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**ASSIGNMENT, TRAINING, AND  
MANAGEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE  
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S  
DEPARTMENT RESERVE (TJAGDR)**

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This directive specifies policies which govern how the Air Force must recruit and retain high quality legal and paralegal personnel to meet peacetime and mobilization readiness requirements of The Judge Advocate General's Department Reserve (TJAGDR).

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

**This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.**

This revision clarifies responsibilities of supervisory personnel, modifies requirements for attendance at the Annual Survey of the Law and at the Reserve Forces Judge Advocate and Paralegal Courses, and modifies the requirement for certain headquarters judge advocates and AFRC unit and ANG judge advocates to perform periodic training tours in base level legal offices.

- 1.** The Air Force relies to a significant degree on Air Reserve Component judge advocates and paralegals in meeting its defense commitments. Therefore, the Air Force must recruit and retain high quality legal and paralegal personnel to meet peacetime and mobilization readiness requirements of The Judge Advocate General's Department Reserve (TJAGDR). Further, it must ensure their professional competence and adherence to standards through effective training and management programs.
- 2.** The Air Force will recruit applicants who have superior qualifications in the field of law and extend to them an equal opportunity for assignment to the Air National Guard (ANG) and United States Air Force Reserve (USAFR) Unit or Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) judge advocate programs. Only individuals who are assigned to TJAGDR are eligible to hold IMA positions in the legal career field, or to hold judge advocate or paralegal positions with ANG or USAFR units.
- 3.** Applicants for judge advocate positions who have the following professional qualifications, and who otherwise meet Air Force qualification standards, may be approved for assignment to TJAGDR:

3.1. Applicants must be graduates of an American Bar Association accredited law school; members in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State or Territory of the United States, or of the District of Columbia; and (except applicants for ANG positions) must have served a minimum of 2 years on extended active duty in commissioned status or such other period as may be fixed by The Judge Advocate General.

4. The Judge Advocate General may relieve a judge advocate or paralegal from assignment to TJAGDR for cause, or when in the judgment of The Judge Advocate General such action will promote a quality force or otherwise be in the best interest of the Air Force.

5. Members of TJAGDR must be prepared, upon mobilization and when otherwise required to support the Air Force mission, to function as judge advocates or paralegals in a wide variety of positions with a minimum of additional training. This capability necessitates a two-part training program, consisting of on-the-job and formal school training.

5.1. All ANG and USAFR judge advocates will attend a 1-week Reserve Forces Judge Advocate Course, or its functional equivalent, once every 4 years. All ANG and USAFR paralegals will attend a 2-week Reserve Forces Paralegal Course, once every 4 years. All USAFR judge advocates and paralegals will attend a 3-day Annual Survey of the Law, once every 4 years; all ANG judge advocates and paralegals will attend every other year.

5.2. IMA judge advocates will perform their Inactive Duty Training and Annual Training in their office of attachment unless directed otherwise by HQ ARPC/JA. Except for reserve trial and appellate judges, all judge advocates attached or detailed for training to Headquarters US Air Force, the Air Force Legal Services Agency (AFLSA), major command (MAJCOM) headquarters, or numbered air force (NAF) headquarters, will perform their annual training at a base-level legal office no less frequently than every fourth year.

5.3. To secure the breadth of training that will best equip them to serve their units and fully prepare them for mobilization, ANG judge advocates and paralegals, and USAFR unit judge advocates and paralegals will perform 2 weeks of training in an active duty judge advocate office no less frequently than every fourth year.

5.4. Waiver of the continuing education requirements of this paragraph may be granted only by The Judge Advocate General or a designated representative. Those who fail to meet these requirements without waiver will be removed from TJAGDR.

6. This directive establishes the following responsibilities and authorities:

6.1. The Judge Advocate General is responsible for the assignment and training policy, accession and removal standards, and oversight of TJAGDR.

6.2. HQ ARPC/JA is responsible for IMA personnel management and attachments for training; for establishing procedures for enforcement of TJAGDR standards; and for the efficient management, progression, and control of TJAGDR personnel resources.

6.3. HQ AFRC/JA is responsible for personnel management and oversight of legal training of TJAGDR personnel assigned to USAFR units, and for making unit judge advocate accession recommendations to The Judge Advocate General.

- 6.4. The ANG Assistant to The Judge Advocate General is responsible for oversight of legal training of TJAGDR personnel assigned to ANG units, and for making ANG judge advocate accession recommendations to The Judge Advocate General.
- 6.5. The MAJCOM staff judge advocates are responsible for ensuring that TJAGDR training programs at their subordinate legal offices are carried out according to the policies set forth in this directive.
- 6.6. The Staff Judge Advocate for the unit of attachment or assignment is responsible for implementing and supervising the training of TJAGDR personnel. The Commander, AFLSA, exercises this responsibility for personnel attached to AFLSA.
7. TJAGDR consists of Air Reserve Component (ARC) officers who are designated as judge advocates and ARC enlisted personnel who are in the paralegal career field.
8. This policy applies to MAJCOMs, field operating agencies, units, and organizations with IMAs in the legal career fields who are attached for training, and to ANG and USAFR units and their assigned judge advocate and paralegal personnel.
9. Instructions for carrying out these policies are contained in AFI 51-801, Training of Air Force Reserve Judge Advocates and Paralegals, and AFI 51-802, Assignment to The Judge Advocate General's Department Reserve. Related policies are included in AFI 36-2005, *Appointment in Commissioned Grades and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories – Reserve of the Air Force and United States Air Force (Temporary)*; ANGI 51-801, *ANG Judge Advocate Training Program*, and NGR (AF) 36-02, *Appointment of Officers in the Air National Guard and as Reserves of the Air Force*. (ANG publications may be obtained from NGB-ADP, Building 34, Camp Keyes, Augusta, ME 04333-0032. DSN 476-4212, ATTN: Mr. Richard Duncan.)

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