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### 1. Purpose.

This regulation prescribes the general method for support of the US Military Academy (USMA) and US Military Preparatory School (USMAPS) admissions program by elements of the US Army. This regulation applies to the US Army Reserve and the National Guard.

### 2. General.

The mission of the United States Military Academy is to educate, train, and motivate the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate will have the character, leadership, and other attributes essential to progressive and continuing development throughout a career of exemplary service to the Nation as an officer of the Regular Army. The quality of the graduate is, to a great extent, predetermined by the quality of the candidate received. Therefore, it is imperative that potential candidates who are both qualified and interested in admission to the USMA receive factual information concerning the Military Academy and the Preparatory School and advice and guidance on the procedure to gain admission.

### 3. Explanation of terms.

*a. US Military Academy admissions representative (USMAAR).* An officer who supervises the support of the admissions program at his/her level in the chain of command. The major area of supervision involves overall support to foster an active and efficient process for providing the US Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) the highest input from the Active Army, US Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

*b. West Point candidate advisory officer (WPCAO).* An officer at a level subordinate to a USMAAR who represents the Military Academy and USMAPS in pursuance of program objectives. This officer's orientation must be bidirectional. The WPCAO is the liaison for active support of the US Military Academy local administrations field force by the WPCAO's organization as directed in paragraph 5. The WPCAO supervises the local USMAPS admission program.

### 4. Admissions program.

*a.* The mission of the program is to encourage talented potential candidates to seek admission to the USMA for the purpose of pursuing a career in the military service.

*b.* Inherent in the mission are two objectives—

(1) *Long-range objectives.* To inform school authorities, parents, military personnel, and others who are in a position to influence potential candidates in their career selections of the admissions standards, the scope and quality of education at the USMA, and the nature of a military career.

(2) *Short-range objectives.*

(a) To locate, motivate, and assist outstanding potential candidates throughout the country to the extent that each entering USMA class will reflect a continuous improvement in overall quality.

(b) To identify enlisted personnel in the Regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve who meet the requirements outlined in AR 351-12 to attend the USMAPS.

### 5. Program support.

Commanders, US Army Forces Command, US Army Material Development and Readiness Command, US Army Training and Doctrine Command, US Army Communications Command, US Army Intelligence and Security Command, Military Traffic Management Command, US Army Military District of Washington, US Army Criminal Investigation Command, US Army Health Services Command, Commanders in Chief, US Army, Europe and Seventh Army, and Commanders of DA field operating agencies and centers will support the USMA and USMAPS admissions program within their respective commands as follows:

*a.* Designate a staff member as USMAAR to the Military Academy and Preparatory School to supervise support of the admissions program within that command. A USMAAR will be appointed at theater, army, or corps levels and at major Army commands, as required, to effect adequate program supervision.

*b.* Require the appointment of WPCAOs at—

(1) Each US Army division, separate regiment/brigade, installation, or activity in CONUS/oversea commands as specified by appropriate headquarters to ensure adequate representation for admissions program support.

(2) All field operating agencies and centers.

(3) Each ROTC region and instructor group (senior and junior divisions).

(4) Each US Army Engineer division and district headquarters.

(5) Each recruiting district and main station.

*c.* Issue or direct publication of instructions, as necessary, to ensure complete support of the USMA and USMAPS admissions program.

*d.* Require information officers at all levels to support the US Military Academy and US Military Academy Preparatory School admissions programs within their sphere of activity.

### 6. Program coordination.

*a.* Information and materials pertaining to the USMA may be obtained, upon request, from Superintendent, US Military Academy, ATTN: MAAR-A, West Point, NY 10996.

*b.* Information and materials pertaining to the USMAPS may be obtained, upon request, from Commandant, US Military Academy Preparatory School, Fort Monmouth, NJ 37703.

*c.* Direct contact between the USMAARs and WPCAOs and the Superintendent, USMA or the Commandant, USMAPS is authorized and encouraged.

*d.* A copy of orders (TC 453) appointing USMAARs and WPCAOs, to include primary duty assignment, phone number, and address, and subsequent changes, will be forwarded to the Superintendent, US Military Academy, ATTN: MAAR-A, West Point, NY 10996, and to the Commandant, US Military Academy Preparatory School, Ft Monmouth, NJ 37703. A copy of WPCAO appointing orders will be forwarded to the appropriate USMAAR for effective program supervision.

### 7. Related publications.

*a.* AR 351-12.

*b.* AR 40-501.

*c.* Current issue of USMA catalogue.

*d.* Current issue of USMAPS pamphlet.

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