

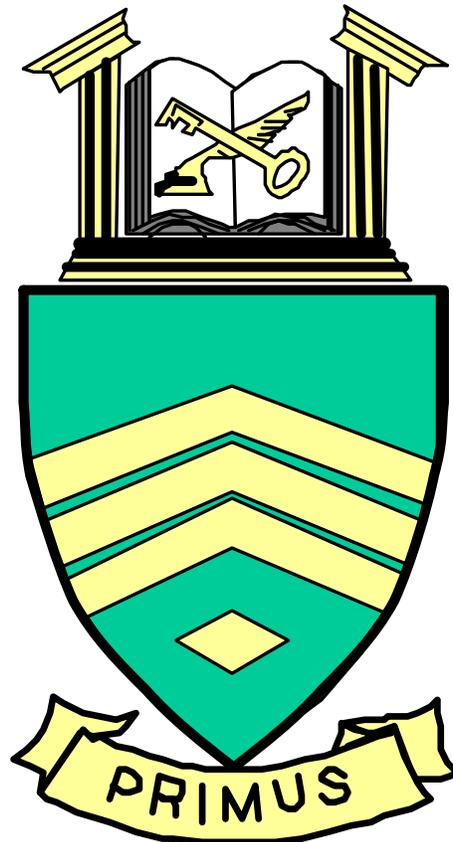
U.S. ARMY SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY (FSC-TATS)

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ENLISTED PROMOTIONS AND REDUCTIONS

**TRAINING SUPPORT PACKAGE**



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## TRAINING SUPPORT PACKAGE (TSP)

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## PREFACE

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**Purpose**

This Training Support Package provides the instructor with a standardized lesson plan for presenting instruction for:

<u>Task Number</u>	<u>Task Title</u>
121-010-8015	Recommend Administrative and Personnel Actions
121-010-8020	Supervise Unit Personnel and Administration Functions

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**SECTION I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA**

**All Courses Including This Lesson**

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Version</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
521-SQIM	1	First Sergeant Course

**Task(s) Taught(\*) or Supported**

<u>Task Number</u>	<u>Task Title</u>
121-010-8015	Recommend Administrative and Personnel Actions
121-010-8020	Supervise Unit Personnel and Administration Functions

**Reinforced Task(s)**

<u>Task Number</u>	<u>Task Title</u>
None	

**Academic Hours**

The academic hours required to teach this lesson are as follows:

	<u>Resident Hours/Methods</u>	
Test	5 hrs	/Conference / Discussion
Test Review	0 hrs	
	0 hrs	
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>5 hrs</b>	

**Test Lesson Number**

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Lesson No.</u>
Testing (to include test review)	3 hrs	E653 version 1

**Prerequisite Lesson(s)**

<u>Lesson Number</u>	<u>Lesson Title</u>
None	

**Clearance Access**

Security Level: Unclassified  
Requirements: There are no clearance or access requirements for the lesson.

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**References**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
AR 140-158	ENLISTED PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION, PROMOTION AND REDUCTION (REPRINTED W/BASIC INCL C1-2)	27 Feb 1988	
AR 600-8-19	ENLISTED PROMOTIONS AND REDUCTIONS	20 Jan 2004	
NGR 600-200	ENLISTED PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	01 Mar 1997	

**Student Study Assignments**

Before class--

- Read AR 600-8-19, Chapters 1 thru 7.
- Read AR 140-158 w Chg 4, Chapters 3-8
- Read SH-2, Extract of NGR 600-200, Chapter 11.
- Read SH-3, Extract of SIDPERS Procedural Guide.

During class--

- Participate in class discussion.

After class--

- Turn in recoverable materials.

**Instructor Requirements**

1:16, FSC graduate, served as 1SG, ITC, SGITC, and VTT-ITC (VTT only) qualified.

**Additional Support Personnel Requirements**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stu Ratio</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>
One site coordinator at each VTT site to operate the TNET equipment and coordinate classroom instruction. Must be FSC grad, served as 1SG, ITC, and SGITC qualified. (Enlisted)	1:16	4	5 hrs

**Equipment Required for Instruction**

<u>Id Name</u>	<u>Stu Ratio</u>	<u>Instr Ratio</u>	<u>Spt</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Exp</u>
441-06 LCD PROJECTION SYSTEM	1:16	1:1	No	1	No
6730-00-577-4813 SCREEN, PROJECTION	1:16	1:1	No	1	No
702101T134520 DELL CPU, MONITOR, MOUSE, KEYBOARD	16:16	1:1	No	1	No
7110-00-T81-1805 DRY ERASE BOARD	1:16	1:1	No	1	No
7510-01-424-4867 EASEL, (STAND ALONE) WITH PAPER	1:16	1:1	No	1	No
FSC-1 TNET COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SUITE (VTT LESSON ONLY)	1:16	1:1	No	1	No

FSC-2 TNET ROOM EQUIPMENT SUITE (VTT LESSON ONLY)	1:16	1:1	No	1	No
FSC-3 TNET AUDIO/VIDEO LINKAGE EQUIPMENT (VTT LESSON ONLY)	1:16	1:1	No	1	No
SNV1240262544393 36 - INCH COLOR MONITOR W/REMOTE CONTROL AND LUXOR STAND	1:16	1:1	No	1	No

\* Before Id indicates a TADSS

**Materials Required**

**Instructor Materials:**

- VGTs: 34.
- TSP.
- AR 600-8-19, NGR 600-200, and AR (R) 140-158.

**Student Materials:**

- Pen or pencil and writing paper.
- All reference material issued for this lesson.

**Classroom, Training Area, and Range Requirements**

CLASSROOM XXI WITH T-NET CAPABILITY (VTT)  
CLASSROOM, GENERAL PURPOSE, 600 SF, 16 PN

**Ammunition Requirements**

<u>Id</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Exp</u>	<u>Stu Ratio</u>	<u>Instr Ratio</u>	<u>Spt Qty</u>
None					

**Instructional Guidance**

**NOTE:** Before presenting this lesson, instructors must thoroughly prepare by studying this lesson and identified reference material.

Before class--

- Read all TSP material.
- Issue all reference materials prior to class.

During class--

- Conduct this lesson using the Small Group Instruction method.
- Use the questions provided to generate discussion among the students at the different sites.
- The facilitator may need to create additional questions to ensure student participation continues throughout the lesson material.
- The DL (VTT) instructor will select an appropriate site prior to asking a student a question.
- Cover all learning objectives.

After class--

- Collect recoverable material.
- Report any lesson discrepancies to the Chief Instructor.

**Proponent  
Lesson Plan  
Approvals**

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Lemon, Marion	SGM	Chief, CDDD	

**SECTION II. INTRODUCTION**

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
 Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
 Instructor to Student Ratio is: 1:16  
 Time of Instruction: 5 mins  
 Media: None

**Motivator**

**Check with each site to ensure that they are ready for class to begin.**

Military rank is not a right, but an honor. Promotions come to soldiers who demonstrate their ability to handle greater responsibility. Seniority does not necessarily mean promotions. Advancements and promotions are the incentives that push soldiers to do their best. By contrast, reductions ensure the implementation of standards. These actions also provide the means for the Army to attain the maximum effectiveness from the available manpower. The Department of the Army, the National Guard, and the Army Reserve establish and exercise control over advancements/promotions by keeping the enlisted grades and MOS structures in balance using promotion ceilings and quotas. Advancements, promotions, and reductions greatly impact a soldier's morale and professional attitude. As first sergeants, you must ensure that advancements, promotions, and reductions in your unit are consistent with the competency of your soldiers.

**Terminal Learning Objective**

**NOTE:** Inform the students of the following Terminal Learning Objective requirements. At the completion of this lesson, you [the student] will:

<b>Action:</b>	Analyze enlisted promotions and reductions.
<b>Conditions:</b>	As a first sergeant in a classroom environment given AR 600-8-19, AR (R) 140-158, NGR (AR) 600-200, and student handouts.
<b>Standards:</b>	Determined the criteria for enlisted promotions and reductions IAW AR 600-8-19, AR (R) 140-158, and NGR 600-200.

**Safety Requirements**

None

**Risk Assessment Level**

Low

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**Environmental Considerations**

**NOTE:** It is the responsibility of all soldiers and DA civilians to protect the environment from damage.

None

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**Evaluation**

You will take a multiple choice examination. The examination will contain questions from this and other lessons. You must correctly answer 70 percent or more of the questions on the examination to receive a GO.

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**Instructional Lead-In**

During this lesson we will cover reductions and decentralized promotions for SPC/CPL and below; semi centralized promotions for sergeant and staff sergeant; centralized promotions, which applies to sergeant first class through sergeant major. This lesson also includes the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve promotion and reduction systems. We will start the lesson by covering the objectives of the promotion systems.

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**SECTION III. PRESENTATION**

**NOTE:** Inform the students of the Enabling Learning Objective requirements.

**A. ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

<b>ACTION:</b>	Interpret the components of the U. S. Army promotion and reduction system.
<b>CONDITIONS:</b>	As a first sergeant in a classroom environment given AR 600-8-19.
<b>STANDARDS:</b>	Interpreted the components of the U.S. Army promotion and reduction system IAW AR 600-8-19.

1. Learning Step / Activity 1. Active component promotion system objectives

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 5 mins  
Media: VGT-1 and VGT-2

For the next hour and 25-minutes we will cover the Active Army reductions, decentralized promotion to SPC/CPL, and below; semi centralized promotions SGT and SSG; and centralized promotions which apply to SFC through SGM. We will start this lesson by defining the objectives of the Army promotion system.

**NOTE:** Ask students to identify at least one of the five objectives of the Army promotion system. Give the students a few moments to provide responses. Show VGT-1 and VGT-2 after students respond to the question.

**SHOW VGT-1, OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMY PROMOTION SYSTEM**

**OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMY PROMOTION SYSTEM**

- Fill authorized enlisted spaces with the best qualified soldiers.
- Provide for career progression and rank in line with potential.
- Recognize the best qualified soldier.

US550CT04VOT-1 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 1, para 1-1

**REMOVE VGT-1**  
**SHOW VGT-2, OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMY PROMOTION SYSTEM (cont)**

**OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMY  
PROMOTION SYSTEM  
(cont)**

- Precludes promoting of soldiers who are not productive or not best qualified.
- Providing an equitable system for all soldiers.

US550CT04V07.2 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 1, para 1-1

**REMOVE VGT-2**

The objective of the promotion system is to ensure that only those soldiers who demonstrate the ability to serve at the next higher level are promoted.

2. Learning Step / Activity 2. Authority for promotion

- Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion
- Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)
- Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16
- Time of Instruction: 25 mins
- Media: VGT-3 and VGT-4

**NOTE:** At this time divide the class into groups. Each VTT training site will represent a single group. Ensure the groups discuss and prepare a briefing on a learning step/activity necessary to accomplish enlisted promotions and reductions in a unit. Record the key points and prepare a briefing to present to the other training groups. Allow each group fifteen (15) minutes to discuss their assigned topic.

**NOTE:** During this time, elect a group spokesperson to present your discussion points. Each group will have fifteen (15) minutes to present your material to the rest of the class. The briefing must be in your own words, no reading, and you must give examples.

**NOTE:** At this point assign each group the activity their group is responsible for briefing.

<u>Student SG time</u>	<u>Assigned topics</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>
LS/A 2	Authority for Promotion	Group 1	15 minutes
LS/A 3	Criteria for Promotion	Group 2	15 minutes
Break		Instructor	10 minutes
LS/A 4	Enlisted Advancement Report, and Unit Enlisted Promotion Report	Instructor	15 minutes
LS/A 5	Authority for Reduction	Group 3	15 minutes

**NOTE:** \*Do not cover reductions for use in separations and disciplinary actions

LS/A 6

Misconduct & Inefficiency

Instructor

5 minutes

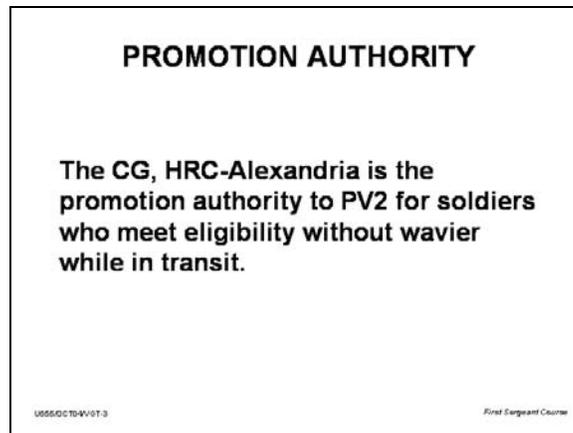
**NOTE:** Begin timing the exercise. At the end of the first ten (10) minutes the instructor will notify the groups of the remaining time. At the end of the fifteen (15) minute period call the groups back together and have the first group conduct their presentation. Ensure students cover each bullet point on the slide and the questions. If students do not cover the questions during the group presentation, ask the question at the completion of the presentation. Ensure that all groups and members understand the presentation and the brief back covers all lesson material.

Now that we know the objectives of the Army promotion system, let's discuss the authority for promotion of soldiers within your unit.

**NOTE:** While group1 presents the following information show VGT-3 and VGT-4 when appropriate. Allow time for reviewing the information that is on each VGT. Ensure the students cover the information below.

AR 600-8-19, paragraph 1-9a and c states: The CG, HRC-Alexandria, is the promotion authority to PV2 for soldiers who meet eligibility without waiver while in transit. Company, troop, battery, and separate detachment commanders are authorized to advance other soldiers to the rank of PV2, PFC and SPC.

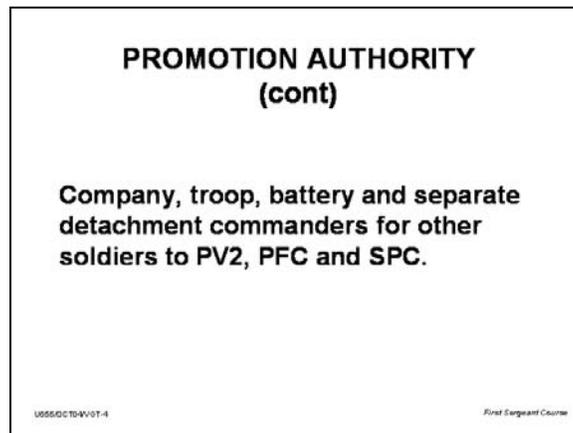
#### **SHOW VGT-3, PROMOTION AUTHORITY**



Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 2, para 1-9a

**REMOVE VGT-3**

## SHOW VGT-4, PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)



Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 2, para 1-9c

### REMOVE VGT-4

**NOTE:** The following narrative is an extract directly from AR 600-8-19, para 3-1 and para 4-1.

- Field grade commanders in units authorized a commander in the rank of LTC or higher have promotion authority to the rank of SGT/SSG; however, the Promotion Work center maintains the recommended list and issues the orders.
- Promotion to SGT and SSG are executed in a semi-centralized manner.
- CDR, HRC-Alexandria (AHRC-MSP-E) promotes soldiers to the grades of SFC, MSG, and SGM. The soldier promotion and selection process is through a centralized promotion board.
- Criteria for primary and secondary zones of consideration for each grade will be announced by CDR, HRC-Alexandria (AHRC-MSP-E) before each board. Soldiers in the grades of SSG and SFC may not decline promotion consideration.
- Soldiers in the grade of MSG may decline consideration for promotion to SGM and or attendance at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.
- Soldiers serving SRB or enlisted bonus (EB) service will not be promoted outside their CPMOS.
- Soldiers in the zone of consideration for an HQDA promotion board, a "complete the record" evaluation report may be submitted.

Thank you (group 1). Group 2 tell us about the eligibility criteria for promotion.

