

SUBCHAPTER C—MILITARY EDUCATION

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§ 542.1 Purpose.

This regulation prescribes policies for administering the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) and the National Defense Cadet Corps (NDCC).

§ 542.2 Applicability.

This regulation applies to the Department of the Army (including the corps and their units), schools, and personnel associated with applying for these programs.

§ 542.3 Definitions.

The following terms apply to the JROTC and NDCC programs:

(a) *Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)*. The organization of units established by the Department of the Army (under 10 U.S.C 2031) at public and private secondary schools to conduct student leadership training. Also, a general term used:

(1) To describe all JROTC training conducted at secondary schools.

(2) To denote the members, instruction, and other related matters.

(b) *National Defense Cadet Corps (NDCC)*. Students taking part in leadership studies at any school under 10 U.S.C. 4651 and as prescribed by the Secretary of the Army. Used in a broad sense to refer to the program and related matters.

(c) *Leadership Development (LD) Program*. The JROTC curriculum which consists of a 4- or 3-year program of instruction (LD-1, -2, -3, and -4).

(d) *Military Science (MS)*. The Senior ROTC curriculum which consists of

two courses—the basic course (MS-I and MS-II) and the advanced course (MS-III and MS-IV).

(e) *Region commander*. The commanding general of a US Army ROTC Region who is responsible for the operation, training, and administration of the ROTC program within his/her geographical area. Region commanders are located at:

(1) US Army First ROTC Region, Fort Bragg, NC 28307.

(2) US Army Second ROTC Region, Fort Knox, KY 40121.

(3) US Army Third ROTC Region, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

(4) US Army Fourth ROTC Region, Fort Lewis, WA 98433.

(5) The Commander-in-Chief, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, APO New York 09102.

§ 542.4 Objectives.

The Army JROTC/NDCC objectives are to develop in each cadet—

- (a) Good citizenship and patriotism.
- (b) Self-reliance, leadership, and responsiveness to constituted authority.
- (c) The ability to communicate well both orally and in writing.
- (d) An appreciation of the importance of physical fitness.
- (e) A respect for the role of the US Army in support of national objectives.
- (f) A knowledge of basic military skills.

§ 542.5 Policies.

(a) The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the National Defense Cadet Corps programs are designed for physically fit citizens attending participating schools. They provide meaningful leadership instruction of benefit to the student and of value to the Armed Forces. The programs provide unique educational opportunities for young citizens through their participation in a Federally-sponsored course while pursuing a normal civilian education. Students will acquire:

(1) An understanding of the fundamental concept of leadership, military art and science,

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(2) An introduction to related professional knowledge, and

(3) An appreciation of requirements for national security. The dual roles of citizen/soldier and soldier/citizen are studied.

(b) Participants in either of the programs will acquire relevant knowledge and develop personally. Schools conducting these programs will offer their students the challenge of intellectual inquiry under the direction of instructors who are experienced leaders. (JROTC instructors are active duty or retired members of the US Army. NDCC schools may employ retired or Reserve members.) These programs provide an atmosphere designed to develop the qualities of leadership. Through classroom and other activities, the students will acquire the knowledge, self-discipline, patriotism, sense of responsibility, and responsiveness to constituted authority which will better prepare them for the future. These programs will enable cadets to better serve their country as leaders, as citizens, and in military service should they enter it.

(c) The programs were set up as part of the National Defense Act of 1916. The principle of maintaining national programs of training for the young citizens attending school was validated during congressional hearings preceding passage of the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964. The JROTC and NDCC are not, of themselves, officer-producing programs but should create favorable attitudes and impressions toward the Services and toward careers in the Armed Forces. JROTC/NDCC cadets may qualify for an advantageous position in the Senior ROTC and for a higher pay grade upon enlistment in a Regular or Reserve component of the Armed Forces.

(d) Participation in JROTC/NDCC does not obligate the student to perform military or any other Federal service. Although all qualified students of JROTC/NDCC host schools are encouraged to take part in these programs, they are not required by Federal law to do so. State, community, or school authorities decree whether students must be in the programs.

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§ 542.6 Responsibilities.

(a) *The Commanding General, US Army Military Personnel Center, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332*, is responsible for administering the Army JROTC/NDCC programs and announcing policy changes.

(b) *The Commanding General, US Army Training and Doctrine Command, Ft. Monroe, VA 23651*, is responsible for managing the JROTC/NDCC except for those functions and responsibilities retained by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

(c) *Region commanders* are responsible for operating and administering the JROTC/NDCC training conducted within their areas.

§ 542.7 Program information.

(a) The JROTC/NDCC is organized into units at public and private secondary schools. The NDCC differs from the JROTC in that NDCC instructors must be provided by the school. Although these instructors are subject to Army approval, there is no cost-sharing arrangement as exists for JROTC. Also schools or students must provide uniforms, if desired, in the NDCC program. Schools desiring to conduct either program must apply to the region commander of the area in which the school is located. To participate in the program a school must maintain an enrollment in the unit of at least one hundred physically fit students who are at least 14 years of age and meet one of the following accreditation standards:

(1) Be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

(2) Be accredited by a State, State educational agency, or State university.

(3) Have attained a preaccreditable status of reasonable assurance subject to attainment and maintenance of a status listed above within 5 years of initial academic enrollment of students.

(b) Students who desire to enroll and continue as a member of the JROTC/NDCC program must:

(1) Be enrolled in and attending full-time a regular course of instruction at a JROTC/NDCC institution.

(2) Be a citizen of the United States.

(3) Be at least 14 years of age.