

Personnel General

BREVET PROMOTIONS

Summary. This regulation establishes policy and procedure for administering brevet promotion nominations in the Texas Military Forces under the provisions of the Texas Government Code, Section 431.008.

Applicability. This regulation applies to serving and retired Commissioned Officers and senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the Texas Military Forces.

Internal Control Systems. This regulation is not subject to the requirements of Army Regulation (AR) 11-2.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent for this regulation is the Directorate of Military personnel, J-1.

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1-1. Purpose. To prescribe policy, procedure and responsibilities for the administration of brevet promotion nominations within the Texas Military Forces.

1-2. Explanation of Terms.

a. "Commissioned Officer" means active status and retired officers who hold/held a commission in the Texas Military Forces.

b. "Senior Non-Commissioned Officer" means any active status or retired Soldier or Airman serving in the pay grade of E-8 in the Texas Army/Air National Guard or Master Sergeant/First Sergeant serving in the Texas State Guard.

c. "Texas Military Forces" includes the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard and any other militia or military force that is

organized under state law.

d. "Brevet promotion" means an honorary State appointment bestowed on a Commissioned Officer or senior Non-Commissioned Officer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, selfless service and meritorious conduct.

e. "Active status" means that the military member currently occupies an M-Day/AGR assignment in the Texas Army or Air National Guard or a State appointment in the Texas State Guard.

1-3. Statutory Authority. Statutory authority for this regulation is derived from Texas State Government Code, Sections 431.008 and 431.060.

1-4. Responsibilities.

a. The responsibility for administration of brevet promotion nominations rests with the Adjutant General and may be delegated as deemed appropriate.

b. The Directorate of Military personnel, J-1 will maintain a current record or brevet promotions accomplished for Army and Air Guard personnel. The Chief of Staff, Texas State Guard will maintain statistics for State Guard personnel.

Chapter 2

GENERAL

2-1. Policies.

a. Individuals who are recognized with brevet promotions will not incur any monetary gain or additional retirement benefits as a result of this personnel action.

b. Brevet promotion nomination policies for members of the Texas Military Forces will not be changed without the review and written approval of the Adjutant General.

2-2. Criteria for Commissioned Officers.

a. Commissioned Officers recommended for brevet promotions shall have demonstrated outstanding leadership, selfless service and exemplary conduct during their period of service with the Texas Military Forces. Recommendations will be reviewed by the Adjutant General on a case-by-case basis, and each will be evaluated on its individual merit and circumstances.

b. Commissioned Officers, both active and retired status, shall be nominated by a General Officer currently serving on active status in the Texas Military Forces. The Adjutant General may also serve as the nominating official for officer brevet promotion nominations..

c. Commissioned Officers, both active and retired, shall have attained a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of State military service to qualify for a nomination for brevet promotion.

d. Commissioned Officers in a retired status shall have been retired from the Texas Military Forces for a period of three years prior to being recommended. Commissioned Officers who are recommended for brevet promotion while still on active status may be nominated not earlier than ninety days prior to their projected retirement date, and the effective date of the brevet promotion, if approved, will coincide with their last duty day with the Texas Military Forces.

e. Commissioned Officers who are nominated in a retired status shall have separated from the Texas Military Forces under honorable conditions.

f. Commissioned Officers, both active status and retired, shall hold one grade below the rank for which the brevet request is being requested.

2-3. Criteria for Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.

a. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers recommended for brevet promotions shall have demonstrated outstanding leadership, selfless service and exemplary conduct during their period of service with the Texas Military Forces. Recommendations will be reviewed by the Adjutant General on a case-by-case basis, and each will be evaluated on its individual merit and circumstances.

b. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, active status and retired, shall be in the grade of Master Sergeant (Army National Guard/Texas State Guard) or Senior Master Sergeant (Air National Guard) to be nominated for a brevet promotion.

c. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, both active and retired status, shall be nominated by a MACOM Command Sergeant Major or Command Chief Master Sergeant currently serving on active status in the component of the individual being nominated (Army National Guard/Air National Guard/Texas State Guard). The State Command Sergeant Major and/or the Adjutant General may also serve as the nominating official for senior enlisted brevet promotions.

d. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, both active and retired, shall have attained a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of State military service to qualify for a nomination for brevet promotion.

e. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in a retired status shall have been retired from the Texas Military Forces for a period of three years prior to being recommended. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers who are recommended for brevet promotion while still on active status may be nominated not earlier than ninety days prior to their projected retirement date, and the effective date of the brevet promotion, if approved, will coincide with their last duty day with the Texas Military Forces.

f. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers who are nominated in a retired status shall have separated from the Texas Military Forces under honorable conditions.

Chapter 3

PROCEDURES

3-1. Recommendations.

a. Recommendations for Brevet appointment will be submitted in writing to HQ, Joint Force Texas, ATTN: J-1. General Officer brevets shall include a strong letter of recommendation from an active status General Officer in the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard or Texas State Guard as appropriate. Senior Non-Commissioned Officers shall be nominated by a MACOM Command Sergeant Major or Command Chief Master Sergeant currently serving in an active status.

b. JFTX J-1 will attach the packet to JFTX Form 77 (Staff Summary Sheet) and forward to the Command Group. All Brevet recommendations will be reviewed by the Chief, Joint Staff; State Command Sergeant Major (Air Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant, when appropriate); Assistant Adjutant Generals, Army and Air, as appropriate and the Adjutant General.

c. Brevet recommendations approved by the Adjutant General will be forwarded to the Governor for approval and signature. Brevet packets will include the original letter of nomination, a TAG endorsement memorandum and a copy of the State Brevet Appointment Certificate prepared for the Governor's signature.

Brevet recommendations not approved by the Adjutant General or Governor will be returned through the JFTX J-1 to the originator.

d. Brevet recommendations approved by the Governor will be forwarded to the JFTX J-1 for administrative processing.

3-2. Approving Authority.

The Governor of Texas is the final approving authority for all Brevet nominations.

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