### 3. Learning Step / Activity 3. Eligibility Criteria for promotion

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion

Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)

Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16

Time of Instruction: 15 mins

Media: VGT-5 and VGT-6

**NOTE:** Ensure group 2 discusses both automatic promotions and promotions with waivers for PV2 to SPC.

The eligibility criteria for promotion to PV2:

<u>Automatic</u>	<u>Waiver for TIS and TIMIG</u>
6 months	4 months TIS

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 10, para 2-3c(1) and 2-3i(4)(a)

The eligibility criteria for promotion to PFC:

<u>Automatic</u>	<u>Waiver for TIS and TIMIG</u>
12 months TIS, 4 months TIMIG	6 months TIS, 2 months TIMIG

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 10, para 2-3c(2) and 2-3i(4)(b)

The eligibility criteria for promotion to SPC:

<u>Automatic</u>	<u>Waiver for TIS and TIMIG</u>
24 months TIS, 6 months TIMIG	18 months TIS, 3 months TIMIG

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 10, para 2-3c(3) and 2-3i(4)(c)

**NOTE:** Ensure students discuss the training promotions section outlined in para 2-3i(3)(a) thru (c).

QUESTION: What are the eligibility criteria for promotion to SGT and SSG?

ANSWER: See VGT-5 and VGT-6.

**NOTE:** Ensure students cover and explain all the information listed in VGT-5 and VGT-6.

**NOTE:** Explain to students that table 3-3 shows eligibility for recommendation.

**SHOW VGT-5, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR  
PROMOTION TO SERGEANT**

- **Primary zone:**
  - **36 months TIS.**
  - **8 months TIMIG.**
- **Secondary zone:**
  - **18 months TIS**
  - **TIMIG waiver to four months**
- **Special promotion categories:**
  - **Special Forces, Rangers, and OCS**

US55DCTD-VGT-5 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 18, table 3-4

**REMOVE VGT-5**

## SHOW VGT-6, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO STAFF SERGEANT



Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 18, table 3-4

### REMOVE VGT-6

**NOTE:** The information below is an extract from AR 600-8-19, chapter 4.

CDR, HRC-Alexandria, (TAPC-MSP-E) promotes soldiers to the ranks of SFC, MSG, and SGM. A centralized promotion system has been in effect for promotion of enlisted soldiers since 1 January 1969 for SGM, 1 March 1969 for MSG, and 1 June 1970 for SFC. A soldier in the grades of SSG and SFC may not decline promotion consideration.

- Soldiers must meet certain criteria before the HQDA board convenes.
  - Meet announced DOR and BASD requirements and other eligibility criteria prescribed by HRC-Alexandria.
  - Have at least 6, 8, and 10 years of total active Federal service for SFC, MSG, and SGM, respectively. Must have 8 and 10 years of enlisted service creditable in computing basic pay for promotion to MSG and SGM, respectively.
  - Be serving on active duty in an enlisted status on convening date of the selection board. Have a high school diploma, GED equivalent, or an associate or higher degree.
  - Not be barred from reenlistment or denied reenlistment through the qualitative screening process under AR 601-280.
  - Not be ineligible to reenlist due to DCSS (Declination of continued service statement), retirement, or court-martial.
  - Not have signed a Declination of Continued Service Statement (DCSS) prior to the convening date of the board.
  - SSG must be a graduate of BNCOC or higher NCOES course in order to be considered for promotion to SFC.
  - SFC must be a graduate of ANCOC to be considered for promotion to MSG.
  - MSG who has been removed from a centralized promotions list for failure of USASMC will not be considered by future SGM boards.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 47, para 4-2

**Break:** TIME: 00:50 to 01:00

4. Learning Step / Activity 4. Using SIDPERS reports for promotion

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 15 mins  
Media: VGT-7 and VGT-8

Now that we know who can promote soldiers and the criteria for promotion, we will now discuss the Enlisted Advancement Report, and the Unit Enlisted Promotion Report reports and how you identify soldiers who are eligible for promotion consideration. Both reports are management tools that assist commanders in the timely recommendation and promotion of soldiers and identify those soldiers eligible for promotion consideration with waivers.

QUESTION: What is the Enlisted Advancement Report used for?

ANSWER: The Enlisted Advancement Report is the official instrument used by commanders to recommend soldiers for promotion to SPC and below.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 10, para 2-3a

QUESTION: What is the Unit Enlisted Promotion Report used for?

ANSWER: The Unit Enlisted Promotion Report is used to identify qualified soldiers for promotion to SGT and SSG.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 13, para 3-2a(1)(a)

**SHOW VGT-7, ENLISTED ADVANCEMENT REPORT**



Ref: AR 600-8-19, pp 10 and 11, para 2-3a and 2-5a

**REMOVE VGT-7**

## SHOW VGT-8, UNIT ENLISTED PROMOTION REPORT



Ref: AR 600-8-19, pp 13 and 14, para 3-2a(1)(a)

### REMOVE VGT-8

The BN-S1 screens the report for blank data, but you still need to verify the information after you receive the report. Before you select individuals for accelerated promotion, you must know if your commander can approve waivers.

QUESTION: What are the rules for computing waiver allocations?

ANSWER: Calculations for PV2 and PFC are based on assigned strength and SPC are based on the authorized current strength document. The battalion commander may realign the total allocation within the battalion for SPC only. If this happens, the BNS1 will compute the waiver allocations.

a. Total number of assigned PV2 with less than six months TIS cannot exceed 20 percent of the total PV2 population.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 12, para 2-5e

b. Total number of assigned and attached PFC with less than 12 months TIS cannot exceed 20 percent of the total PFC population.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 12, para 2-5f

c. Total number of assigned CPL and SPC with less than 24 months TIS cannot exceed the SPCs waiver percentage established by HQDA.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 12, para 2-5g

In summary, the SIDPERS reports accomplish several different processes. It helps to determine eligibility, is a management tool, and assists in determining waiver allocations.

5. Learning Step / Activity 5. Authority for reduction

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 15 mins  
Media: VGT-9 thru VGT-12

Now that we have a good understanding of the procedures and criteria for Active Army promotions, we will now discuss enlisted grade reductions. Group 3 will now discuss reduction authority and the reasons for reduction.

**NOTE:** The table shows the relationship between grade and reduction authority. Ensure the students thoroughly discuss VGTs 9 through 12.

**SHOW VGT-9, REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

**REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

- **SPC/CPL AND BELOW**
  - **Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders.**

US550CTD4VGT-9 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 57, table 7-1

**REMOVE VGT-9**

**SHOW VGT-10, REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **SGT/SSG**
  - **Field grade commanders of organizations authorized a LTC or higher commander.**
  - **In separate detachments or companies, the reduction authority will be the next senior headquarters in the chain of command authorized a LTC or higher grade commander.**

US550CTD4VGT-10 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 57, table 7-1

**REMOVE VGT-10**

**SHOW VGT-11, REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **SFC, MSG, AND SGM**
  - **Commanders of organizations authorized a COL or higher grade commander.**

U6550CTD4V0T-11 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 57, table 7-1

**REMOVE VGT-11**

**SHOW VGT-12, REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**In separate detachments or companies, the reduction authority will be the next higher HQ in the chain of command authorized a COL or higher grade commander.**

U6550CTD4V0T-12 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 57, table 7-1

**REMOVE VGT-12**

**NOTE:** A reduction board is a requirement for soldiers in grades SGT through SGM for reduction for misconduct (civil conviction) under paragraph 7-4 (except under table 7-1) and for inefficiency under paragraph 7-5).

**CHECK ON LEARNING:**

QUESTION: Who has the authority to promote soldiers to the ranks of PV2 through specialist/corporal?

ANSWER: The CG, HRC-Alexandria is the promotion authority for PV2 personnel in transit without needing wavier. Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders are authorized to promote soldiers to the grade of PV2, PFC, and SPC.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 2, para 1-9a and c

QUESTION: Who has the authority to promote soldiers to SGT and SSG?

ANSWER: Field grade commanders in units authorized a commander in the rank of LTC or higher.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 13, para 3-1b

QUESTION: Who has the authority to promote soldiers to the rank of SFC to SGM?

ANSWER: CDR, HRC-Alexandria.

Ref: AR 600-8-19, p 47, para 4-1a

During the last 1 hour and 25-minutes, we discussed Active Army promotions and reductions. Next we will take a look at the US Army Reserve promotion and reduction system.

**B. ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

<b>ACTION:</b>	Interpret the components of the U.S. Army Reserve promotion and reduction system.
<b>CONDITIONS:</b>	As a first sergeant in a classroom environment given AR 140-158.
<b>STANDARDS:</b>	Interpreted the components of the U.S. Army Reserve promotion and reduction system IAW AR 140-158.

1. Learning Step / Activity 1. U.S. Army Reserve promotion system objectives

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion

Technique of Delivery:

Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16

Time of Instruction: 25 mins

Media: VGT-13 and VGT-14

Group 2 will lead the discussion covering the United States Army Reserve promotions reductions for PV2 through SPC/CPL, SGT and SSG semi centralized promotions, and SFC through SGM centralized promotions. As with the Active Army we will start by defining the objectives of the Army Reserve promotion system.

**NOTE:** Discuss each bullet point briefly.

The U.S. Army Reserve provides for promotion of the best-qualified soldiers based on recognition of potential for service in the higher grade and not as a reward for past service.

QUESTION: What are the USAR Promotion System objectives?

ANSWERS:

- a. Fill USAR requirements with the best-qualified soldiers.
- b. Provide an equitable and just system that will objectively consider all qualified soldiers.
- c. Recognize the best qualified soldier and thereby attract and retain the highest caliber soldier for a career in the USAR.
- d. Provide for career progression and rank, which is in line with potential.
- e. Preclude promoting a soldier who is not productive or not the best qualified.

**SHOW VGT-13, USAR PROMOTION SYSTEM OBJECTIVES**

**USAR PROMOTION SYSTEM  
OBJECTIVES**

- **Fill U.S. Army Reserve requirements with the best qualified soldiers**
- **Provide an equitable system for all qualified soldiers.**
- **Recognize the best qualified soldiers**

US55GCTD4VGT-13 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 140-158, p 1, para 1-4c(1) thru (3)

**REMOVE VGT-13**

**SHOW VGT-14, USAR PROMOTION SYSTEM OBJECTIVES (cont)**

**USAR PROMOTION SYSTEM  
OBJECTIVES (cont)**

- **Provide for career progression and rank in line with potential.**
- **Preclude promotion of soldiers who are not productive or are not best qualified.**

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Ref: AR 140-158, p 1, para 1-4c (4) and (5)

**REMOVE VGT-14**

**NOTE:** Divide the class into three groups, assign them a learning step/activity necessary to accomplish USAR enlisted promotions and reductions in a unit. For VTT training, designate each site as a group. The briefing must be in the groups' own words, no reading, examples must be a part of the briefing.

At this time, I will divide you into groups. Each VTT training site will represent a single group. You will prepare a briefing and discuss your assigned area relating to enlisted promotions and reductions in a USAR unit. Record the key points and prepare a briefing to present to the other groups. You will have ten (10) minutes to discuss your key points. You are to elect a group spokesperson to present your discussion points. Each group will have ten (10) minutes to present their material to the rest of the class. The briefing must be in your own words, no reading, and you must give examples.

**NOTE:** At this point, assign each group the activity their group is responsible for briefing.

<u>Student SG time</u>	<u>Assigned topics</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>15 minutes</u>
LS/A 2	Authority for Adv/Prom	Group 1	10 minutes
LS/A 3	Criteria for Adv/Prom	Group 2	10 minutes
LS/A 4	GRA-PO1 Report	Instructor	15 minutes
Break		Instructor	10 minutes
LS/A 5	Authority for Reduction	Group 3	10 minutes
LS/A 6	Reduction for Inefficiency	Instructor	15 minutes

**NOTE:** Begin timing the exercise. At the end of the first five (5) minutes the instructor will notify the groups of the remaining time. At the end of the ten (10) minute period call the groups back together and have the first group conduct their presentation. Ensure students cover each bullet point on the slide and the questions. If students do not cover the questions during the group presentation, ask the question at the completion of the presentation.

**Break:** TIME: 01:50 to 02:00

2. Learning Step / Activity 2. U.S. Army Reserve promotion and reduction system

- Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion
- Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)
- Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16
- Time of Instruction: 10 mins
- Media: VGT-15 thru VGT-18

To support the unique requirements of each of the systems, the procedures and criteria for promotions will vary. The systems are designed to provide, through

an internal competitive process, promotion of the best-qualified soldiers to fill manpower requirements within the specific system. TPU soldiers compete against other TPU soldiers to fill TPU duty positions. AGR soldiers compete against other AGR soldiers to fill AGR duty positions. IRR IMA, and standby Reserve (Active List) soldiers compete with each other to fill mobilization requirements.

**SHOW VGT-15, PROMOTION AUTHORITY**

**PROMOTION AUTHORITY**

- **For PV2 through specialist/corporal**
  - **Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders may advance or promote assigned personnel.**

US55GCT04VOT-15 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 140-158, p 18, para 3-2a

**REMOVE VGT-15**

**SHOW VGT-16, PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders may advance attached eligible soldiers subject to concurrence of the assigned commanders.**

US55GCT04VOT-15 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 140-158, p 18, para 3-2a

**REMOVE VGT-16**

## SHOW VGT-17, PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)

**PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **For SGT and SSG**
  - **Field commanders of any unit authorized a commander in the grade of LTC or higher may--**
  - **Promote soldiers assigned to units attached to their command will be promoted only after coordination with parent unit for determination of a valid vacancy.**

US55GCTD-VVOT-17 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 140-158, p 18, para 3-2b(1)

**REMOVE VGT-17**

## SHOW VGT-18, PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)

**PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **For SFC, MSG, and SGM**
- **The commander of an ARCOM/GOCOM/RSC is--**
  - **The promotion authority for soldiers assigned to units of his or her command.**
  - **This authority may not be further delegated.**

US55GCTD-VVOT-18 First Sergeant Course

Ref: AR 140-158, p 18, para 3-2c(1)(a)

**REMOVE VGT-18**

### 3. Learning Step / Activity 3. Criteria for promotion

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 10 mins  
Media: VGT-19 thru VGT-22

We will now begin our discussion on the criteria for promotion.

**NOTE:** The following bullets are a breakdown of the criteria for promotion. Ensure students cover each bullet.

- PV2:

Normal Advancement.

- Advancement to PV2 when he or she has 6 months of service from the date of entry on IADT.

Accelerated Advancement.

- Commanders are authorized to advance soldiers who have at least 4 months service from the date of entry on IADT. There is a constraint that states advancements will not cause more than 20% of the command's assigned and attached PV2 strength to have less than the required 6 months TIS completed from the date of entry on IADT.

Advancement Restriction.

- When a soldier has 6 months service but is not promotable under paragraph 1-14, he or she may be advanced to PV2 on the date promotable status is regained. When a soldier has been reduced to PV1, he or she may be advanced to PV2 on the date promotable status is regained.

Ref: AR 140-158, p 21, para 3-6a thru c

- PFC:

Normal Advancement.

- A soldier in a promotable status will be advanced to PFC when he or she has completed 12 months TIS and 4 months TIMIG. This is provided the advancement is not deferred by the commander on a DA Form 4187.

Accelerated advancement.

- Commanders are authorized to advance soldiers who are in a promotable status and who have at least 6 months TIS. 2 months TIMIG may be waived.

Advancement Restriction.

- Commanders must avoid routinely granting accelerated advancement.

Ref: AR 140-158, p 21, para 3-7a thru c

- SPC/CPL:

Normal Advancement.

- Completed 6 months TIMIG as a PFC.
- Completed 24 months TIS.
- Has been awarded a PMOS.

**NOTE:** As an exception to the above, soldiers who must be retrained in a new MOS as a result of unit reorganization or inactivation may be considered eligible for promotion. This exception will be for a period not to exceed 1 year from the effective date of the reorganization or inactivation and is based on qualification in the former PMOS. A soldier will be reduced to previous grade if not qualified in new MOS within 24 months of assignment to the duty position.

- Meets the retention medical fitness standards per AR 40-501, Chapter 3, or Chapter 5, as appropriate.
- Completed eight grade, General Education Development (GED) Equivalent, or higher education.
- If the MOS in which the soldier is being advanced or promoted requires a security clearance or background investigation, then the security clearance or

an appropriate interim clearance has been issued, or a favorable background investigation has been completed.

