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time, no changes have been issued to amend the original.

Summary. This revision changes the assignment of Research Associates from US Army Research Office (ARO), Durham, NC, to ODCSRDA: changes policy on utilization assignments; and updates terminology.

Applicability. See paragraph 1.

Proponent and exception authority. Not applicable.

Army management control process. Not applicable.

Supplementation. Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited except upon approval of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition.

Interim changes. Interim changes are not official unless they are authenticated by The Adjutant General. Users will destroy interim

changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) direct to HQDA (DAMA-CSM) WASH DC 20310.

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1. Purpose and applicability

This regulation prescribes policy and procedures for selecting and assigning Army officers as Army Research Associates with the Energy Research and Development Administration. The provisions of this regulation do not apply to the Army National Guard or the Army Reserve when not in active Federal service.

2. Army Research Associate Program

Under this program, selected Army officers are assigned to research duties at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Livermore, California, and Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. These laboratories are operated by the University of California for the United States Energy Research and Development (ERDA) Administration. The laboratories conduct nuclear weapons research and development and are involved in related technologies having direct Army interest. Officers selected are provided with scientific laboratory research and development experience in nuclear weapons development, nuclear weapon effects, and related scientific and engineering technologies. This program is beneficial to both the ERDA and the Army in that the ERDA laboratories are provided with the military insight and experience of the selectees and the Army is provided with technically qualified officers for subsequent Army research and development and atomic energy assignments. The unique experience and training gained from these assignments prepare officers for later assignments—

- a. In joint ERDA–Army nuclear weapons development programs.
- b. To the Division of Military Application, ERDA.
- c. To DOD nuclear effects test programs.
- d. To other Army and DOD positions requiring technical nuclear qualifications.

3. Administration of the Army Research Associate Program

a. The Army Research Associate Program is administered by the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition (ODCSRDA), Department of the Army.

b. Research Associates are assigned to the US Army Research Associate Group, a field operating agency under ODCSRDA, with duty stations at the appropriate ERDA laboratory.

c. The desired number of Research Associates at each laboratory is established by joint agreement between the Laboratory Director and the DCSRDA. ODCSRDA establishes TDA position authorizations according to the joint agreements and current DA personnel policies.

d. The Directors of Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory control the technical assignments and normal duty activities. Travel on laboratory business is authorized and will be at laboratory expense.

4. Program commitment

The normal commitment for officers entering the Research Associate Program is three years at an ERDA laboratory. Further utilization assignments in positions of increasing responsibility in the field of military application of atomic energy should be anticipated by participants in this program. Specific assignments for which former Research Associates will be considered are identified in paragraph 12.

5. Qualifications for assignment as Army Research Associates

- a. Officers selected for assignment as Army research must—
 - (1) Be serving in the grade of captain, major, or lieutenant colonel (captains and majors are preferred).
 - (2) Possess an advanced degree in a natural or mathematical science or engineering (degrees in physics, chemistry, and mathematics, are preferred).
 - (3) Have completed their branch career course.
 - (4) Be career officers with outstanding military records and potential for progressively important career assignments in nuclear research and development activities.

b. Subsequent to completion of assignment and with the concurrence of MILPERCEN, Army Research Associates will be designated into the OPMS Atomic Energy Specialty or Research and Development specialty, and further will be designated by Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) 6X (Army Research Associates Program).

6. Applications

Officers desiring to be nominated as Army Research Associates at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory or Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory should apply to US Army Military Personnel Center (HQDA (DAPC–OPP–S)), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332.

7. Nominations for assignment as Army Research Associates

The Commanding General, MILPERCEN nominates officers for assignment as Army Research Associates and the DCSRDA makes the selections. For personnel selected, the DCSRDA will forward a letter of nomination and a transcript of the nominees' graduate level academic credits to the Laboratory Director for final acceptance. No officer may be assigned to the laboratory without the concurrence of the Laboratory Director.

8. Interview of nominees

As a general policy, the Laboratory Directors desire to interview nominated officers prior to their final acceptance. Funds for costs associated with these interviews are not provided by the Department of the Army. Arrangements for such interviews are the responsibility of the Laboratory Director. The time and place will be as mutually agreed upon by the Laboratory Director and the nominated officer.

9. Obligated tour subsequent to assignment

Officers accepting assignment as an Army Research Associate in accordance with this regulation will be required to remain on active duty for 1 year for each year of assignment or fraction thereof subsequent to the completion or termination of the Research Associate assignment unless sooner relieved for the convenience of the Government. Obligated duty resulting from a Research Associate assignment under this regulation will not, under any event, exceed 2 years.

10. Laboratory–Army coordination

ODCSRDA is the DA point of contact for the laboratories in all Army Research Associate matters.

11. Evaluation letter

It is vital that the career interests of Army Research Associates be observed. The Laboratory Director furnishes DCSRDA an annual letter report on each Research Associate's performance of duty. This letter serves as a basis for, and is attached as an inclosure to, the evaluation report submitted by the ODCSRDA rating and indorsing officers.

12. Subsequent assignments

The value of the Army Research Associate Program relies on the effective utilization of these specially qualified officers in subsequent assignments. As a part of the program administration responsibility, ODCSRDA will identify key and supporting Research and Development Officer and Atomic Energy Officer specialist positions for which Research Associate experience is desired; and MILPERCEN will identify officers with Research Associate experience as members of the Atomic Energy or Research and Development specialties and by the ASI 6X (Army Research Associate Program). Also, at the time of their assignment, ODCSRDA will advise Research Associates of potential future assignments in the nuclear research and development field. In addition, MILPERCEN will recognize the qualifications of Research Associate–trained officers when making selections for nuclear research and development oriented assignments. Specific assignments for which former Research Associates may be uniquely qualified include assignments to—

- a.* Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition, DA.
- b.* Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, DA.
- c.* Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, DA.
- d.* Office of the Chief of Engineers.
- e.* HQ, US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.
- f.* Office of Project Manager for Nuclear Munitions.
- g.* Harry Diamond Laboratories.
- h.* Ballistics Research Laboratories.
- i.* Picatinny Arsenal.
- j.* US Army Nuclear Agency.
- k.* Defense Nuclear Agency.
- l.* Division of Military Application, ERDA.
- m.* Office of Director of Defense Research and Engineering.
- n.* Office of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy).
- o.* Office of Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager.
- p.* Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center.

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