

ENLISTED CAREER NOTES



PROMOTION POINTS FOR DLI TRAINING

Many soldiers may not be aware that they can earn promotion points and college credit by attending the Defense Language Institute (DLI). With the exception of language-dependent MOS holders (96C and 98G), soldiers earn two promotion points per week of DLI training; for example, a soldier can earn 48 points for attending a 24-week course, 94 points for a 47-week course.

To earn college credits for this training, a soldier must file an official transcript showing his DLI schooling through a recognized, accredited institution. Local Army Education Centers (AECs) can help. For a 47-week course in Basic Russian, for example, a soldier can get about 21 semester hours of college credit. For Intermediate Russian, he can get up to 18 semester hours of credit.

REENLISTMENT CRITERIA

Effective 1 April 1984, mid-term soldiers who want to reenlist will face tougher general and skill-qualification testing. The trainability requirements for these soldiers will be as follows:

- Soldiers tested on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) before 1 January 1976, or on or after 1 October 1980, must have a GT score of 100 or higher and two other aptitude area scores of 85 or higher.
- Those tested on the ASVAB on or after 1 January 1976 but before 1 October 1980, must have a GT score of 107 or higher and two other aptitude area scores of 90 or higher.
- Soldiers who verify their SQTs with a score of 80 or higher, as shown

on the individual soldier's report, are exempt from all ASVAB scores, except for the GT score.

- Soldiers who have no SQT score or who fail to verify the SQT must meet all score requirements.

Soldiers who are not on overseas assignment and who fail to meet the above requirements may be extended until 1 April 1985 for the purpose of being retrained and/or retested to meet the new criteria.

Soldiers who are on overseas assignment instructions may be extended for the minimum time necessary to complete the appropriate overseas tour, or until 1 April 1985, whichever is longer.

This change in policy does not apply to the Army National Guard or to the U.S. Army Reserve.

AIRBORNE IMPROVEMENT

The Airborne Improvement Plan was initiated by the Director, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate (EPMD) in 1982 to increase the number of soldiers who are Airborne-qualified. Logistics Branch, Combat Service Support Career Division, was designated as the MILPERCEN Airborne Management Office.

MILPERCEN directorates; the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, HQDA; FORSCOM; TRADOC; USAREC; XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg; and other CONUS and oversea commands were involved in carrying out the plan.

Periodic in-process reviews are provided to the Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps, the Director of EPMD, and other general officers associated with the recruiting, training, and readiness of our essential airborne forces.

The Airborne Improvement Plan has had and will continue to have a major effect on Airborne soldiers worldwide. It has resulted in better, more intensive management of these soldiers. In addition, the plan has directly affected the strength posture and readiness of Airborne units worldwide.

For more information concerning the Airborne Improvement Plan, contact MSG Waite, DAPC-EPM-L, AUTOVON 221-8006.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The Army's physician assistant (PA) program, established in 1971, has become one of the finest fully accredited PA training programs in the country.

Each year, 30 enlisted Army medical personnel are selected to begin the two-year course, which is offered in two phases. Phase I is conducted at the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During this first year the students are given basic science and clinical instruction.

The second phase is conducted "on the job" at many Army community hospitals, where students, under the guidance of physicians, apply what they have learned from Phase I. Under the supervision of physicians, the students rotate through various professional services of the hospital to gain the medical experience they need to care for patients.

After they graduate from Phase II, the physician assistants receive baccalaureate degrees from the University of Oklahoma and are ready for their first assignments in the Army's health care system as warrant officers.

PAs may be assigned to Army com-

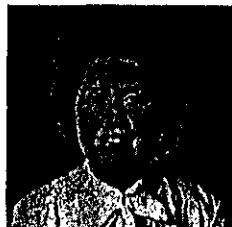
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bat units, community hospitals, or medical centers. There, under the supervision of physicians, they provide primary level medical care to soldiers and their families. Their duties include seeing sick call patients, being available for emergency treatment, and performing numerous other medical procedures as directed by their supervising physicians.

They diagnose and treat patients with various diseases, acute illnesses, and injuries, but promptly refer more

complicated cases to physicians for evaluation and care. PAs may request X-rays, laboratory tests, and other diagnostic procedures needed to help them perform their medical duties. They may also write prescriptions for medications that have been approved by the local hospital commander.

Information about applying for this program is in DA Circular 351-82-3, Military Physician Assistant Training Program for Fiscal Years 1984-85.

EER PREPARATION

Packets containing instructions on preparing EERs were recently sent to sergeants major and military personnel offices around the world. This packet is intended to help rating officials prepare more complete and accurate EERs on their soldiers.

Additional copies of the packet are available from Commander, MILPERCEN, ATTN: DAPC-MSE, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332.