Accelerated Advancement or promotion. The soldier must have completed 3 or more months TIMIG as a PFC and 12 or more months TIS.

Ref: AR 140-158, pp 21 and 22, para 3-8a and a.1

**NOTE:** Show the VGTs to summarize the following section of criteria for promotion to SGT, SSG, SFC, and MSG.

**SHOW VGT-19, CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT**

**CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO  
SERGEANT**

- **TIMIG**
  - 12 months.
  - 6 months with waiver.
- **TIS**
  - 36 months in PZ
  - 18 months in SZ.

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Ref: AR 140-158, p 24, para 3-11n(1) and o(1)

**REMOVE VGT-19**

**SHOW VGT-20, CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO STAFF SERGEANT**

**CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO  
STAFF SERGEANT**

- **TIMIG**
  - 15 months.
  - 8 months with waiver.
- **TIS**
  - 84 months in PZ.
  - 48 months in SZ.

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Ref: AR 140-158, p 24, para 3-11n(2) and o(2)

**REMOVE VGT-20**

**SHOW VGT-21, CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT FIRST CLASS**



Ref: AR 140-158, p 33, para 3-31k(1) and l(1)

**REMOVE VGT-21**

**SHOW VGT-22, CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO MASTER SERGEANT**



Ref: AR 140-158, p 33, para 3-31k(2), l(2), and m(1)

**REMOVE VGT-22**

4. Learning Step / Activity 4. Procedures used for U.S. Army Reserve advancement/promotions

- Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion
- Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)
- Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16
- Time of Instruction: 25 mins
- Media: None

Now that we know the criteria for promotion of the U.S. Army Reserve system, let's discuss the procedures used for advancement/promotion.

There are two types of reports that promotion authorities use to announce advancement to PV2, PFC, and SPC/CPL.

QUESTION: What are the two reports?

ANSWER: DA Form 4187 or SIDPERS-USAR Advancement Eligibility Status Report (GRA-PO1).

- The promotion authority will announce the advancement to PV2, PFC, and SPC/CPL on DA Form 4187, or SIDPERS-USAR Advancement Eligibility Status Roster (GRA-PO1), and promotion to CPL on the appropriate orders format.
- This is an output report to the commander and first sergeant giving them information on which soldier is advanced to the next higher grade (PV2 thru SPC/CPL).
- The form shows that the following individuals are to be advanced to the next grade with a date of rank of and effective date. For the promotion to be valid, the commander must sign and date the form, then return it to the appropriate agency.
- The promotion authority (para 3-2c) will publish orders announcing promotions, and conditional promotions, to SFC through SGM. The effective date for pay purposes will be the effective date of the promotion order or a future effective date.

Ref: AR 140-158, pp 20 and 21, para 3-5 thru 3-8 and 3-38

**NOTE:** Have the student review the GRA-PO1 pointing out that it is similar in content to the Enlisted Advancement Report.

**BREAK:** TIME: 02:50 to 03:00

5. Learning Step / Activity 5. U.S. Army Reserve authority for reduction

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 10 mins  
Media: VGT-23 and VGT-24

Now that we have an understanding of the procedures and criteria for USAR advancement/promotions, we will now discuss reductions.

**NOTE:** Ensure students cover the key points listed below.

- Centralized promotion authority authorized throughout this regulation does not divest commanders of the authority to reduce personnel for inefficiency or conviction by a civil court. However, reduction for misconduct under Article 15, UCMJ, (AR 27-10), is not authorized for AGR SSG through SGM and all other soldiers SFC through SGM.

Ref: AR 140-158, p 76, para 7-2

**NOTE:** The reduction authorities for all grades are shown on the VGT's 23 and 24, with the corresponding grades.

**SHOW VGT-23, REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

**REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

- **SPC/CPL and below--company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders.**
- **SGT/SSG--Field grade commanders of organizations authorized a LTC or higher grade commander.**

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Ref: AR 140-158, p 76, para 7-2a and b

**REMOVE VGT-23**

**SHOW VGT-24, REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **SFC, MSG, and SGM--Commanders of organizations authorized a COL or higher grade commander.**

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Ref: AR 140-158, p 76, para 7-2c

**REMOVE VGT-24**

6. Learning Step / Activity 6. U.S. Army Reserve authority for reduction for inefficiency

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 15 mins  
Media: None

Reduction for inefficiency, failure to complete a school course, unsatisfactory participation, or individual request for reduction. The DOR will be the date of the grade to which reduced as if the soldier had never attained a grade higher than that to

which reduced (i.e. PFC, DOR 30 June 84; promoted to CPL, 3 DEC 84; reduced to PFC, 5 Mar 85; DOR 30 June 84.

Ref: AR 140-158, pp 80 and 81, para 7-10, 7-10.1, and 7-12

**CHECK ON LEARNING:**

QUESTION: Who has the authority to promote soldiers to sergeant and staff sergeant?

ANSWER: Field grade commanders in units authorized a commander in the rank of LTC or higher.

Ref: AR 140-158, p 18, para 3-2b(1) thru (3)

QUESTION: What are the criteria for advancement to PV2?

ANSWER:

a. Normal Advancement.

Advancement to PV2 when he or she has 6 months of service from the date of entry on IADT.

b. Accelerated Advancement.

Commanders are authorized to advance soldiers who have at least 4 months service from the date of entry on IADT.

Ref: AR 140-158, p 21, para 3-6

QUESTION: Who has reduction authority for SPC/CPL and below?

ANSWER: Company, troop, battery, and separate detachment commanders.

Ref: AR 140-158, p 76, para 7-2a

QUESTION: Who is the reduction authority for SFC through SGM?

ANSWER: Commanders of organizations authorized a commander in the grade of COL or higher.

Ref: AR 140-158, p 76, para 7-2c

This concludes the U.S. Army Reserve ELO part of this lesson. The next ELO will cover the Army National Guard.

**C. ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

<b>ACTION:</b>	Interpret the components of the U.S. Army National Guard promotion and reduction system.
<b>CONDITIONS:</b>	As a first sergeant in a classroom environment given NGR (AR) 600-200.
<b>STANDARDS:</b>	Interpreted the components of the U.S. Army National Guard promotion and reduction system IAW NGR (AR) 600-200.

1. Learning Step / Activity 1. U.S. Army National Guard promotion system objectives

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 30 mins  
Media: None

The Army National Guard establishes standard promotion and advancement procedures in accordance with NGR 600-200, chapter 11.

The promotion system is designed to help fill authorized enlisted vacancies with the best-qualified enlisted soldiers who have demonstrated the potential to serve at the next higher grade. This system provides career progression and grade in line with each soldier's potential.

For the noncommissioned officer grades, it prescribes the noncommissioned officer education system (NCOES) requirements for promotion and that soldier on a promotion list will attend the course required for promotion to that grade.

Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-2, para 11-1b and c

**Break:** TIME: 03:50 to 04:00

2. Learning Step / Activity 2. U.S. Army National Guard authority for advancement/promotion

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 5 mins  
Media: VGT-25

**NOTE:** The following text is an extract from NGR 600-200, placed in this narrative for the instructor as a guide. Ensure students cover the following key points. Show VGT-25 to summarize ARNG promotion authority.

- The Chief, National Guard Bureau (CNGB) is the convening and promotion authority for AGR Title 10 enlisted tour soldiers attached to NGB and active duty installations per NGR 600-10. The Deputy Director, ARNG (DDARNG) is delegated the authority to administer this program for the NGB AGR Title 10 Tour Management Program.
- The states AG's are convening and promotion authorities for all promotion boards SGT through SGM. They may delegate their authority to their State Assistant AG or Deputy STARC Commander. They also may delegate promotion authority to subordinate commanders as follows:
  - Commanders in command positions authorized grade of MG for promotion to SGM.
  - Commanders in command positions authorized grade of COL or higher for promotion to SFC and MSG.

- Commanders in command positions authorized grade of LTC or higher for promotion to SGT and SSG.
- All other commanders for advancement to PV2 through SPC.
- All convening and promotion authorities may delegate the conduct, management, and signature authority for this program to their Director of Personnel, Military Personnel Management Officer (MPMO) or comparable officer.
- Commanders of active Army units to which soldiers are attached for training may advance and promote ARNGUS soldiers per AR 600-8- 19 (with concurrence of the ARNG).

Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), pp SH-2-2 and 2-3, para 11-2

**SHOW VGT-25, PROMOTION AUTHORITY**

<b>PROMOTION AUTHORITY</b>	
• <b>PV2 thru SPC/ CPL</b>	<b>CDR: Co, Bat, Trp, Sep Det</b>
• <b>SGT thru SSG</b>	<b>CDR: LTC or HIGHER</b>
• <b>SFC thru MSG/1SG</b>	<b>CDR: COL or HIGHER</b>
• <b>SGM or CSM</b>	<b>CDR: MG</b>

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Ref: NGR 600-20 (SH-2), para 11-2b(1) thru(4)

**REMOVE VGT-25**

3. Learning Step / Activity 3. U.S. Army National Guard criteria for advancement/promotion

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion

Technique of Delivery:

Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16

Time of Instruction: 15 mins

Media: VGT-26 thru VGT-31

Now let's take a look at the ARNG's criteria for advancements.

**NOTE:** Ensure students cover the following key points.

- To determine if a soldier is eligible for promotion, you must determine the soldier's time in grade (TIMIG), time in service (TIS), and cumulative enlisted service (CES). You compute TIS from the soldier's Pay Entry Basic Date (PEBD). Cumulative enlisted service excludes time served as warrant and commissioned officer.
- With a promotion to a certain grade, some MOS require security clearances. DA Pam 611-21 governs these requirements.
- Individuals who accept promotions will fulfill the service remaining requirement before they separate from the service. If they do not, they will undergo separation in the next lower grade unless granted an exception to policy.

Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), pp SH-2-6 and 2-7, para 11-8, thru 11-10

**NOTE:** Ensure students discuss the criteria listed in VGT 26 through VGT 30.

**SHOW VGT-26, CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO PV2**

**CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT  
TO PV2**

- **TIS - 6 Months**
- **TIMIG - NA**
- **MOSQ - NA**
- **POSN/VAC - NA**
- **SEC CL - NA**

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Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-13, para 11-24

**REMOVE VGT-26**

**SHOW VGT-27, CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO PFC**

**CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT  
TO PFC**

- **TIS - 12 Months**
- **TIMIG - 4 Months (2 months w/waiver)**
- **MOSQ - NA**
- **POSN/VAC - NA**
- **SEC CL - NA**

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Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-13, para 11-25

**REMOVE VGT-27**

**SHOW VGT-28, CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO SPC/CPL**

**CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT  
TO SPC/CPL**

- **TIS - 26 Months (14 months w/waiver)**
- **TIMIG - 6 Months (3 months w/waiver)**
- **MOSQ - Yes**
- **POSN/VAC - Yes (waivable w/26 mos TIS)**
- **SEC CL - By MOS IAW DA PAM 611-21**

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Ref: NGR 600-200 ( SH-2), pp SH-2-13 and 2-14, para 11-26

**REMOVE VGT-28**

**SHOW VGT-29, CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO SGT AND SSG**

**CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO  
SGT AND SSG**

<u>FOR</u>	<u>TIMIG</u>	<u>TIS</u>	<u>CES</u>
<b>SGT</b>	<b>6 months</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>SSG</b>	<b>8 months</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

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**NOTE:** CES stands for Cumulative Enlisted Service.

Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-14, para 11-27

**REMOVE VGT-29**

**SHOW VGT-30, CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT FOR SFC AND MSG**

<b>CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SFC AND MSG</b>			
<b><u>FOR</u></b>	<b><u>TIMIG</u></b>	<b><u>TIS</u></b>	<b><u>CES</u></b>
<b>SFC</b>	<b>11 months</b>	<b>9 Years</b>	<b>6 Years</b>
<b>MSG</b>	<b>12 months</b>	<b>13 Years</b>	<b>8 Years</b>

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Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-14, para 11-27

**REMOVE VGT-30**

QUESTION: What are the NCOES requirements for SGT through SGM?

ANSWER: See VGT-31.

**SHOW VGT-31, NCOES REQUIREMENTS**

<b>NCOES REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b><u>For promotion to:</u></b>	<b><u>NCOES:</u></b>
• <b>SGT</b>	<b>PLDC</b>
• <b>SSG</b>	<b>BNCOC PHASE I</b>
• <b>SFC</b>	<b>ANCOC PHASE I</b>
• <b>MSG</b>	<b>ANCOC PHASE I</b>
• <b>SGM</b>	<b>ENROLLED IN USASMC</b>

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Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-15, para 11-28a(1) thru (9)

**REMOVE VGT-31**

As in the Active Army, promotion instruments are the forms used to document the advancement or promotion. Do not use DA form 4187 for advancements or promotions unless special circumstances require it. However, the ARNG announces promotions to SGT through SGM on orders.

4. Learning Step / Activity 4. U.S. Army National Guard requirements for promotion boards

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 10 mins  
Media: VGT-32 and VGT-33

The Army National Guard promotion selection process establishes the means to select the best-qualified soldiers for promotion, and to prepare them with the training for assignment at the next higher grade.

The promotion list is neither a permanent standing list nor an order of merit. Each list published is a new list. The list remains valid until exhausted or a subsequent list supersedes it. There may be soldiers on the promotion list who do not get promoted before the list expires. These soldiers must compete anew on the next year's board. The soldier's standing on one year's promotion list has no bearing on the next promotion board. The next board process considers all eligible soldiers without regard to their standing on any previous promotion lists.

- States will conduct one board and publish a promotion list for each rank approximately once each year.
- Soldiers' ranking with their contemporaries is the sole determination for their sequence on the new list.
- Each year the SIDPERS interface branch (sib) will generate promotion eligibility rosters for each unit. SIB will generate a NGB Form 4100-1-R-E, and enlisted promotion worksheet for each soldier eligible for promotion to SFC thru SGM.

Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), SH-2-20 thru 2-22, para 11-33 and 11-34

**NOTE:** Have students review SH-2, para 11-35. Allow the students time to review the forms as an example of what they receive in ARNG units.

Unit commanders must process soldiers for promotion consideration in the following way:

- Verify the promotion eligibility roster.
- Add eligible soldiers.
- Delete ineligible soldiers.
- Enter missing or changed data on NGB Form 4100-1-R-E.
- Enter evaluator names or positions on NGB Form 4100-1-R.

## SHOW VGT-32, COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

**COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **Verify the promotion eligibility roster.**
- **Add eligible soldiers.**
- **Delete ineligible soldiers.**
- **Enter missing or changed data on NGB FORM 4100-R-E.**
- **Enter evaluation names or positions on NGB FORM 4101-1-R.**

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Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-22, para 11-35b(1) thru (5)

### REMOVE VGT-32

QUESTION: What are the first line supervisor responsibilities in promotion consideration?

ANSWER: See VGT-33.

## SHOW VGT-33, FIRST LINE LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

**FIRST LINE LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **Interview and counsel the soldier using NGB FORM 4100-1-R-E.**
- **Ensure the soldier verifies the individual data on the form.**

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Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), pp SH-2-22 and 2-23, para 11-35c(1) and (2)

### REMOVE VGT-33

#### 5. Learning Step / Activity 5. U.S. Army National Guard requirements for reduction in grade

Method of Instruction: Conference / Discussion  
Technique of Delivery: Small Group Instruction (SGI)  
Instructor to Student Ratio: 1:16  
Time of Instruction: 10 mins  
Media: VGT-34

The individual soldier also has some responsibilities in processing their promotion consideration packet. Those responsibilities are:

- Soldiers must verify the accuracy of entries and update the data as required.
- Soldiers must accept or decline consideration in their own handwriting on the form.

Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-23, para 11-36a and b

Now that we have an understanding of the procedures and criteria for National Guard advancement and promotion, we can now shift to enlisted grade reductions.

