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ACADEMIC YEAR 2018
SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE (SSC) ANNOUNCEMENT

1. References.

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, 19 August 2014.
- b. Army Regulation 350-100, Officer Active Duty Service Obligations, 8 August 2007, Rapid Action Revision (RAR), 10 August 2009.
- c. Army Regulation 135-91, Service Obligations, Methods of Fulfillment, Participation Requirements, and Enforcement Procedures, 14 March 2016.
- d. Army Regulation 135-18, The Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) Program, 1 November 2004.
- e. Army Regulation 25-50, Preparing and Managing Correspondence, 17 May 2013.

2. **Purpose.** The NJARNG will conduct a board to recommend ARNG Commissioned Officers in the grade of Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel for Senior Service College. The 2017 Board will select officers for attendance at SSC beginning in Academic Year (AY) 2018.

3. **Selection Objectives.** To select leaders of commitment, competence, and character with recent and relevant experience in the applicable branch; are confident and competent decision-makers in uncertain situations, prudent risk takers, innovative, empathetic, professionally educated, and dedicated to life-long learning.

4. **Requirements.** The Board will consider Federally recognized LTCs with a date of rank (DOR) NLT 15 February 2017. Those Officers with a DOR after this date are encouraged to compete for a SSC seat during AY 2019.

5. Officers interested in applying for the USAWC Fellowships must possess a Master's degree. Officers will identify their preferred SSC selection (Resident Army War College, Resident Fellowship, or Distance Learning Army War College) in their letter to the Board President. Refer to Enclosure 1 (SSC Courses) for more details.

6. In accordance with AR 350-1, Officers will have no more than 23 years Active Federal Commissioned Service (AFCS) at the time of the ARNG National Board on 1 June 2017. The

AFCS date is computed from the Permanent Date of Rank at commissioning to the ARNG National Board date.

7. Applicants must be MEL 4 qualified prior to the SSC Board. Army Officers who complete CGSOC Common Core and an approved credentialing course are considered JPME-I/ILE I MEL 4 complete. The credentialing course for Basic Branch Officers is the Advanced Operations course. The functional area and Special Branch (AMEDD, JAGC & Chaplain) credentialing courses are designated by the proponents. Resident Sister Service School, resident Joint School, approved Foreign ILE schools or completion of a credentialing program approved in lieu of CGSOC Advanced Operations Course, awarding JPME-I / MEL 4 also qualify as AOC.

8. SSC applicants incur a two-year service obligation (SO) that starts upon course completion. Applicants must serve a minimum of two (2) years prior to reaching their mandatory removal date (MRD), i.e., MRD not earlier than 31 July 2021 for resident courses or not earlier than 31 July 2022 for USAWCDEP course students.

9. Chaplains and Medical Officers (not in AOC 67J and 70 series) must be younger than 58 years old on the Board convene date.

10. Officers attending resident courses must possess a Top Secret (TS) clearance with Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) eligibility, prior to the class start date. Officers not possessing a TS/SCI clearance must initiate a clearance based on a Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI). Officers selected to participate in USAWCDEP must possess a Secret clearance.

11. Officers must have a valid APFT and meet Army height and weight standards in accordance with ARs 350-1 and 600-9. M-Day Soldiers must have a valid APFT within one (1) year of 15 March 2017. AGR applicants must have a valid APFT within six (6) months of 15 March 2017. Any applicant that has a temporary profile that is not related to an operational deployment will not be considered for a Resident seat.

12. **Packets.**

a. Submit individual applicant packets as a single .pdf file. Assemble documents in sequence with the items listed on the attached checklist (Enclosure 2).

b. **Letter to the President of the Board.** The one-page letter should explain the benefits of a Senior Service College education to the individual and to the ARNG and list your preferred SSC selection (Resident Army War College, Resident Fellowship, or Distance Learning Army War College). The letter will be in accordance with AR 25-50, Chapter 3.

c. **Official Records Discrepancy Memorandum for Record (MFR)** (optional). The MFR should present information about missing or incorrect documentation in the applicant's official record. The letter cannot contain laudatory information about the applicant's accomplishments or record.

d. Officer Record Brief (ORB) must be validated. ORB's can be validated at <https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/Benefits/Unsecured/Login.aspx>.

e. Copy of applicant's current DA Form 705 including results of an APFT taken within one (1) year of 15 March 2017 for M-Day Soldiers. AGR applicants must have an APFT recorded within six (6) months of 15 March 2017. The DA Form 705 will be appropriately marked if the Soldier is on profile and the DA Form 5500-series and DA Form 3349 submitted if applicable.

13. Inquiries and request for additional information should be directed to the G1 Officer Personnel Manager, CW3 Misty Whetung at 609-562-0669 or misty.l.whetung.mil@mail.mil.

