



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2008-03 (The Army Memorial Program)

1. This directive publishes a change to AR 1-33 (The Army Memorial Program). The change provides that the Secretary, at his sole discretion, may honor Soldiers and/or their spouses during their lifetimes, based on an exemplary Service career and continuing support to the Army, by dedicating facilities to them. Subsequent misconduct of a nature to bring discredit to the Army will constitute justification for the Secretary to revoke the dedication or memorialization.

2. This change will be made as follows:

a. In paragraph 2-2.a., strike the second and third sentence and add the following at the end of the first sentence:

“, except under the following narrow conditions in the sole discretion of the Secretary. The living person for whom an entity is to be dedicated or memorialized must be:

(1) Retired from military service with 20 or more years of honorable service or medically retired because of wounds sustained in combat operations; or recipient of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, or Silver Star;

(2) An example for current Soldiers to emulate based on an extraordinary military career of exemplary service;

(3) Closely connected with the entity being named; and

(4) A continuing role model supporting Soldiers, their Families, and Army programs.

(5) Spouses of a Soldier meeting the criteria in subparagraphs (1) through (4) above and who themselves meet the criteria in subparagraphs (3) and (4) are eligible to have an entity dedicated jointly to the Soldier and spouse or singly to the spouse alone when the spouse's contributions are truly extraordinary.

Subsequent misconduct of a nature to discredit the Army will constitute justification to revoke the dedication or memorialization.”

b. Strike the last sentence of paragraph 1-4.i.(2) and replace with:

“Except as specified in paragraph 2-2a. of this regulation, memorialization or dedication of a building or room, and so forth to a living person as a condition of a

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gift given to USMA is the only instance in which naming for a living person is authorized.”

3. This change will be incorporated into the next revision of AR 1-33. The other provisions of AR 1-33 remain unchanged.
4. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent for this policy.



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