We will discuss the reduction authority and reasons for reduction.

**NOTE:** Ensure students cover the following key elements.

- The promotion authorities are the reduction authority.
- In the ARNG, SGTs and above considered for reduction in grade for misconduct, civil conviction, or inefficiency require board actions. A requirement for a board is not necessary for administrative reduction. The reduction board will not convene if the soldier waives the requirement in writing.
- The reduction authority for SGM and below are:

#### **SHOW VGT-34, REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

<b>REDUCTION AUTHORITY</b>	
• PV2 thru SPC/CPL	<b>CDR: Co, Bat, Trp, Sep Det</b>
• SGT thru SSG	<b>CDR: LTC or HIGHER</b>
• SFC thru MSG/1SG	<b>CDR: COL or Higher</b>
• SGM/CSM	<b>CDR: MG</b>

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Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), p SH-2-34, para 11-54b

#### **REMOVE VGT-34**

- The ARNG can reduce soldiers without board actions under certain conditions.
  - Commanders will reduce soldiers without board action or appeal for failure to complete required training. Commanders will automatically reduce soldiers who fail to enroll or complete an NCOES course that is a condition of a promotion.

**NOTE:** Have students discuss the key points listed below:

- There are several other reasons that an individual may be reduced in grade. The following is a list of those reasons.
- Para 11-54. General.

- Para 11-56. Voluntary reduction.
- Para 11-57. Failure to complete training.

Ref: NGR 600-200 (SH-2), pp SH-2-34 and 2-35, para 11-54 thru 11-57

**SECTION IV. SUMMARY**

Method of Instruction: <u>Conference / Discussion</u>
Technique of Delivery: <u>Small Group Instruction (SGI)</u>
Instructor to Student Ratio is: <u>1:16</u>
Time of Instruction: <u>5 mins</u>
Media: <u>None</u>

**Check on Learning**

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The questions throughout this lesson serve as the check on learning.

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**Review / Summarize Lesson**

For the past five hours, we discussed enlisted promotions and reductions for the Active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve systems. This lesson covered the promotion system, promotion authority, eligibility criteria for advancement and promotion, the promotion board make-up and process, and the enlisted reduction process.

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**SECTION V. STUDENT EVALUATION**

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**Testing  
Requirements**

**NOTE:** Describe how the student must demonstrate accomplishment of the TLO. Refer student to the Student Evaluation Plan.

You will take a multiple choice examination. The examination will contain questions from this and other lessons. You must correctly answer 70 percent or more of the questions on the examination to receive a GO.

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**Feedback  
Requirements**

**NOTE:** Feedback is essential to effective learning. Schedule and provide feedback on the evaluation and any information to help answer students' questions about the test. Provide remedial training as needed.

You will participate in an After Action Review (AAR) immediately following the examination for this particular lesson.

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Enabling Learning Objective A

Learning Step 1

VGT-1, Objectives of the Army Promotion System

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMY PROMOTION SYSTEM**

- **Fill authorized enlisted spaces with the best qualified soldiers.**
- **Provide for career progression and rank in line with potential.**
- **Recognize the best qualified soldier.**

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMY PROMOTION SYSTEM (cont)**

- **Precludes promoting of soldiers who are not productive or not best qualified.**
- **Providing an equitable system for all soldiers.**

## **PROMOTION AUTHORITY**

**The CG, HRC-Alexandria is the promotion authority to PV2 for soldiers who meet eligibility without wavier while in transit.**

## **PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders for other soldiers to PV2, PFC and SPC.**

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT**

- **Primary zone:**
  - **36 months TIS.**
  - **8 months TIMIG.**
- **Secondary zone:**
  - **18 months TIS**
  - **TIMIG waiver to four months**
- **Special promotion categories:**
  - **Special Forces, Rangers, and OCS**

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO STAFF SERGEANT**

- **Primary zone:**
  - 84 months TIS**
  - 10 months TIMIG**
- **Secondary zone:**
  - 48 months TIS**
  - Five months TIMIG**

## **ENLISTED ADVANCEMENT REPORT**

- **The official instrument used by commanders to recommend soldiers for promotion to SPC and below.**
- **Produced for promotions effective for the following month.**

# **UNIT ENLISTED PROMOTION REPORT**

- **Lists the soldiers eligible for promotion to ranks of SGT/SSG.**
- **Produced for the following month's promotion board.**

# **REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

- **SPC/CPL AND BELOW**
  - **Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders.**

## **REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **SGT/SSG**
  - **Field grade commanders of organizations authorized a LTC or higher commander.**
  - **In separate detachments or companies, the reduction authority will be the next senior headquarters in the chain of command authorized a LTC or higher grade commander.**

## **REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **SFC, MSG, AND SGM**
  - **Commanders of organizations authorized a COL or higher grade commander.**

## **REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

**In separate detachments or companies, the reduction authority will be the next higher HQ in the chain of command authorized a COL or higher grade commander.**

Enabling Learning Objective B

Learning Step 1

VGT-13, USAR Promotion System Objectives

## **USAR PROMOTION SYSTEM OBJECTIVES**

- **Fill U.S. Army Reserve requirements with the best qualified soldiers**
- **Provide an equitable system for all qualified soldiers.**
- **Recognize the best qualified soldiers**

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## **USAR PROMOTION SYSTEM OBJECTIVES (cont)**

- **Provide for career progression and rank in line with potential.**
- **Preclude promotion of soldiers who are not productive or are not best qualified.**

## **PROMOTION AUTHORITY**

- **For PV2 through specialist/corporal**
  - **Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders may advance or promote assigned personnel.**

## **PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **Company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders may advance attached eligible soldiers subject to concurrence of the assigned commanders.**

## **PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **For SGT and SSG**
  - **Field commanders of any unit authorized a commander in the grade of LTC or higher may--**
  - **Promote soldiers assigned to units attached to their command will be promoted only after coordination with parent unit for determination of a valid vacancy.**

## **PROMOTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **For SFC, MSG, and SGM**
- **The commander of an ARCOM/GOCOM/RSC is--**
  - **The promotion authority for soldiers assigned to units of his or her command.**
  - **This authority may not be further delegated.**

## **CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT**

- **TIMIG**
  - **12 months.**
  - **6 months with waiver.**
- **TIS**
  - **36 months in PZ**
  - **18 months in SZ.**

## **CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO STAFF SERGEANT**

- **TIMIG**
  - **15 months.**
  - **8 months with waiver.**
- **TIS**
  - **84 months in PZ.**
  - **48 months in SZ.**

## **CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT FIRST CLASS**

- **TIMIG**
  - **21 months as a SSG.**
- **TIS**
  - **11 years primary zone.**
  - **9 years secondary zone.**

## **CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO MASTER SERGEANT**

- **TIMIG**
  - **24 Months as SFC and/or PSG.**
- **TIS**
  - **15 years primary zone.**
  - **11 years secondary zone.**

## **REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

- **SPC/CPL and below--company, troop, battery and separate detachment commanders.**
- **SGT/SSG--Field grade commanders of organizations authorized a LTC or higher grade commander.**

## **REDUCTION AUTHORITY (cont)**

- **SFC, MSG, and SGM--Commanders of organizations authorized a COL or higher grade commander.**

Enabling Learning Objective C

Learning Step 2

VGT-25, Promotion Authority

## **PROMOTION AUTHORITY**

- **PV2 thru SPC/ CPL**      **CDR: Co, Bat, Trp, Sep Det**
- **SGT thru SSG**      **CDR: LTC or HIGHER**
- **SFC thru MSG/1SG**      **CDR: COL or HIGHER**
- **SGM or CSM**      **CDR: MG**

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## **CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO PV2**

- **TIS - 6 Months**
- **TIMIG - NA**
- **MOSQ - NA**
- **POSN/VAC - NA**
- **SEC CL - NA**

## **CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO PFC**

- **TIS - 12 Months**
- **TIMIG - 4 Months (2 months w/waiver)**
- **MOSQ - NA**
- **POSN/VAC - NA**
- **SEC CL - NA**

## **CRITERIA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO SPC/CPL**

- **TIS - 26 Months (14 months w/waiver)**
- **TIMIG - 6 Months (3 months w/waiver)**
- **MOSQ - Yes**
- **POSN/VAC - Yes (waivable w/26 mos TIS)**
- **SEC CL - By MOS IAW DA PAM 611-21**

## CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SGT AND SSG

<u>FOR</u>	<u>TIMIG</u>	<u>TIS</u>	<u>CES</u>
<b>SGT</b>	<b>6 months</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>SSG</b>	<b>8 months</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

## **CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO SFC AND MSG**

<b><u>FOR</u></b>	<b><u>TIMIG</u></b>	<b><u>TIS</u></b>	<b><u>CES</u></b>
<b>SFC</b>	<b>11 months</b>	<b>9 Years</b>	<b>6 Years</b>
<b>MSG</b>	<b>12 months</b>	<b>13 Years</b>	<b>8 Years</b>

# NCOES REQUIREMENTS

**For promotion to:**

- **SGT**
- **SSG**
- **SFC**
- **MSG**
- **SGM**

**NCOES:**

**PLDC**  
**BNCOC PHASE I**  
**ANCOC PHASE I**  
**ANCOC PHASE I**  
**ENROLLED IN USASMC**

## **COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **Verify the promotion eligibility roster.**
- **Add eligible soldiers.**
- **Delete ineligible soldiers.**
- **Enter missing or changed data on NGB FORM 4100-R-E.**
- **Enter evaluation names or positions on NGB FORM 4101-1-R.**

## **FIRST LINE LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **Interview and counsel the soldier using NGB FORM 4100-1-R-E.**
- **Ensure the soldier verifies the individual data on the form.**

## **REDUCTION AUTHORITY**

- **PV2 thru SPC/CPL**                      **CDR: Co, Bat,  
Trp, Sep Det**
- **SGT thru SSG**                              **CDR: LTC or  
HIGHER**
- **SFC thru MSG/1SG**                      **CDR: COL or  
Higher**
- **SGM/CSM**                                      **CDR: MG**

**Appendix B - Test(s) and Test Solution(s) (N/A)**

**Appendix C - Practical Exercises and Solutions (N/A)**

## Appendix D

### HANDOUTS FOR LESSON 1: U655 version 1

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This appendix contains the items listed in this table--

<b>Title/Synopsis</b>	<b>Pages</b>
SH-1, Advance Sheet	SH-1-1 and SH-1-2
SH-2, Extract, National Guard Regulation 600-200	SH-2-1 thru SH-2-50
SH-3, Student Notes	SH-3-1 thru SH-3-13

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# Student Handout 1

## Advance Sheet for U655

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**Lesson Hours** This lesson consists of five hours of small group instruction.

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**Overview** The objective of this lesson is to familiarize you with Enlisted Promotions and Reductions in the Active Army, National Guard and the Army Reserve. This lesson will cover decentralized promotions, PV2 through SPC/CPL, semi-centralized promotions, Sergeant through Staff Sergeant; and an overview of the centralized promotion system, Sergeant First Class through Sergeant Major. It will also cover the enlisted reduction process.

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**Learning Objective** Terminal Learning Objective (TLO)

<b>Action:</b>	Analyze enlisted promotions and reductions.
<b>Conditions:</b>	As a first sergeant in a classroom environment given AR 600-8-19, AR (R) 140-158, NGR 600-200, and student handouts.
<b>Standards:</b>	Determine the criteria for enlisted promotions and reductions IAW AR 600-8-19, AR (R) 140-158, and NGR 600-200.

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- ELO A** Interpret the component of the U. S. Army promotion and reduction system.
- ELO B** Interpret the component of the U. S. Army Reserve promotion and reduction system.
- ELO C** Interpret the component of the U. S. Army National Guard promotion and reduction system.
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**Assignment** The student assignments for this lesson are:

- Read AR 600-8-19, Chapters 1 thru 7.
- Read AR 140-158 w Chg 4, Chapters 3-8
- Read SH-2, Extract of NGR 600-200, Chapter 11.

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**Additional Subject Area Resources** None

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**Bring to Class** AR 600-8-19.  
Student Handouts 1 thru 3.  
Pen or pencil and writing paper.

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**Note to Students**

It is your responsibility to do the homework prior to class. We expect you to come to class prepared and participate in the small group discussion by providing information you learned from your individual study, as well as your personal and observed experiences. Failure to study and read the assignments above will result in your inability to fully participate with the rest of the group. Not having your input affects the group's ability to fully discuss the information.

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**Student Handout 2**  
**U655**

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This student handout consists of 49 pages of extracted material from NGR (AR) 600-200, Enlisted Personnel Management, 1 March 1997

Chapter 11, Transitional Promotion and Reduction Policy.

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## **Chapter 11 Transitional Promotion and Reduction Policy**

*Transition guidance. Implement the policies and procedures in this chapter one or more grades at a time from CSM through SGT on the schedule set by each state with full implementation in 1996. Publication of each promotion list sets the implementation date for all soldiers in the state in that grade. States may use chapter 6 until the day before implementation to select soldiers for promotion into actual vacancies. At the same time, prepare soldiers for consideration using this chapter to allow continuous fill of vacancies. The date of the SGT promotion list also marks the date of transition for all lower grades in the state, and implementation of the remaining provisions of this chapter, completely replacing chapter 6 use in that state. Authority to use chapter 6 will expire with its rescission on 31 December 1996. Selections, assignments and promotions made using policies and procedures from the test program development phase through the implementation date of this chapter in a state are valid. This includes guidance in state memoranda of instructions for boards being processed, provided that all soldiers in the state in that grade are treated the same.*

### **Section I General**

#### **11-1. Purpose**

a. This chapter prescribes policy and procedures for advancement, promotion, lateral appointment, reduction and restoration for all Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS) enlisted soldiers. A soldier who is advanced, promoted, laterally appointed, or reduced in the ARNGUS is concurrently advanced, promoted, laterally appointed, or reduced in the Reserve of the Army.

b. This system is designed to help fill authorized enlisted vacancies with the best qualified enlisted soldiers who have demonstrated the potential to serve at the next higher grade. It provides for career progression and grade in line with each soldier's potential.

c. For the noncommissioned officer grades, it prescribes the Noncommissioned

Officer Education System (NCOES) requirements for promotion and that soldiers on a promotion list will attend the course required for promotion to that grade.

d. Use this chapter in concern with NGR 600.5 and NGR 600-10 for AGR soldiers, and with regulations that govern Military Technicians.

e. Use this chapter to administer advancements, promotions, lateral appointments and reductions for soldiers called or ordered to active Federal service for less than one year as described in instructions issued for the call or order.

f. This chapter grants formal promotion selection boards the authority to recommend unproductive soldiers for removal from active status.

#### **11-2. Convening and promotion authorities**

a. Chief, National Guard Bureau (CNGB) is convening and promotion authority for AGR Title 10 enlisted tour soldiers attached to NGB and active duty installations per NGR 600-10. The Deputy Director, ARNG (DDARNG) is delegated the authority to administer this program for the NGB AGR Title 10 Tour Management Program.

b. State AGs are convening and promotion authorities for all promotion boards to SGT through SGM. They may delegate their authority to their Assistant State AG (Army) or Deputy STARC commander. They also may delegate promotion authority to subordinate commanders as follows:

(1) Commanders in command positions authorized grade of MG for promotion to SGM.

(2) Commanders in command positions authorized grade of COL or higher for promotion to SFC and MSG.

(3) Commanders in command positions authorized grade of LTC or higher for promotion to SGT and SSG.

(4) All other commanders for advancement to PV2 through SPC.

c. All convening and promotion authorities may delegate the conduct, management and signature authority for this program to their Director of Personnel, Military Personnel Management Officer (MPMO) or comparable officer.

d. Commanders of active Army units to which soldiers are attached for training may

advance and promote ARNGUS soldiers per AR 600-8-19.