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SSC Courses

1. The ARNG SSC resident quotas are offered at the following:

a. **US Army War College (USAWC), Carlisle, PA.** Course graduates earn Military Education Level (MEL) 1, Joint Professional Military Education II (JPME-II), and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

b. **College of Naval Warfare (CNW), Newport, RI.** Course graduates earn MEL 1, JPME-II and a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. CNW offers two (2) starts per year in February and August. Applicants must indicate on their DA 4187 their availability to start February 2018.

c. **United States Air War College (AWC), Montgomery, AL.** Course graduates earn MEL 1, JPME-II and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

d. **National War College (NWC), Washington, DC.** Course graduates earn MEL 1, JPME-II and a Master's Degree in National Security.

e. **College of Information and Cyberspace (CIC), Washington, DC.** Course graduates earn a Master's Degree. This course is seeking certification for MEL 1/JPME-II; however, current graduates earn constructive credit.

f. **Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Washington, DC.** Course graduates earn MEL 1, JPME-II, and a Master's Degree in National Resource Strategy. Applicants must be an Army Logistician.

g. **Inter-American Defense College (IADC), Washington, DC.** Course graduates earn MEL 1 qualification. Students may pursue a Master's Degree in either International Service or Hemispheric Defense and Security from the American University at no cost to the government. Applicants must be able to speak Spanish or Portuguese fluently.

2. **USAWC Distance Education Program (USAWCDEP).** The USAWCDEP is the only nonresident course that awards MEL 1 qualification. The course is 26-months long and includes two (2) two-week resident phases taught at Carlisle, PA. Course graduates earn MEL 1/JPME-I and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

3. The **USAWC Fellowship Program** offers students the opportunity to attend premier learning institutions and audit courses aligned with the fellowship. Graduates earn MEL 1 qualification. Applicants must have a Master's Degree and will not be able to pursue an additional degree from their assigned school while attending the fellowship. The opportunities defined below may change based on HQDA availability; however, the ARNG currently participates in the following resident Fellowship courses:

a. **Harvard University, Boston, MA.** The National Security Fellow acquires an understanding of how National Security Policy and programs are formulated, approved, and

executed. Course requires follow on assignment at OSD, JCS, HQDA, JFHQ, or NGB in a strategist, national security, or logistics position.

b. **University of Texas, Austin, TX.** Fellow conducts research based on National Security Policy and process, technology and industry, and the Army/Joint policy processes. Course requires follow on assignment at Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Army Materiel Command, Program Managers, Research Directors, Primary Logistics Staff Officer, Engineer, or JFHQ.

c. **Tufts University, Boston, MA.** Fellow conducts research relevant to National Security. Course requires follow on assignment at NGB, HODA, OSD, JFHQ, or JCS.

d. **Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Texas A&M, College Station, TX.** Fellow conducts research relevant to policy-oriented international affairs. COL/LTC with recent operational command experience at the battalion level or senior Washington D.C. policy experience required. Course requires follow on assignment at strategic level policy positions within DOD, the Combatant Commands, Army Service Component Commands and the Interagency, or JFHQ.

e. **Stanford University, Stanford, CA.** Fellow conducts research to influence/impact public policy issues relating to domestic and international affairs. Course requires follow on assignment at OSD, HQDA, or Joint Staff.

f. **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA.** Logistics and Supply Chain Management Fellowship. Fellowship focuses on strategic level leadership competencies, culture and ethics, strategic theory and practice, and art in logistics. The goal of the program is to produce officers that are knowledgeable in large-scale Supply Chain Management. Principles in Supply Chain Management include demand forecasting and planning, procurement, inventory theory, transportation planning, and flexible contracting at the strategic level.

Academic Year 2018 Senior Service College Checklist

Name: _____ Unit: _____

“I verify that I have reviewed my military official personnel file and Officer Record Brief prior to the AY 18 SSC board.”

Signature

Date

Submit the documents below in SSC Application Part I, in one (1) scanned PDF document with this completed checklist on top, to your unit administrator. Your SSC application packets must be uploaded into GEARS for submission to G1 by **26 April 2017**.

SSC Application Part I

_____ **Letter to the President of the Board.** The one-page letter should explain the benefits of a Senior Service College education to the individual and to the ARNG and list your preferred SSC selection (Resident Army War College, Resident Fellowship, or Distance Learning Army War College). The letter will be IAW AR 25-50, Chapter 3.

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_____ **Temporary or Permanent Profile, DA Form 3349** (if applicable)

_____ **MEDPROS Print Out.** PHA within 15 months of 15 March 2017. PHA date: _____

SSC Application Part II

Update the following documents **by 26 April 2017**. G-1 will pull the documents listed below into your automated SSC board file on **27 April 2017**:

_____ **Validated Officer Record Brief** (To validate ORB use the following website (CAC log-in is required): <https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/Benefits/Unsecured/Login.aspx>)

_____ **Last 5 Profiled OERs** (must be in iPERMS)

_____ **DA Photo** (Schedule a DA Photo at <http://www.vios.army.mil>) Photo date: _____