(9) Officer must be free of family problems or business implications which might divert his attention from military duty.

(10) Officer and his family must possess those personal qualities which will enable them to associate on equal and congenial terms with other members of the mission to which officer is assigned, to include dignity, personality, education, character, and loyalty to the United States. The wives of the attachés and assistant attachés must possess the essential social graces and civilities because of the social relations inherent in the accomplishment of the Army attaché's mission.

(11) Officer must have an outstanding record of military service. Because of the importance of the functions assigned to Army attaché personnel, the number of applications normally received, and the relatively few selections made each year, only those individuals with records that indicate un-

usually high manner of performance, professional knowledge, and ability to work well with others will be selected.

(12) After completion of tour of attaché duty, an officer normally should have at least 1 year of active service remaining prior to retirement.

b. Warrant officers and enlisted personnel selected for assignment to Army attaché duty must have a demonstrated record of initiative, industry, maturity, intelligence, discretion, and sobriety which will give assurance of efficient performance of duty to the degree of bringing credit to the United States while on duty with the system. The provisions of *a* (6) through (11) above, apply.

(1) Enlisted personnel requirements are generally for individuals proficient in typing and possessing MOS code of Stenographer 71C, Administrative Specialist 71L, Personnel Specialist 71H, General Supply Specialist 76K, Intelligence Analyst 96B, Disbursing Specialist 73C, or Accounting Specialist 73D. A combination of two or more of these MOS is highly desirable. A limited requirement exists for General Vehicle Repairmen 63C and Multi-engine Airplane Maintenance Chiefs 67L. Enlisted personnel with other than the above MOS will be considered for assignment, provided they are qualified to perform the foregoing administrative and technical duties.

(2) Normally, only enlisted personnel over 25 years of age in the pay grade of E-5, E-6, and E-7 will be accepted.

(3) Warrant officers and enlisted personnel with no record of proficiency in a foreign language must attain a minimum score of 25 on the Army Language Aptitude Test, ALAT-1 or ALAT-2. This requirement may be waived.

3. Applications. *a.* Officers and warrant officers desiring to apply for assignment to Army attaché duty will submit applications, through channels, to the major commander, who will then forward applications to Chief of Personnel Operations. (ATTN: OPO—Career Branch) Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310, with a statement as to officer's or warrant officer's availability for requested assignment. All applications will be forwarded to the Department of the Army for final action.

b. Applications submitted by enlisted personnel will be forwarded through channels to the

Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: EPADS - SA, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310.

c. Personnel serving in an overseas command or on a stabilized tour will not submit applications for assignment to army attache duty more than 18 months prior to termination of tour.

d. Intermediate commanders will indicate date of availability and, in cases where applicant is known to them, make recommendations as to applicant's suitability for requested assignment.

e. Applications of personnel who are qualified and available will be retained in Department of the Army for a period of one year or until selected for assignment, whichever is sooner. Applications retained for a period of one year will be returned to applicant for a restatement of desire for assignment to Army attaché duty. Applications of personnel not available or not qualified will be returned as soon as possible.

f. Applications will include the following:

(1) A statement of reasons for desiring assignment to Army attaché duty.

(2) A listing of countries in order of preference for assignment. Applicant then should make a definite statement that no other countries are acceptable or that any other countries for which he might be selected are acceptable.

(3) Army Language Aptitude Test score to include date of test. Also, for those with previous language qualifications, a listing of all languages studied to include: institutions and/or places of study; inclusive dates of study; and degree of fluency in speaking, reading, and writing now retained. Test scores in the Army Proficiency Tests (AR 611 6) are to be obtained whenever possible.

(4) A listing of dependents who will accompany applicant to station in the event he is selected,

to include name, relationship, age, and, if applicable, grade in school.

(5) Inclosures as indicated below:

(a) DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History) completed in seven copies. Statement of Personal History will be completed in full on the latest revision of the form regardless of the date of last submission of a personal history statement or the present security clearance held by the individual. Military stations as part of residence are to be included in item 15.

(b) Two copies of completed FBI Fingerprint Card (FD Form 258).

(c) Two copies of Armed Forces Security Questionnaire (DD Form 98).

(d) A recent photograph (about 2½ by 2½ inches) of applicant and, if married, his spouse.

(e) A medical officer's statement to the effect that the applicant (name, grade, service number and branch of service) and his dependents (list each showing full name, sex, and date of birth) are free from inherent, latent, or incipient physical weaknesses which might make their residence in (insert the countries of assignment requested) inadvisable.

(f) In the case of enlisted personnel, a copy of Enlisted Qualification Record (DA Form 20) prepared in accordance with chapter 9, AR 600-200, in addition to those inclosures listed above. If current record contains no record of typing ability, a typing test will be administered and appropriate entry made on Form 20 prior to dispatch.

4. Screening. Intermediate commanders will screen applications to insure compliance with these regulations and will indicate date of availability of applicants. All applications will be forwarded with commander's recommendations to Headquarters, Department of the Army.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, ATTN: ACSI-AP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310.

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