### **11-3. Promotable and nonpromotable status**

Soldiers may be advanced or promoted only while in a promotable status. Soldiers under suspension of favorable personnel actions may be considered for promotion as discussed in paragraph 11-27a. If a soldier is accidentally or intentionally promoted when not in a promotable status, the promotion lacks an original basis of authority and, therefore, is voided. Revoke orders effective on the day the error is detected. The rules in paragraph II-II below may apply. A soldier is in a nonpromotable status and will not be promoted, advanced, appointed to a higher grade, or laterally appointed to CPL, 1 SG or CSM when:

a. The subject of proceedings that may result in administrative elimination.

b. A written recommendation has been sent to the promotion authority to reclassify the soldier for inefficiency or disciplinary reasons.

c. The soldier does not have the security clearance or favorable security investigation for promotion to the grade and MOS.

d. Ineligible for immediate reenlistment or extension of enlistment per chapter 7.

e. A Bar to Reenlistment or Extension of Enlistment has been approved or initiated per chapter 7.

f. Ineligible to reenlist or extend to meet the remaining service obligation for advancement or promotion in paragraph 11-10.

g. A written recommendation has been submitted to remove the soldier from a promotion list.

h. A State Medical Duty Review Board (MDRB) per NGR 40-501 or a Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) determines that a soldier is no longer qualified for service.

i. Declared an unsatisfactory participant per AR 135-91:

(1) Paragraph 4-9, for 9 or more unexcused absences from scheduled training assemblies.

(2) Paragraph 4-13, for unexcused absent from annual training or A WOL during other period of active duty (AD) or full-time National Guard (FTNGD) duty of less than 30 days. NOTE: If retained in Service, promotable status is regained, provided

otherwise eligible, when the soldier has fewer than 9 unexcused absences per paragraph 4-11, punishment is completed and suspension of favorable personnel action is removed.

j. Absent without leave (A WOL) per AR 600-8-10 until punishment is completed and suspension of favorable personnel action is removed or the soldier is separated from service.

k. Selected for elimination by Enlisted Qualitative Retention Board (EQRB) per AR 135-205, chapter 4 or NGR 600-200, chapter 10.

l. The soldier is a Military Technician selected for mandatory removal for maximum age or by EQRB, but allowed by law to remain to qualify for civil service retirement.

m. Failure to qualify or apply for, be entered into, or to successfully complete required NCOES training due to failure to meet standards for entrance, failure of standards to complete, or through voluntary withdrawal. This does not apply for hardship, emergency or cases in which the soldier is ill or injured.

n. Under a suspension of favorable personnel actions (SFP) (flagged) per AR 600-8-2 or have a circumstance that requires an SFP A whether or not it is actually initiated and completed, such as failure of APFT, body composition standard, completion of processing and punishment under Article 15, UCMJ (except for summarized proceedings imposed according to AR 27-10, paragraph 3-16) or comparable state law, etc. See also. figure 11-2.

o. Assigned to the Inactive National Guard (ING).

### **11-4. Delay of promotion due to suspension of favorable personnel action**

When a soldier's promotion or advancement was delayed because of suspension of favorable personnel actions per AR 600-8-2, and the final DA Form 268 has been prepared, use the following rules to determine the soldier's promotion status. When the final report is closed-

a. "Favorable," when the soldier would have been promoted while the suspension was in effect and the soldier has been assigned, promote the soldier. Establish effective date and DOR as if no delay in

promotion had occurred. The earlier effective date must be approved before the promotion and under the procedures in paragraph 11-6c.

b. "Unfavorable," and the soldier would have been promoted while the suspension was in effect, provided otherwise eligible, promote the soldier with effective date and DOR of the date of removal of SFP A unless action has been initiated to remove the soldier from the promotion list before the closing date of the DA Form 268.

c. "Other," (applies to the Army Weight Control Program and the APFT, and the soldier would have been promoted while the suspension was in effect, provided otherwise eligible, promote the soldier with an effective date and DOR of the date of removal of the suspension of favorable personnel action or date of assignment and qualification, whichever is later.

#### **11-5. Precedence of rank**

Among enlisted soldiers of the same grade in active status (paid drill status, AD, or FTNGD, precedence of rank will be determined:

- a. According to DOR.
- b. By length of total active status regardless of component, when dates of rank are the same.
- c. By date of birth when a and b are the same; older is more senior.

#### **11-6. Date of rank (DOR) and effective date**

a. The DOR is the date specified in the advancement, promotion or reduction instrument.

b. The DOR and effective date are normally the same. The effective date of an order or DA Form 4187 cannot be earlier than the first day the soldier becomes fully qualified. The effective date is always the same as the date of the order or the authentication officers signature respectively unless:

(1) A future date is specified for a valid reason.

(2) It confirms verbal orders previously issued under rare and unusual circumstances.

c. An earlier effective date normally must be approved by a higher promotion authority unless the State AG has retained promotion authority. However, DOR may be earlier than the effective date because of flagging action per AR 600-8-2, after completion of

training per paragraph 11-45c, restoration of grade, or when earlier effective date is approved.

d. See NGR 614-1 for DOR on transfers from the ING.

e. DOR remains unchanged upon lateral appointment, but will be specified in the orders.

f. Soldiers promoted to formerly held enlisted grades, after having been reduced one or more grades under paragraph 11-57, 11-58b or 11-58c, receive an adjusted DOR that gives credit for time previously served in the grade, or a higher grade, to which promoted.

g. Soldiers reduced involuntarily for lack of grade vacancy when leadership or compatibility waivers expire will receive an adjusted DOR when promoted to their formerly held pay grade.

h. Soldiers reduced for inefficiency per paragraph 11-60 do not receive adjusted DOR if later promoted to higher grades.

i. Soldiers reduced voluntarily per paragraph 11-55 will not receive an adjusted DOR when promoted again to their formerly held grades.

j. DOR for soldiers reduced -

(1) For inefficiency, at their own request, for failure to complete a course, to accept a commission or warrant appointment for which they were promoted to a higher grade, and involuntarily reduced for loss of a position vacancy, is the same as that held in the grade to which reduced. If reduction is to a grade higher than held before appointment to a special grade, OOR is the date the soldier would have been eligible for promotion to that grade under this regulation.

(2) For action per Article IS, UCMJ, or comparable State code, will be established according to AR 27-10, chapter 3.

(3) For any reason other than in (1) and (2) above will be the same as the date of the order announcing the reduction.

(4) Upon promotion to formerly held grades will be the new date of promotion unless an adjusted DOR is specifically authorized in this chapter.

k. DOR for soldiers restored to higher grade is the DOR before reduction for -

(1) Successful appeal of reduction.

(2) Successful appeal, setting aside, mitigation, or suspension of punishment under UCMJ or State code.

(3) Entry on IADT.

(4) Entry on ADT, or any Combination of IADT and ADT, for qualification training.

I. Adjust OOR for soldiers voluntarily reduced to enter active duty in contingency operations:

(1) To include all service in the grade to which reduced and any higher enlisted grade.

(2) Who were not promoted to their previously held grade while on active duty, as of the day after release from active duty plus all previous time served in the same or a higher enlisted pay grade.

m. For former officers who enlist or reenlist in a grade determined per chapter 2 of this regulation, adjust the DOR that they had in prior enlisted service in the same or a higher enlisted grade to exclude all officer service and periods during which they did not have military status. For those awarded a higher grade than they held during prior enlisted service, DOR is the date of enlistment or reenlistment

n. Use the following procedures to establish effective date and to correct erroneous effective dates of previously completed promotion actions. Promotion actions that were denied or not favorably considered are excluded.

(1) The effective date of promotion is normally the same date as the approving authority's signature on the DA Form 4187 or the date of the orders.

(2) An effective date cannot be established earlier than the date a soldier becomes fully qualified for advancement or best qualified for promotion. For promotions to SGT through SGM, an effective date cannot be earlier than the date the selection board proceedings were approved by the convening authority.

(3) When the promotion authority's investigation determines that when certain facts been known or if a promotion action had been processed correctly, the soldier would have been promoted on an earlier date, and the oversight was not due to the fault of the soldier, then the procedures in paragraph 11-7 below apply.

o. For soldiers selected and assigned, but who have not yet completed required NCOES training, promote them with effective date and DOR as of the day after graduation. See also paragraph 11-45c.

#### **11-7. Establishing retroactive effective dates**

These procedures have been developed for cases that previously were submitted to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR). These policies and procedures apply generally to cases for soldiers in service, and specifically to cases of soldiers with situations that occur while governed by Title 32, U.S. Code. The ABCMR has directed that these issues be handled by States with the guidance of the National Guard Bureau. Use the following policies and procedures to establish retroactive effective dates. These procedures apply to all current, former and pending cases since the effective date of 1 Oct 90 when implemented through NGB policy memorandum.

a. Promotion authority for the affected soldier submits DA Form 4187 through channels to the next higher promotion authority, requesting that the soldier be advanced or promoted with a retroactive effective date, or if already promoted, that the current effective date be corrected. Since retroactive promotions affect receipt of back pay and allowances, a detailed explanation of the specific reasons for the delay or correction must be shown in the request. Documentation supporting the basis for the request should be enclosed with DA Form 4187.

b. The next higher promotion authority approves or disapproves the request by first endorsement citing this paragraph as the regulatory authority, and indicates the approved retroactive effective date. Return a copy of the DA Form 4187 with first endorsement through promotion authority channels to the unit commander, and file a copy in the soldier's MPRJ.

c. The promotion authority publishes or amends the promotion instrument showing the DOR and approved retroactive effective date. The new orders or amendment must state that the earlier or corrected effective date of promotion has been approved by the next higher promotion authority per paragraph 11-2b.

d. The promotion authority forwards the DA Form 4187 or orders with the supporting documentation to the SIDPERS Interface Branch (SIB). The SIB completes a Grade Change (GRCH) transaction that indicates the retroactive effective date of grade.

In cases where the soldier has already been promoted and the effective date, DOR, or both, are being corrected, the SIB completes a Grade Abbreviation and code (GRCD) transaction to correct the effective date, and a DOR transaction to correct the DOR.

e. The SIB forwards the completed action to the Military Pay Branch, USPFO to process back pay and allowances.

f. To complete the following procedures, the promotion authority must, except for promotions after completing NCOES courses or obtaining an AGR controlled grade (E8 or E9) allocation, obtain approval from the next higher promotion authority which may include CNGB (NGB-ARP-PE), for example, when establishing a retroactive effective date for promotion to SGM. The approval authority establishes the official active effective date to be used for promotion, for correcting military records, and for computation of back pay and allowances.

g. CNGB (NGB-ARP-PE) is the approving authority for cases for which the State AG is the promotion authority and which are not otherwise provided for in this paragraph.

h. Forward questionable cases, with supporting documents and recommendations, through channels to CNGB (NGB-ARP-PE) for evaluation and determination of entitlements.

i. CNGB (NGB-ARP-PE) is the approval authority for all actions for Title 10 soldiers.

#### **11-8. Computing time in grade (TIMIG), time in service (TIS) and cumulative enlisted service (CES)**

a. Compute TIMIG from the soldier's DOR in the Current grade.

b. Compute TIS from the soldier's pay entry basic date (PEBD). Include all service for pay computed under DOD Military Pay and Allowances Entitlements Manual (DODPM), part 1, chapter 1. Compute TIS for personnel who entered ARNGUS under the Civilian Acquired Skills Program (CASAP) or who were promoted under the Stripes for Buddies Program from Basic Enlisted Service Date (BESD). Use AR 600-8-104, table 5-2, item 20, to establish BESD. See section m of this chapter for rules on nonprior service enlistees to compute TIS from date of original entry on active duty.

c. To qualify for promotions to SFC, MSG and SGM, soldiers require specific amounts

of cumulative enlisted service (CES) computed from BESD which excludes time served as warrant and commissioned officer. If all service has been in enlisted status without a break in service (to the ING or complete discharge from military status), the BESD is the same as PEBD.

#### **11-9. Security clearance requirements**

The following security requirements are prerequisite for advancement and promotion:

a. Promotion to MSG and SGM requires at least a favorable National Agency Check (NAC) unless the promotion MOS requires a final security clearance of Secret or higher per AR 611-201.

b. Promotion to SFC requires the clearance for the promotion MOS when required in AR 611-201.

c. Advancement to SPC and promotion through SSG requires the clearance required by AR 611-201 for the promotion MOS or an interim clearance at the same level.

#### **11-10. Service remaining obligation**

a. The following service remaining obligations from date of promotion are required for promotion to SGT through SGM:

(1) To SGT and SSG, 1 year.

(2) To SFC through SGM, 2 years.

b. Service will be obligated from the effective date of promotion and soldiers must extend or reenlist in order to accept the promotion. However, soldiers are exempt from this requirement if they are:

(1) Eligible through prior service for a higher pay grade at time of retirement.

(2) Able to serve at least 6 months in the grade but will be involuntarily separated due to reaching their maximum years of service by grade or maximum age.

c. Individuals who accept promotions will fulfill the service remaining requirement before transfer to the Retired Reserve, voluntary retirement for active duty length of service, or ETS. If they do not, they will be separated in the next lower grade unless granted an exception to policy by CNGB (NGB-ARP-PE) for the good of the service.

NOTE: When a soldier incurs more than one obligation, such as one for training and one for promotion. Set the date as the one farthest in the future; do not add them.

d. Soldiers who are otherwise eligible for promotion, but if they extend or immediately

reenlist, would lose their SRIP entitlements such as a Retention Bonus, may defer extension or reenlistment and accept a conditional promotion per paragraph 11-14e until they are in the three months before their currently scheduled ETSS as required by AR 135-18. Soldiers in this category who fail to extend or reenlist as a condition of the promotion will be reduced upon such failure without board action or appeal per paragraph 11-58d.

**11-11. Erroneous promotion and *de facto* status**

A promotion is erroneous when the soldier was not legally or administratively eligible for the promotion. When the soldier was not in a promotable status on the effective date of the orders or DA Form 4187, the unit commander or the promotion authority will immediately revoke the order or DA Form 4187. This does not apply to conditional promotions where the soldier is reduced for failure to complete training (paragraph 11-56e).

a. When an erroneous advancement or promotion is detected, service in the higher grade may have been in *de facto* status when the soldier was not at fault, but the promotion was erroneously accomplished. Even though the promotion order is revoked, the promotion authority or higher commander, after legal review by the servicing SJA, may determine *de facto* status exists when:

- (1) The soldier accepted the promotion or advancement in good faith.
- (2) A promotion order or DA Form 4187 was issued.
- (3) The soldier received pay at the higher grade.
- (4) There was no absolute statutory bar to receipt of military pay.
- (5) The soldier actually discharged the functions of the higher grade.

b. If the soldier attained promotion eligibility prior to determination that the promotion was invalid, and is in promotable status, advancement or promotion to current rank may be made, and DOR administratively adjusted to the date the soldier first became eligible for promotion. Effective date will not be earlier than the date of the orders or DA Form 4187 unless an earlier date is approved per paragraph 11-6c.

c. The final determination of whether the soldier served in a *de facto* status for the purposes of retaining pay and allowances received must be made by the USP&FO, on receipt of the reduction order.

d. *De facto* status will be documented by memorandum filed permanently in the soldiers OMPF with a copy processed to the State MPMO to support pay entitlements.

**11-12. Acting noncommissioned officers**  
ARNGUS does not appoint acting noncommissioned officers.

**11-13. Frocking**  
ARNGUS soldiers on promotion lists who are assigned to SFC Detachment Sergeant positions, 1SG or SGM positions before they can be promoted (generally due to lack of controlled grade allocations for AGR soldiers) may be frocked. State AGs may authorize frocking by informal memorandum when the soldier is assigned to the position and CNGB (NGB-ARP-F) has denied allocation of a controlled grade for that soldier. Frocking will not be approved to provide an interim fill for these positions. Do not issue orders or new identification cards, nor change official records to show a frocked rank. Do not issue DA Form 4872 until the soldier is actually promoted to MSG, ISG or SGM. Frocking to CSM is authorized only after selection by the ARNGUS CSM board per paragraph 9-15a: contact CNGB (NGB-ARP-PE) for issue of DA Form 4873 (Certificate of Appointment to Command Sergeant Major) for presentation at an appropriate ceremony on the effective date of hocking. NCOs will remove their frocked insignia of grade upon reassignment from these positions when they are not yet promoted. Frocking does not entitle the soldier to time in grade, pay in the grade to which frocked, or credit for the grade on the retired list until actually promoted to the grade.

