§ 502. Required drills and field exercises

(a) Under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, each company, battery, squadron, and detachment of the Na-
tional Guard, unless excused by the Secretary concerned, shall—

(1) assemble for drill and instruction, including indoor target practice, at least 48 times each year; and

(2) participate in training at encampments, maneuvers, outdoor target practice, or other exercises, at least 15 days each year.

However, no member of such unit who has served on active duty for one year or longer shall be required to participate in such training if the first day of such training period falls during the last one hundred and twenty days of his required membership in the National Guard.

(b) An assembly for drill and instruction may consist of a single ordered formation of a company, battery, squadron, or detachment, or, when authorized by the Secretary concerned, a series of ordered formations of parts of those organizations. However, to have a series of formations credited as an assembly for drill and instruction, all parts of the unit must be included in the series within 90 consecutive days.

(c) The total attendance at the series of formations constituting an assembly shall be counted as the attendance at that assembly for the required period. No member may be counted more than once or receive credit for more than one required period of attendance, regardless of the number of formations that he attends during the series constituting the assembly for the required period.

(d) No organization may receive credit for an assembly for drill or indoor target practice unless—

(1) the number of members present equals or exceeds the minimum number prescribed by the President;

(2) the period of military duty or instruction for which a member is credited is at least one and one-half hours; and

(3) the training is of the type prescribed by the Secretary concerned.

(e) An appropriately rated member of the National Guard who performs an aerial flight under competent orders may receive credit for attending drill for the purposes of this section, if the flight prevented him from attending a regularly scheduled drill.

(f) (1) Under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army or Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, a member of the National Guard may—

(A) without his consent, but with the pay and allowances provided by law; or

(B) with his consent, either with or without pay and allowances;

be ordered to perform training or other duty in addition to that prescribed under subsection (a).

(2) The training or duty ordered to be performed under paragraph (1) may include the following:

(A) Support of operations or missions undertaken by the member's unit at the request of the President or Secretary of Defense.

(B) Support of training operations and training missions assigned in whole or in part to the National Guard by the Secretary concerned, but only to the extent that such training missions and training operations—

(i) are performed in the United States or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or possessions of the United States; and

(ii) are only to instruct active duty military, foreign military (under the same authorities and restrictions applicable to active duty troops), Department of Defense contractor personnel, or Department of Defense civilian employees.

(3) Duty without pay shall be considered for all purposes as if it were duty with pay.


HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)
502(a) ...... 32:62 (1st sentence, less proviso)
502(b) ...... 32:62 (proviso of 1st sentence).
502(c) ...... 32:62 (last sentence, less 1st, 2d, and 3d provisos).
502(d) ...... 32:62 (1st proviso of last sentence).
502(e) ...... 32:62 (2d and 3d provisos of last sentence).

In subsection (a), the words “including target practice” and “such company, troop, battery, or detachment shall have been * * * from participation in any part thereof” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsections (a) and (b), the word “troop” is omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (b), the words “parts of those organizations” are substituted for the words “subdivisions or parts thereof”. The words “but in the latter case”, “of subdivisions or groups”, “comprehend”, and “the time limit of” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the word “member” is substituted for the words “officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man”. The words “series of formations” are substituted for the words “separate consecutive formations announced”. The words “regardless of the number of formations that he attends during the series” are substituted for the words “even though he may have attended more than one of the formations”. The words “sum”, “actual military”, and “of time” are omitted as surplusage. 32:62 (4th proviso of last sentence) is omitted as superseded by section 683 of title 10. 32:62 (last proviso of last sentence) is omitted as superseded by section 501(b) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, 63 Stat. 626 (37 U.S.C. 301(b)).

