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

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This Directive establishes policies for the recruitment, assignment, training, and management of high-quality legal and paralegal personnel to meet peacetime and mobilization readiness requirements of The Judge Advocate General's Corps Reserve (TJAGCR). This Directive applies to Headquarters Air Force, MAJCOMs, Direct Reporting Units, Field Operating Agencies, the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve, and all other organizations with assigned or attached TJAGCR personnel, and to TJAGCR judge advocates and paralegals. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847 from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims.cfm>.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This revised publication clarifies The Judge Advocate General's (TJAG's) statutory authority to designate, assign, and attach officers as judge advocates in the reserve components, including the Air National Guard, and to authorize TJAG to establish and direct training for members of TJAGCR.

## 1. POLICY.

1.1. The Air Force relies on Air Reserve Component (ARC) judge advocates and paralegals to meet its mission requirements. Therefore, the Air Force must recruit and retain high-quality legal and paralegal personnel to meet peacetime and mobilization readiness requirements of TJAGCR. Further, training and management programs must ensure professional competence and adherence to standards.

1.2. TJAGCR is comprised of all the paralegals and judge advocates serving in an active status in the Air National Guard (ANG) and the United States Air Force Reserve (USAFR), whether as Unit Reservists or as Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMAs). 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 ANG and USAFR Unit or IMA judge advocate programs. Only individuals who are currently designated as judge advocates or approved as paralegals are eligible to hold IMA positions in the legal career field, or to hold judge advocate or paralegal positions with ANG or USAFR units. Applicants for judge advocate positions who meet the professional qualifications set forth in paragraphs 1.2.1 and 1.2.2, and who otherwise meet Air Force qualification standards, may be approved for assignment to TJAGCR.

1.2.1. Applicants must be graduates of a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.

1.2.2. Applicants must satisfy the licensing requirements of the highest court of a state or territory of the United States, or of the District of Columbia, such that they are authorized to engage in the immediate active practice of law.

1.3. Members of TJAGCR must be prepared, upon mobilization and when otherwise required to support Air Force missions, to function as judge advocates or paralegals in a wide variety of positions with a minimum of additional training. To meet this requirement, TJAG establishes training requirements. TJAGCR judge advocates and paralegals who fail to meet the training requirements established by TJAG may be relieved from assignment to TJAGCR.

**2. Responsibilities.** TJAG is authorized and required by statute (10 U.S.C. §§ 806 and 8037) to direct TJAGCR judge advocates in the performance of their duties, to designate officers as judge advocates, and to assign or attach TJAGCR judge advocates for duty. TJAG selects officers and officer candidates for duty as judge advocates in TJAGCR and designates them as judge advocates. TJAG has the authority to specify additional professional qualification standards in addition to those listed in paragraphs 1.2.1 and 1.2.2. TJAG assigns and attaches TJAGCR members for duty, establishes training standards and requirements, decides upon accession and removal of Air Reserve Component judge advocates and paralegals, and provides professional oversight and supervision for all TJAGCR members. TJAG has the authority to relieve a judge advocate or paralegal from assignment to TJAGCR, either for cause or when, in TJAG's judgment, such action is in the best interest of the Air Force.

**3. Adopted Forms.**

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication.*

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**Attachment 1****GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION***References*

10 U.S.C. § 806

10 U.S.C. § 8037

*Abbreviations and Acronyms*

**ANG**—Air National Guard

**ARC**—Air Reserve Component

**IMA**—Individual Mobilization Augmentee

**MAJCOM**—Major Command

**TJAG**—The Judge Advocate General

**TJAGCR**—The Judge Advocate General's Corps Reserve

**USAFR**—United States Air Force Reserve

*Terms*

**Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA)**—An individual filling a military billet identified as augmenting the active component structure of the Department of Defense or other departments or agencies of the U.S. Government, which must be filled to support mobilization (including pre- and post-mobilization) requirements, contingency operations, operations other than war, or other specialized or technical requirements for fill with individual members of the Selected Reserve.