**11-14. Promotion instruments**  
a. Normal advancements 10 PV2. PFC and SPC with effective date the first day of eligibility, except for soldiers flagged or barred from reenlistment, will be executed automatically by automated advancement eligibility reports. Reports will list all soldiers eligible for advancement to PV2, PFC and SPC. When possible, soldiers should be listed on the report 30 days prior to their

dates of advancement eligibility. Do not use DA Form 4187 for automatic advancements unless required to document the action for soldiers advanced while awaiting IET (special advancements and Split Training Option - Phase II) The commander must annotate on automated advancement reports by each name whether "yes" to advance or "no" to deny advancement. The commander will verify the effective date of advancement and sign the report. The MPMO may advance soldiers based on this report. Soldiers not advanced based on this report will be monitored until advanced. See paragraph 11-23f for actions on soldiers not recommended for advancement.

b. DA Form 4187 may be prepared up to 30 days before date the soldier is eligible for advancement to ensure prompt processing of pay and allowances.

c. Promotions to SGT through SGM are announced only on orders. For conditional promotions, see paragraph 11-28c and 11-14e(1) and (2) below for additional required remarks.

d. Orders and DA Forms 4187 will cite the appropriate paragraph of this Regulation for advancement and promotion. If a retroactive effective date is approved by a higher promotion authority, cite paragraph 11-7 also.

e. Additional Instructions: Include in promotion orders and DA Forms 4187 one or more the following statements as additional instructions as required:

(1) *"Promotion is not valid and is not effective if the soldier is not in a promotable status on the effective date of promotion."*

(2) *"An earlier effective date has been approved per NGR 600-200, paragraph 11-6c", if an earlier effective date is approval under paragraph 11-6c.*

(3) Include in orders one of the following remarks for conditional promotions: For conditional promotion to SGM, enter *"The soldier must complete the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course a condition of this promotion. Failure to meet the condition will cause reduction per NGR 600-200, paragraph 11-56e."*; For all other conditional promotions, enter *"The soldier must complete the NCOES course prescribed for the grade to which promoted as a condition of this promotion. Failure to meet the condition will cause reduction per NGR 600-200. paragraph 11-56e."*

### **11-15. Promotion ceremonies and certificates**

a. Promotion ceremonies should be held on the effective date of promotion. Early promotion ceremonies may be held when the effective date of the promotion is on:

(1) A weekend or holiday.

(2) The last duty day or training assembly prior to the soldier's transfer to a new unit in conjunction with promotion.

b. The promotion order is the official instrument for promotion. It also is the source for grade, effective date, and DOR for all record and pay purposes. The promotion certificate, DA Form 4872 or 4874, is not the official instrument of promotion. DA Form 4873 (Certificate of Appointment) for CSM is discussed in paragraph 9-14 of this regulation.

c. Promotion certificates will not be retroactively issued for promotions before 1 November 1980. Promotion authorities may issue DA Forms 4872 and 4874 to soldiers only for their current grades.

d. Promotion authorities may sign promotion certificates or higher level authorities may reserve signature authority.

e. Soldiers reduced one or more grades will receive a promotion certificate when again promoted to a higher grade.

f. Commanders will make every effort to promote soldiers in formal ceremonies (in an office or a military formation) and should involve family members when practicable.

g. Ceremonies may be hosted by noncommissioned officers for promotions to a grade junior to themselves when authorized by the State AG or commander. Soldiers may choose who will help pin on their new grade during promotion ceremonies.

h. The following phraseology is recommended for promotion ceremonies: **"Attention to Orders:** Headquarters (use designation of state or unit issuing orders), dated (use effective date of promotion). The Adjutant General of (state) has reposed special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and professional excellence of (name). In view of these qualities and demonstrated leadership potential and dedicated service to the Army National Guard, (name) is promoted to (grade) with date of rank of (day, month, year). By order of The Adjutant General: (the local promotion authority is announced as

the authenticating officer).“

**11-16. Lateral appointment**

The State AG will specify which if any commanders listed in paragraph 11-2b are authorized to laterally appoint soldiers.

a. Authorized commanders will laterally appoint SPC to or from CPL, MSG to or from 1SG and SGM to or from CSM on DA Form 4187 or orders using the information in NGR 310-10, format 304.

b. Appoint SPC to CPL when:

(1) Soldier is assigned to and works in, for at least two months, a SGT position authorizes the soldier's PMOS or CPMOS.

(2) A SPC who is a PLDC graduate occupies a SGT or higher position. but cannot otherwise be promoted.

c. Soldiers will normally retain the grade of CPL. However, a unit commander may laterally appoint, CPL to SPC without the individual's consent for:

(1) Demonstrated inefficiency in technical, supervisory or other requirements of the MOS.

(2) Significant loss of qualifications, including medical inability to perform the duties of CPL in that MOS as required in AR 611-201.

(3) Disciplinary action under UCMJ or state code that adversely affects the soldier's ability to perform the duties of a CPL.

d. Appoint MSG to 1SG concurrent with assignment or attachment to a 1SG position authorized in MTOE/TDA.

e. Appoint SGM to CSM when authorized by chapter 9 of this regulation and appointment authority is not restricted by the state.

f. Appoint 1SG to MSG and CSM to SGM when:

(1) Detailed or attached to duties that do not require SQIM or a CSM on other than a very short, interim basis.

(2) Assigned or attached to positions not authorized a 1SG or CSM, including assignment to the resident U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course. Laterally appoint them to 1SG or CSM when reassigned to 1SG or CSM positions upon graduation from the course.

g. Certain NCOs who apply for transfer to the Retired Reserve (AR 140-10. chapter 6) before age 60, may be laterally appointed to their formerly held grades concurrent with

the assignment. Former ISG who are currently MSG will be appointed and assigned to the Retired Reserve as 1SG provided they were not relieved for cause or the promotion was not revoked due to failure to meet a requirement of this chapter as a condition of a promotion. Former CSMs who are currently SGM eligible for appointment to CSM per chapter 9 of this regulation will be reappointed to CSM and assigned to the Retired Reserve. State Adjutants General are the appointment authorities for these actions. Retirement orders and all related documents will show 1SG or CSM.

**Section D**

**Special Advancements, Promotions, Appointments and Restorations**

**11-17. General**

This section provides for special advancements, appointments, promotions, and restorations to PV2 through SGM. They are used in special circumstances and are made without regard for regular promotion criteria. When a soldier- is eligible for more than one special When a soldier is eligible for more than one special promotion or advancement (or higher enlistment grade per chapter 2 of the regulation), award the soldier the highest grade for which eligible.

a. Advance or promote soldiers to higher grades when verified that they enlisted or reenlisted in a grade lower than that authorized in chapter 2 of this regulation, or claimed eligibility for enlistment in a higher grade, but did not have the required supporting documentation. Documents must be presented within one year after the enlistment date to validate entitlement to the higher grade. The entitlement must have existed prior to the day of enlistment. DOR will be the same as the date of enlistment. The advancement is not effective earlier than the date of signature by the authenticating officer, except when a retroactive date is approved by the next higher promotion authority per paragraph 11-7. This provision does not apply if the soldier is reduced after the date of enlistment or reenlistment.

b. Advance or promote soldier to higher grades authorized by programs in chapter 2 of this regulation when all conditions are met. Cite all authorities including this paragraph and the basic paragraph

authorizing the grade.

c. Advance soldiers enlisted while in Junior or Senior ROTC or the National Defense Cadet Corps to PV2 or PFC when they complete one or more years in that program after date of enlistment, but before departure for IADT. Use the criteria in table 2-3, rule B or C, of this regulation (Annual NGB Enlistment Criteria).

d Promote soldiers to the grade held on the day before entering voluntary tours for contingency operations with a concurrent reduction to enter the tour, unless they were promoted to that or a higher grade while on that period of active duty, or they were reduced while on the period of active for inefficiency or misconduct. These promotions are effective on the day after release from active duty and are done without board action or other qualification requirements, including NCOES, as long as the soldier is in a promotable status. Adjust DOR as shown in paragraph 11-6j.

e. Concurrent with discharge from the ARNG for transfer to the Retired Reserve or placement on the Retired List, promote soldiers to the highest enlisted grade satisfactorily held provided they were not reduced for misconduct. These promotions do not require promotion board action. Promotion under this authority is not authorized for soldiers who requested reduction or separation, including transfer to the Retired Reserve or placement on the Retired list, in lieu of separation action or prosecution under the UCMJ or comparable state code.

#### **11-18. Promotion to enter training programs**

The following promotions and advancements are authorized without regard to NCOES course requirements. Announce them on DA Form 4187 or orders, but do not issue promotion certificates. Remove soldiers promoted under these provisions from SGT or SSG promotion lists. Subsequent promotion boards will not consider them while they remain in any status under this paragraph, if not commissioned, they are not eligible for promotion consideration again until the next regularly scheduled promotion board for the next higher grade based on the grade before this special promotion. See c below.

a. Promote soldiers CPL or SPC and

below to SGT (with a title of Candidate) one day before they enter the active Army OCS or, effective 1 October 1997, the Interservice Physician's Assistant Program. Promote soldiers ordered to the Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) effective on the date travel begins per NGR 600-101, paragraph 2-11c.

(1) Applicants for warrant officer candidacy, when required, will attend BNOOC without regard to promotion list status as soon as they receive their proponent determinations per NGR 600-101, chapter 2, as an exception to paragraph 11-28a(3) and (4) of this regulation.

(2) Applicants for Special Forces Warrant Officer (MOS 180A) who are not Special Forces Operations and Intelligence (SF O&I) Course graduates (either resident or nonresident course) or the SF Advanced NCO Course after October 1994 will be notified upon approval by the proponent or attend the O&I portion of the SF ANCOC without regard to promotion status. Those who are SFC and not SF ANCOC graduates also must complete the O&I portion of the SF ANCOC.

b. Promote soldiers SGT and below to SSG (with a title of Candidate) one day before they enter candidate status upon enrolling in ARNGUS State Officer Candidate School. However, do not exceed the maximum Support Personnel Management Document (SPMD) position grade for AGR soldiers per NGR 600-5 and AR 135-18.

c. Promote soldiers CPL or SPC and below to SGT as cadets effective the date the soldier is contracted in both the ARNGUS and the ROTC Advanced Course, and assigned the reporting code 09R20 per NGR 600-100, paragraph 13-5.

d. Promote eligible soldiers in the grade of PV1 and PV2 to PFC effective on their reporting dates to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS).

e. Promotions under a through c above are valid only for the purpose for which they were awarded. Soldiers released from any of these statuses will be administratively returned to their pre-appointment grades upon release from such status. These grades are not valid for future determinations of grade upon release from candidate or cadet status, grade to be held after release from either status, highest

grade held for reenlistment upon return to enlisted status after- loss of commission or appointment for any reason, or highest grade satisfactorily held for retirement purposes.

#### **11-18.1. Advancement and promotion as a part of training programs**

Advance or promote soldiers to higher grades as a prerequisite to attend, during and after training programs that provide for the higher grades as prescribed. Soldiers who do not complete the training program for promotion to the special grade, will be reduced to the grade from which promoted per paragraph 11-56 of this regulation.

a. After reduction to enter a training program per paragraph 11-58e of this regulation, promote the soldier without promotion board action to the higher grade when the time requirement is met. Date of rank will be the soldier's original date of rank in the grade to which promoted. The effective date will be the date of the promotion. For example, when the soldier must serve one year at that skill level after completion of training and award of the MOS to qualify to serve at the next higher skill level.

b. After completion of required phases of courses that are part of Special Forces training programs as shown in the following subparagraphs. These are conditional advancements and promotions based on successful completion of training and training phase. Show the soldier's feeder MOS as primary with the CMF 18 MOS as CPMOS. These actions are authorized only when recommended by the soldier's active Army training commanders while these soldiers are in training. ARNG commanders will not use this authority without recommendation of the active Army training unit commander and its promotion board. Cite this paragraph and the paragraph for the grade to which advanced or promoted as authority. Failure to complete the training may result in reduction as stated in paragraphs 11-56e and 11-14e.

(1) Promote PV1, PV2, or PFC not previously advanced or promoted to SPC per this regulation or AR 600-8-19, paragraph 2-5a, to SPC without regard to TIMIG and TIS with effective date and DOR the day before they start PLDC.

(2) Promote SPC to SGT when have at

least 18 time in service and have been recommended by a promotion board at the active Army training unit per AR 600-8-19, chapter 3. The effective date of promotion and DOR will be the first day of the second month after the active Army training unit promotion board results are approved.

(3) Promote SGT to SSG when they have at least 28 months TIS, 8 months TIMIG, have completed phase I of their SFQC (which gains them equivalent credit for BNCOC), and have been recommended by a promotion board at the active Army training unit per AR 600-8-19, chapter 3, and this paragraph. The effective date of promotion and DOR will be the first day of the second month after the active Army training unit promotion board results are approved.

(4) For soldiers who entered the SFQC as SGT, and who are BNCOC graduates, promote them to SSG when they have been recommended by the active Army training unit promotion board per AR 600-8-19, chapter 3. The effective date of promotion and DOR will be the first day of the second month after the active Army training; unit promotion board results are approved.

(5) The promotions in (3) and (4) above are conditioned upon successful completion of the entire SFQC (MOS 18B, 18C, 18D or 18E course), but not the language training phase.

(6) IADT soldiers will not be considered for promotion to SSG while in SFQC or language training courses.

#### **11-19. Advancement based on Civilian Acquired Skills Program**

a. Authority to advance soldiers using the ARNGUS Civilian Skills Program (CASP) is in chapters 2 and 4 of this regulation.

b. Unit commander or training commander may authorize accelerated advancement and award of the CASP MOS when the soldier meets all criteria. Soldiers in MOSs eligible for SGT under this program may be conditionally promoted without PLDC (paragraph 11-28a). If not required to complete the PLDC as part of their training program. They must complete PLDC within 12 months after date of promotion and before consideration by a promotion board for SSG.

c. Commanders may defer or deny accelerated advancement for lack of skill,

failure to demonstrate the minimum required level of performance in the MOS or soldier skills, or misconduct. Commanders will counsel their soldiers in writing on DA Form 4856 with the reasons for deferral or denial. and file copies of counseling statements as Action Pending documents in the MPRJ until advanced or promoted to a higher grade, or promoted, whichever is first.

d. On DA Form 4187, cite this paragraph as well as the basic paragraph for the grade to which advanced. On orders for promotion to SGT, include any comment required by paragraph 11-14e.

#### **11-20. Advancement based on Stripes for Buddies**

Soldiers who refer qualified applicants who subsequently enlist in the ARNGUS, Active Army or USAR may be advanced, without regard to promotion criteria, to PV2 or PFC. State MPMOs will verify enlistment of applicants. The applicants must enlist before the soldier's leaves for BCT, while the soldier is between phases I and II of the STO, or after- the soldier completes IADT. Applicants who enlist while the soldier- is in IADT will be used to determine advancement after the soldier returns to the ARNGUS unit; they will not be promoted or advanced under this program while on ADT. This authority allows advancement based on any combination of enlistment before and after the referring soldier's enlistment or service in IADT per paragraph 2-12 of this regulation and this paragraph. Unit commanders will advance soldiers:

a. Who enlisted as PV1:

(1) From PV1 to PV2, upon enlistment of qualified NPS applicants.

(2) From PV2 to PFC, upon enlistment of a total of 4-3 NPS applicants (may include the 2 in a(1) above.)

b. For soldiers who enlisted as PV2, to PFC upon enlistment of 3 qualified NPS applicants.

c. On DA Form 4187, cite this paragraph as well as the basic paragraph for the grade to which advanced.