In subsection (d), the word “members” is substituted for the words “officers and enlisted men”. The words “for which a member is credited” are substituted for the words “participated in by each officer and enlisted man at each assembly at which he shall be credited as having been present”. The words “for duty at such assembly”, “actual”, and “character of” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (e), the word “member” is substituted for the words “officer or enlisted man”. The words “Air Corps * * * assigned to an Air Corps unit thereof, or * * * an officer or enlisted man of the Medical Department of the said National Guard regularly attached to an Air Corps unit of the National Guard by proper authority” are omitted, since the revised subsection applies only to members who perform flights under competent orders and who are thereby prevented from attending a regular drill.

In subsection (f), the word “section” is substituted for the words “officer or enlisted man”. The words “* * * an officer or enlisted man of the Medical Department” are omitted as surplusage. 32:62 (4th proviso of last sentence) is omitted as superseded by section 683 of title 10. 32:62 (last proviso of last sentence) is omitted as superseded by section 501(b) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, 63 Stat. 626 (37 U.S.C. 301(b)).
§ 503 Participation in field exercises

(a)(1) Under such regulations as the President may prescribe, the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, may provide for the participation of the National Guard in encampments, maneuvers, outdoor target practice, or other exercises for field or coast-defense instruction, independently of or in conjunction with the Army or the Air Force, or both.

(2) Paragraph (1) includes authority to provide for participation of the National Guard in conjunction with the Army or the Air Force, or both, in joint exercises for instruction to prepare the National Guard for response to civil emergencies and disasters.

(b) Amounts necessary for the pay, subsistence, transportation, and other proper expenses of any part of the National Guard of a State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands participating in an exercise under subsection (a) may be set aside from funds allocated to it from appropriations for field or coast-defense instruction.

(c) Members of the National Guard participating in an exercise under subsection (a) may, after being mustered, be paid for the period beginning with the date of leaving home and ending with the date of return, as determined in advance. If otherwise correct, such a payment passes to the credit of the disbursing officer.


AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 109–163 substituted “State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands” for “State or Territory, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.”

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104–106 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

In subsection (a), the words “the whole or any part” and “any part of” are omitted as surplusage. The word “Army” is substituted for the words “Regular Army”, since the Army is the category that participates in the exercises, and the Regular Army is a personnel category only. Similarly, the words “Air Force” are used instead of the words “Regular Air Force”.

In subsection (b), the words “Amounts necessary” are substituted for the words “such portion of said funds as may be necessary”. The words “participating in an exercise under subsection (a)” are substituted for the words “as shall participate in such encampments, maneuvers, or other exercises, including outdoor target practice, for field and coast-defense instruction”. The words “allocated to it from appropriations for field or coast-defense instruction” are substituted for the words “appropriated for that purpose and allocated to any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia”. In subsection (c), the words “Members of the National Guard participating in an exercise under subsection (a)” are substituted for the words “as shall participate in such encampments, maneuvers, or other exercises, including outdoor target practice, for field or coast-defense instruction, under the provisions of this title”. The words “duly”, “at any time”, “recreational”, “both dates inclusive”, and “making the same” are omitted as surplusage.

§ 504 National Guard schools and small arms competitions

(a) Under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army or Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, members of the National Guard may—

(1) attend schools conducted by the Army or the Air Force, as appropriate;

(2) conduct or attend schools conducted by the National Guard; or

(3) participate in small arms competitions.

(b) Activities authorized under subsection (a) for members of the National Guard of a State or territory, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia may be held inside or outside its boundaries.


HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

In subsection (a), the words “the whole or any part” and “any part of” are omitted as surplusage. The word “Army” is substituted for the words “Regular Army”, since the Army is the category that participates in the exercises, and the Regular Army is a personnel category only. Similarly, the words “Air Force” are used instead of the words “Regular Air Force”.

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109–163 substituted “State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands” for “State or Territory, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.”

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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In subsection (c), the words “Members of the National Guard participating in an exercise under subsection (a)” are substituted for the words “as shall participate in such encampments, maneuvers, or other exercises, including outdoor target practice, for field or coast-defense instruction, under the provisions of this title”. The words “duly”, “at any time”, “recreational”, “both dates inclusive”, and “making the same” are omitted as surplusage.