#### **11-21. Promotion of critically ill soldiers**

Terminally ill soldiers may be advanced or promoted by State AGs as follows:

a. Soldier must be eligible for advancement or on a current promotion selection list.

b. Critical illness or injury cannot have

been caused by soldier's misconduct whether on duty or not. If incurred during any form of military duty, regardless of pay status, including travel to and from duty, illness or injury must have been incurred in line of duty.

c. Estimated life expectancy is certified as 12 months or less by attending physician.

d. Other provisions of this regulation are waived to permit these promotions, citing this paragraph in the promotion instrument.

e. Include in requests:

(1) Soldier's name and SSN.

(2) Advancement or promotion list status.

(3) Attending physician's diagnosis and prognosis.

#### **11-22. Posthumous promotions**

a. Eligibility for posthumous promotions is as follows:

(1) Soldier was officially recommended for promotion and the State AG signed the promotion list before the date of death. Soldiers in the ING are eligible for posthumous promotion unless removed from the promotion list for cause.

(2) Soldier was unable to accept the promotion because of death which--

(a) Was not due to misconduct whether on or off official duty status.

(b) Did not occur while on unauthorized absence from active duty or any form of scheduled IDT.

b. No person is entitled to additional benefits (such as additional pay and allowances or any other form of compensation) because of a posthumous promotion.

c. Commanders may recommend soldiers for posthumous promotions by memorandum to the State AG (MPMO). Include:

(1) Soldier's advancement or selection list status.

(2) Report of Death or other explanation of the circumstances.

### **Section III**

#### **Advancement to PV2, PFC and SPC**

#### **11-23. General**

Criteria for advancement to PV2, PFC and SPC are:

a. Soldiers must be in a promotable status on the effective date of advancement.

b. The advancement authority or a higher headquarters may determine a soldier's

eligibility to be advanced with a retroactive DOR when the soldier's advancement was delayed due to administrative error.

c. Commanders may advance outstanding soldiers with waivers authorized in paragraphs 11-24 through 11-26.

d. Use BASD or date of original entry on IADT to determine TIS for advancement to PV2 and higher grades for NPS soldiers. For PS soldiers, compute from date of original enlistment into military service other than the DEP program of an active component of a U.S. Armed Service provided there was no break in military service. This affects general eligibility for soldiers advanced using paragraphs 11-24 and 11-25. It does not affect those advanced or appointed to higher grades using special programs (CASP, Stripes for Buddies, education completion, or other special consideration authorizing a higher grade as part of the enlistment program.)

e. Advance soldiers only in their PMOS or CPMOS.

f. Unit commanders will ensure that soldiers who are eligible for advancement without waiver, or under one of the special programs in Section II of this chapter, but who are not recommended, are counseled in writing using DA Form 4856 (General Counseling Form).

(1) Initially, when the soldier attains eligibility and is not recommended, and:

(2) Periodically (at least every three months) until advanced or separated.

(3) Commanders who elect not to advance soldiers at normal number of months TIS will submit DA Form 4187 for each soldier prior to the effective date of advancement. In Section III, Other, enter X and "Adv to (grade) Denied"; in Section IV, enter "Soldier denied advancement to (grade) at (number) months TIS per NGR 600-200, paragraph (number)".

g. Prepare DA Forms 4187 for advancements other than automatic advancements.

(1) Effective date and DOR will be the same except for soldiers advanced late using the procedures in paragraph 11-6.

(2) Unit commander or the S 1 will sign all DA Forms 4187 advancing soldiers. The battalion or comparable commander or administrative officer may sign in the unit commander's absence (other than absence which requires an Acting Commander.).

h. File a copy of each DA Form 4187 affecting the soldier's latest advancement status in the MPRJ, and process a copy to the State MPMO (SIDPERS).

#### **11-24. Advancement to PV1.**

a. The eligibility criterion is 6 months TIS waivable to 4 months.

b. Advance PVT to PV2 automatically using automated advancement report at 6 months TIS, except for soldiers who are flagged or not recommended.

c. Use DA Form 4187 only to advance soldiers:

(1) With a waiver (accelerated advancement)

(2) Who were flagged or not recommended at 6 months TIS.

(3) Who were previously reduced to PVT.

d. On DA Form 4187 for advancement to PV2, cite paragraph 11-24 as well as any other applicable paragraph.

#### **11-25. Advancement to PFC**

a. The eligibility criteria for PFC are--

(1) 12 months TIS waivable to 6 months, and --

(2) 4 months TIMIG "waivable to 2 months.

b. On DA Form 4187 for advancement to PFC, cite paragraph 11- 25 as well as any other applicable paragraph.

#### **11-26. Advancement to SPC**

a. The eligibility criteria for SPC are:

(1) 26 months TIS waivable to 14 months, and

(2) 6 months TIMIG waivable to 3 months, and

(3) Qualified in the MOS to which advanced.

b. Commanders may waive the position vacancy requirement for PFC with 26 months TIS who are otherwise fully qualified.

c. A PFC may be advanced to SPC. with the concurrence of the unit commander, for soldiers on short tours of active duty not under State control (IADT, TTAD, ADSW or ADT). The advancement may be accomplished by the appropriate Regular Army promotion authority as discussed in AR 600-8-19, paragraph 2-5. for IADT soldiers, or this paragraph for all others.

d. For PFC in positions graded for SGT, advance them to SPC and concurrently appoint them to CPL on DA Form 4187.

e. On DA Form 4187 for advancement to SPC, cite paragraph 11-26 as well as any other applicable paragraph.

Section IV  
Promotion to SGT through SGM

11-27. Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, selection and promotion to SGT through SGM, soldiers must:

a. Be in promotable status. A soldier with a suspension of favorable personnel action (SFPA) in effect will be considered by the board unless completely ineligible for consideration, but cannot be placed on the promotion list or promoted until the suspension has been removed. This requirement is not waivable. The flagging action will not be seen by the board. Soldiers who have been removed from promotion lists per paragraphs 11-48 and 11-49 and who are pending separation action per AR 135-178 or AR 635-200 will not be considered for promotion. If not separated, they may be considered by the next regularly scheduled promotion board unless they are eligible for a standby advisory board per paragraph 11-53 of this chapter. Soldiers enrolled in officer and warrant officer producing programs (including those attending in a permissive TDY status), although eligible for special advancements or promotions in section II of this chapter, are not eligible for consideration for promotion. NCOES training, assignment, or promotion per the other provisions of this chapter.

b. Be participating satisfactorily in the active ARNGUS in the next lower grade.

c. Meet the following times by the date announced in the board memorandum of instruction (Waivers are not authorized): (See paragraph 11-8 for computation rules.)

For	TIMIG	TIS	CES
SGT	6 months	NA	NA
SSG	8 months	NA	NA
SFC	11 months	9 years	6years
MSG	12 months	13 years	8years
SGM	14 months	16 years	10 years

d. Have a HS diploma, HS-GED equivalent, alternate credential, or an associate or higher degree. Eskimo Scouts are exempt from this criterion.

e. Be qualified in the Career Progression

MOS (CPMOS), promotion MOS or a feeder MOS for the position into which assigned and promoted unless another standard is authorized in this chapter, chapter 3, chapter 5, or in a special training program, such as those for CMFs 18 and 96, the CASP, or AGR Management Program governed by NGR 600-5 and NGR 600-10. NOTE: Commanders and personnel managers must ensure promotion of SRIP participants only in their primary or CPMOS to avoid violating the terms of incentives contracts. CPMOS must be in the same CMF as the bonus MOS to retain entitlement.

(1) SQI, ASI and LIC classified positions on some MTOE/TDA identify additional skills. Unless a soldier cannot perform the duties of the position due to lack of SQI, ASI and or LIC training, such as in certain airborne or special forces positions, this training is not a criterion in determining MOS qualification for promotion. For organizations with units in two or more states, the organization leadership and state MPMOs should coordinate consistent standards to the maximum practical extent.

(2) Soldiers being involuntarily classified into another MOS due to unit reorganization or inactivation, will be treated according to State reorganization instructions. They may remain MOS qualified for promotion purposes up to 1 year after the effective date of the reorganization or inactivation, or until reclassified into the new MOS, whichever occurs sooner. State reorganization instructions should provide for the selection, assignment, qualification and reclassification. Soldiers promoted under these rules into a new MOS must become qualified in the time required or be reduced per paragraph 11-56g.

(3) Soldiers are considered physically qualified in their MOS for promotion purposes when they have been found qualified by a State MDRB, Medical Evaluation Board (MEB), or Physical Evaluation Board (PEB), and will retain promotion status. Currency of the soldier's physical examination is a function of eligibility for immediate reenlistment or extension in chapter 7 of this regulation and of NGR (AR) 40-501.

f For consideration for promotion to SGM with concurrent appointment to CSM, individual should not yet be the objective age of 51 as of the last day of the month of

the DA (NGB) ARNGUS CSM Selection Board per paragraph 9-3d of this regulation. However, State AGs may nominate individuals above the objective age without waiver or exception when the soldier is clearly the best qualified of all eligible candidates.

g. For consideration for promotion, including concurrent appointment to CSM, ISG and MSG who are not graduates of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course (USASMC) must be eligible to attend and complete the course. Individuals who were selected to attend and did not complete the course for any reason other than hardship are not eligible to attend the course again and, therefore, are not eligible for consideration or promotion to SGM. This criterion is not waivable and exceptions to policy will not be considered.

#### **11-28. NCOES requirements for promotion**

NOTE: The promotions in a(2) through (5), (8) and (9) below are conditional promotions. The rules to administer these promotions are in c below.

a. Consider soldiers for promotion without regard to their current levels of NCOES. When selected for promotion and listed in the selection objective of the promotion lists, they are eligible for training and, provided they are in or will be concurrently assigned to positions authorized the higher grade promotion as shown below. See paragraph 11-42 for discussion of the selection objective who may attend NCOES courses, and when they may attend.

(1) SPCs and CPLs with PLDC credit are promotable to SGT.

(2) SGTs with PLDC credit are promotable to SSG after they complete BNCOC Phase I. They must start Phase II (or the next resident phase prescribed by the proponent) within two years after they complete Phase I. They must successfully complete all phases before consideration by a SFC promotion board. AGR soldiers must complete the entire course before promotion.

(3) SGTs without PLDC credit are promotable to SSG after they complete PLDC and BNCOC Phase I. They must start BNCOC Phase II (or the next resident phase prescribed by the proponent) within two years after they complete Phase I. They

must successfully complete all phases before consideration by a SFC promotion board. AGR soldiers must complete the entire course before promotion board. SGTs with DORs before 1 Oct 92 do not need PLDC to attend BNCOC.

(4) SSGs with BNCOC credit (all phases), but without ANCOC credit, are promotable to SFC after they complete ANCOC Phase I. They must start ANCOC Phase II (or the next resident phase prescribed by the proponent) within two years after they complete Phase I. They must successfully complete all phases before consideration by a MSG promotion board. AGR soldiers must complete the entire course before promotion.

(5) SSGs without BNCOC or ANCOC credit are promotable to SFC after they complete BNCOC (all phases) and ANCOC Phase I. They must start ANCOC Phase II (or the next resident phase prescribed by the proponent) within two years after they complete Phase I. They must successfully complete all phases before consideration by a MSG promotion board. AGR soldiers must complete the entire courses before promotion. SSGs with DORs before 1 Oct 92 do not need PLDC or BNCOC to attend ANCOC.

(6) SSGs with ANCOC credit are promotable to SFC.

(7) SFCs with ANCOC credit (or the USASMC) are promotable to MSG. There is no new training requirement.

(8) SFCs without ANCOC credit are promotable to MSG after they complete ANCOC Phase I, (for traditional soldiers). They must start Phase II (or the next resident phase prescribed by the proponent) within two years after they complete Phase I. They must successfully complete all phases before consideration by a SGM promotion board. AGR soldiers must complete the entire ANCOC before promotion. (NOTE: BNCOC is not a factor.)

(9) MSGs and (this includes 1SGs) with ANCOC credit, but without USASMC credit, and who are in the selection objective of the SGM promotion list or CSM selection list, are only promotable after they enrolled in the USASMC by CNGB (NGB-ART-I) as follows. This is the only means to enroll in the USASMC.

(a) For the nonresident course. State AGs (MPMOs only) will submit to CNGB (NGB-

ARP-PEZ-HRP-E) DA Form 4187 (only the original or copy 1) and its enclosed Statements of Agreement and coordination per the sample at figure 11-6. Receipt of the NGB endorsement (is authority to conditionally promote the soldier to SGM upon assignment to a SGM position or receipt of the endorsement, whichever is later.

(b) For the resident course. State AGs (POTO only) will submit AATAS applications through ATRRS to NGB-ART-I. Action Officer 012. Receipt of Code R (reserved) on ATRRS and receipt of the endorsement NGB Form 4187, or assignment to a SGM or CSM position, whichever is later, is authority to conditionally promote the soldier.

(c) Title 10 AGR Program soldiers will submit their forms through their local chains of command directly to CNGB (NGB-ARZ-T) for action by NGB-ART-I and NGB-ARZ-HRP-E.

(d) Submit forms for SGM selectees immediately upon approval of the board results. Submit forms with CSM nomination packets per paragraph 9-6 of this regulation for CSM nominees.

(10) MSGs with USASMC credit are promotable. There is no new training requirement.

(11) SGMs (this includes CSMs) with DORs before 1 Oct 92 will not attend the USASMC.

b. The NCOES courses for promotion are the Army standard. Waivers and exceptions to policy are not authorized. Title XI of the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 1993 (P.L. 102-484), as amended provides in – “Sec. 1114. Noncommissioned Officer Education Requirements.

(a) Nonwaivability. Any standard prescribed by the Secretary of the Army establishing a military education requirement/or noncommissioned officers that must be met as a requirement for promotion to a higher noncommissioned officer grade may be waived only if the Secretary determines that the waiver is necessary in order to preserve unit leadership continuity under combat conditions.”

c. All categories of soldier's will complete NCOES courses only in their CPMOS (primary or promotion MOS).

(1) Traditional soldiers (this term includes

Military Technicians effective 1 Dec 93) may complete any TATS-configured or AC- or RC-NCOES course for their grade.

(2) AGR soldier's will complete only AC or TATS-configured NCOES courses prescribed as their promotion requirement unless otherwise authorized in this paragraph or an exception is granted by CNGB (NGB-ARZ-HRP-E). Effective 1 Apr 95. AGR soldiers may complete either AC - or RC-PLDC. Also, soldiers who enter the AGR program fully qualified in the NCOES for their next promotion (for BNCOC and ANCOE. this requires Phases I and II) will retain their qualification. Those selected to enter AGR tours who have started any portion of their required NCOES course may complete it and will be fully qualified. When selected for their next promotions, they must attend the course and in the manner prescribed for their grade and duty status (AGR must attend AC courses.) However, SSGs who completed RC-ANCOC in IDT status and entered AGR status, may be promoted to SFC under this position when selected by a SFC promotion board in AGR status and assigned to a SFC position. They are then fully NCOES-Qualified for promotion to MSG based on that course when selected -by a MSG promotion board in AGR status and assigned to a MSG position. The prior qualification carryover factors in this paragraph do not apply to soldiers who entered AGR status before 5 Oct 1992 and were required to complete AC-NCOES courses as a condition of continuation in AGR status, nor to the soldier who are Military Technicians discussed in paragraph 11-31f below.

(3) SGTs through SFC who do not have credit for NCOES at the current levels as shown in a above when selected for promotion must complete a double NCOES training requirement, the first as the prerequisite for the second, which is the training required for the promotion. This is required for all soldiers with dates of rank of 1 October 1992 and later. Soldiers with dates of rank before that date are considered NCOES-qualified in their current grades for entry into the next higher level NCOES course.

(4) Soldiers must start the next resident phase of their NCOES courses prescribed by the proponent for their promotion requirement within two years after

completing Phase I and before they may be considered by promotion boards for their next higher grades. NOTE: The basic premise of RC-NCOES courses is that NCOs complete Phase I and then enter the next resident phase of their NCOES course for their promotion within two years after completing phase I. Then they must complete all phases of that course to satisfy the conditions of that promotion, and before consideration for promotion to their next higher grades. The Basic and Advanced NCO courses each comprise two or more phases. A one year waiver may be authorized per d(1) below. For courses with three or more phases, specific timelines are set in the course prerequisites by the course proponent. Waivers and exceptions to this policy to allow consideration by promotion boards are not authorized. See also paragraph 11-30.

d. State AGs may conditionally promote soldiers to SSG, SFC, MSG and SGM as authorized in (1) through (3) below: All other conditional promotions require an exception to policy from CNGB (NGB-AR-HRP-E). See paragraph 11-56e for reduction for failure to fulfill the conditions of the promotion. By accepting these promotions soldiers agree to the conditions of the promotions and subsequent reduction without board action or appeal for failure to meet these conditions. Unit leaders will monitor course requirements and soldier scheduling, attendance, and completion to ensure that soldiers meet the standard.

(1) Traditional soldiers may be promoted to SSG after they complete RC-BNCOC Phase I. After they complete all required phases of their BNCOC, and are selected by a SFC promotion board, they may be promoted to SFC after complete RC-ANCOC Phase I. Traditional SFCs selected by MSG promotion board may be promoted to MSG after they complete Phase I of RC-ANCOC. These provisions apply to SGTs, SSGs, and SFCs in paragraph 11-28a(3), (4), (5) and (8) above. All soldiers must start their phase II NCOES courses or the next resident phase proscribed by the proponent1) within two years after completing Phase I and complete all phases of that level of NCOES course before they may be considered by the promotion board for their next higher grades. The first general officer in the chain of command may

extend this period up to one year based on extenuating circumstances and may add an additional 12 months to the 36 months for a reclassification training requirement incurred following completion of Phase I. These soldiers must enter the next resident phase of their NCOES course within 48 months after completing Phase I and before they may be considered for promotion to the next higher grade. Soldiers will not begin travel to schools until waivers are approved and they have the waiver in hand with their orders.

(2) All categories of ARNGUS soldiers in the selection objective of the SGM promotion list who are graduates of or enrolled in the USASMC per paragraph 11-28a(9) above (including CSM selectees after- approval by the HQDA (NGB) ARNGUS CSM Selection Board) may be promoted to SGM upon assignment to a SGM or CSM position. Based on their selection by the DA ARNG CSM Selection Board. CSM nominees will be enrolled in the next available resident or nonresident class of the USASMC class by CNGB (NGB-ART-I through NGB-ARZ-HRP-E) which they must complete as a condition of the promotion.

(3) Soldiers in the selection objective of the MSG Promotion List are eligible for assignment, promotion and concurrent assignment to 1SG in authorized positions. See also paragraph 5-30d of this regulation.

(4) Cite paragraph 11-28c in promotion order. See paragraph 11-14e(3) for mandatory remarks to include in the orders. e. Recruiting and Retention NCOs (CMF 79):

(1) Who are SGTs selected for promotion and NCOES training, and who do not have credit for a BNCOC, will attend only RC-BNCOC Phase I.

(2) On AGR status who are SSGs selected for promotion and training, and who do not have credit for an ANCOC, will attend AC-ANCOC for CMF 79 at the NGPEC NCO Academy.

(3) On AGR status who are SFC without credit for ANCOC and who are selected for promotion, will attend AC-ANCOC at the NGPEC NCO Academy.

(4) Who are traditional soldiers do not have an RC configured ANCOC or TATS-Configured course Phase II. They need only attend the RC-ANCOC Phase I.

f. AGR Non-Career Recruiting and Retention NCO identified with SQI 4 will attend AC-BNCOC and AC-ANCOC in their primary MOSS.

g. Applicants for warrant officer candidacy will attend BNCOC (ANCOC for Special Forces soldiers) as soon as they receive their proponent pre-determinations per NGR 600-101, chapter 2, as an exception to policies in paragraphs 11-28a(3) and (4) above. The soldiers do not require promotion board selection. See also paragraph 11-18a of this regulation.

#### **11-29. Courses creditable for NCOES**

Personnel officers will determine credit for NCOES courses from the following list when the courses are listed in DA Form 2-1, item 17, or credited in paragraph 11-31c below. Completion by subcourse is not acceptable for credit unless the course is a TRADOC approved part of the multi-phased requirement such as the Army Band NCOES and the USASMC or the soldier completed the course through means while in the Regular Army and was credited with completion while on active duty. The four NCOES levels, and the courses and methods for completing or gaining credit for them are:

a. Primary level

- (1) AC- or RC- PLDC
- (2) AC- or RC- Primary Leadership Course
- (3) Primary Technical Course
- (4) Primary NCO Course
- (5) USMC Sergeant's Course at the MCCDC
- (6) USMC NCO Course
- (7) USMC Leadership Course
- (8) USMC NCO Leadership Course
- (9) Basic NCO Course (USMC.)
- (10) Officer or Warrant Officer Candidate School (State or Federal; Army or Marine Corps)

(11) Senior ROTC (any service)

b. Basic level

- (1) AC- or RC- Basic NCO Course
- (2) Basic Technical Course
- (3) Basic NCO Course-Combat Arms
- (4) Basic NCO Course-Combat Support/Combat Service Support
- (5) Before 1 Oct 91, any RC-BNCOC Phase I only
- (6) The following technical courses are equivalent to AC-BNCOC: 551-FI; 331-42D30; 300-9IB20; 300-9IB30; 321-91R20;

800-94F30; and all CMF 67 Technical Inspector courses completed between 3 Oct 83 and 1 Jan 90 (must also be MOS qualified).

(7) CMF 18 qualification course plus PLDC

(8) USMC Career Course at the MCCDC

(9) For Military Technicians:

(a) Before 1 Oct 87, any basic level course plus ARNG Battle Skills Course (BSC.)

(b) 1 Oct 87 through 30 Nov 93 when there was no Phase II available, RC-BNCOC Phase I plus an SQT or SDT score of 70% completed during that time plus the ARNG BSC.

(10) For AGR, before 1 Jul 86, RC NCOES basic or a higher level course (BNCOC, ANCOC, SNCOC or FSC) plus the ARNG BSC.

(11) For soldiers who were credited with completion while in the RA, a nonresident BNCOC

c. Advanced level

(1) AC- or RC- Advanced NCO Course

(2) Before 1 Oct 87, RC Senior NCO Course including the First Sergeant Course authorized in lieu of the RC-SNCOC

(3) Before 1 Oct 91, any RC-ANCOC Phase I only

(4) USMC Advanced Course at the MCCDC

(5) For Military Technicians:

(a) Before 1 Oct 87, any advanced level course plus ARNG BSC.

(b) 1 Oct 87 through 30 Nov 93 when there was no Phase II available, RC-ANCOC Phase I plus an SQT or SDT score of 70% or more completed during that time plus the ARNG BSC.

(6) For AGR, before 1 Jul 86, an RC NCOES advanced or higher level course (ANCOC, SNCOC or FSC plus the ARNG BSC.

(7) For soldiers who were credited with completion while in the RA, a nonresident ANCOC.

d. Senior level

USASMC: resident or nonresident mode.

Note: Soldiers with dates of rank before 1 Oct 92 are considered NCOES-qualified in their current grades to enter into the next higher NCOES course when they are listed in the selection objective for promotion to the next higher grade, except the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course which requires ANCOC credit to attend. In these cases,

SGTs may enter BNCOC without PLDC, and SSGs may attend ANCOC without PLDC or BNCOC. None of these soldiers has to attend a prerequisite course when they held their current grades before 1 Oct 92. Do not grant course credit on ARNG-SIDPERS or any other formal record, including the NGB Form 4100-1-R-E, field 28 or field 26, which the soldier has not actually or constructively attended and completed. Soldiers whose dates of rank are 1 Oct 92 and later must meet all course prerequisites, including NCOES course completion (of all phases), before they may be considered by promotion boards for the next higher grades and enter higher level NCOES courses.

### **11-30. Availability of NCOES Phase II courses**

State MPMOs, in concert with their Plans, Operations and Training Officers (POTO), will determine availability of Phase II courses, for promotion purposes, as follows:

a. Check the Course Lists screen on ATRRS (Army Training Resource and Requirements System). Enter the appropriate Fiscal Year, MOS and phase to determine if a course is available within two years after completion of Phase I.

b. If a school code (SC) other than 0000 appears, the required course was available and scheduled during the fiscal year.

c. Consider the course not available if a Phase II has been configured, but not taught within two years after the soldier completes Phase I. Enter a constructive credit entry per paragraph 11-31 below, and credit the soldier with completion, including updating the SIDPERS-ARNG entry. The soldier is then eligible for consideration for promotion and, if selected, to attend the next level of NCOES.

d. Personal, operational, and funding conflicts do not constitute nonavailability.

### **11-31. Constructive credit for NCOES**

The following rules govern constructive credit for NCOES which State MPMOs may determine using the guidance in TRADOC Regulation 351-10. State MPMOs determine cases for AGR soldiers in Title 32 AGR status. CNGB (NGB-ARZ-HRP-E) will determine cases for soldiers in Title 10 AGR status. For cases that do not fit these guidelines, and based on courses not listed in paragraph 11-29, soldiers may request determination through command channels to

the State MPMP. Requests must include copies of DA Form 2-1 and ARNG-SIDPERS Form GPFR-1790 (PQR), diplomas, Academic Evaluation Reports (DA Form 1059), and similar documents to support the request, plus a complete record of the soldier's applications for training, whether a local record, a hard copy of the application, or a copy of ATRRS screens. Do not submit requests based on courses that are specifically excluded from credit in subparagraphs a through f below. MPMOs who cannot determine credit may send the action to NGB-AR-HRP-E for a decision or for forwarding to HQ, TRADOC, for a formal decision. Once credit is granted, record it in DA Form 2-1, item 27, and, if needed, change the soldier's NCO education code to the equivalent level listed in NGP (AR) 25-10, paragraph 2-140. For example, constructive credit for PLDC granted 2 Jun 95 for ROTC graduation in 1986, NGR 600-200, paragraph 11-31e, and enter in SIDPERS-ARNG the NCO education code.

a. Soldiers generally will retain credit for all courses completed for which they have been credited regardless if reduced or reclassified into another MOS. They will retain credit for all AC NCOES courses completed at their current or higher level. They will also retain credit for higher level RC NCOES courses if they attended them in the grades for which they were intended and they served in that grade after graduation. However, soldiers who begin a level of NCOES with more than one phase and do not complete it will have to start over.

b. Soldiers who are reduced and then considered for promotion will retain credit for any NCOES courses with which they have been credited per this chapter.

c. Former officers who, without a break in active unit service, enlist in a PMOS directly related to the basic or advanced branch course they completed, receive credit for BNCOC for OBC and ANCOC for OAC. If the OBC or OAC is not directly related to the MOS in which the soldier reenlist or the soldier had more than a 30-days break between active duty or active unit service and enlistment into the ARNG, do not grant credit. For instance, for former Infantry officers with PMOS 11B, C, H or M, credit then with BNCOC for Infantry OBC, and ANCOC for Infantry OAC.

d. Army policy does not allow NCOES

credit for professional development courses conducted by the Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard. Do not submit requests for waiver or exception to policy.

e. Marine Corps courses conducted under the auspices of the Marine Corps Combat Developments Command (MCCDC) are included in paragraphs 11-29a(5) through (9), 11-29b(8), and 11-29c(4) above. These courses are conducted at the Staff NCO Academies at Marine Corps Bases Quantico, Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, Camp Crowder (USMCR), and selected other Marine Corps bases. Any other Marine Corps NCO School including the Corporals School is considered a unit school and is not creditable here. Also, Marine Corps Institute courses are correspondence courses and are not creditable here.

f. ARNGUS soldiers credited with courses under prior policies retain credit until promoted. This includes special savings provisions for Military Technicians prescribed in the following extract from the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, Sections 523(b) and (c):

*"(b) MILITARY EDUCATION.-The following*

*provisions of law are repealed:*

*(1) Section 523 of the National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1989 (Public Law 100-456, 102 Stat. 1974, 32 U&C 709 note).*

*(2) Section 506 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 Public Law 101-189, 103 Stat. 1438, 32 U:S.C 709 note).*

*(c) SAVINGS PROVISION. --A civilian technician of the Army National Guard serving in an active status on the date of enactment of this Act who under the provisions of law repealed by subsection (b) (or under other Department of the Army policy in effect on the day before such date of enactment) was granted credit on the technician's military record for the completion of certain education and training courses shall retain such credit, notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), for a period determined by the Secretary of the Army. Such period may not terminate, in the case of such civilian technician, before the effective date of such civilian technician's next military promotion."*

### **11-32. Promotion actions**

a. Soldiers may be promoted only into vacant positions based on being placed in the selection objective of a promotion list by board action except for the actions in section II of this chapter. All documented positions, including those on carrier UICs, are valid for promotion purposes subject to the policies in chapter 5 of this regulation. NGR 600-5, NGR 600-10, and regulations governing the Military Technician Program. State MPMO will verify questionable cases and coordinate with the State Human Resources Officer (HRO) as needed.

b. Soldiers may be considered for assignment and promotion when they are two grades under the authorized grade, there are no authorized positions in the unit or immediate geographic area for the intermediate grade, and there are no other qualified soldiers in the unit or immediate geographic area. For instance, when an Artillery battery has a Supply SGT authorized in grade of SSG and an Armorer/Supply Specialist authorized in grade of SPC, the SPC, if promotable and otherwise eligible for the assignment per section IX of this chapter, may be promoted to SGT against the SSG requirement. The State MPMO will manage these actions with input from the State HRO.

c. For SFC being assigned and promoted to 1SG positions, promote them to MSG on orders and concurrently appoint them to 1SG.

d. Cite paragraph 11-32 as authority for promotion to SGT through SGM.

## **Section V Promotion Selection Boards**

### **11-33. General**

The ARNGUS promotion selection process establishes the means to consider all eligible soldiers, select the best-qualified soldiers for promotion, and to prepare them with the training for assignments at the next higher grade.

a. States will conduct one board and publish a promotion list for each rank approximately once each year. The selection objective will list in promotion sequence the best qualified soldier who will be assigned to current and projected vacancies in higher graded positions that go with the promotions per section IX below.

a.1. The SGM Promotion Board should be charged first to select eligible SGM, 1SG and MSG who accept consideration for CSM per chapter 9 of this regulation, then consider all remaining eligible 1SG and MSG for SGM. 1SG and MSG selected for CSM are, by this action, selected for promotion to SGM in CPMOS 00Z5O, but are subject first to approval for CSM by the HQDA (NGB) ARNG CSM Selection Board per chapter 9 of this regulation. NOTE: Individuals selected for promotion to SGM with concurrent appointment to CSM as listed in the HQDA (NGB) ARNG CSM Selection Board list, will remain eligible for assignment promotion and appointment from that list until assigned and appointed removed for cause, or until separated from the ARNG.

a. 2. The MSG selection board also may be charged to select eligible MSGs and SFC in the selection objectives of their MOSs on the MSG promotion list to serve as First Sergeants per paragraph 5-30d(1).

b. The promotion list is neither a permanent standing list nor an order of merit list. Each list published by the State AG is a new list and is intended to remain valid until exhausted or, with the exception of soldiers selected and assigned from the list and those approved for CSM by the ARNGUS CSM Board per chapter 9 of this regulation, a subsequent list supersedes it, approximately one year later. Soldiers who have not been selected assignment and promotion and who remain on a list near its expiration, including those with hardships will be considered in the next board process with a new ranking relative to all other soldiers being considered. If not assigned and promoted from the old list before it expires, their sequence on the new list will be determined solely by their ranking with their contemporaries; they will not be placed at the top of the list. Once assigned to positions, per paragraph 11-45 below, soldiers are promotable and may be promoted with effective date and DOR on the day after they complete the required training for AGR SFC and MSG, receive an AGR controlled grade before the list expires. These AGR soldiers if not yet promoted, may be considered by the next board as discussed in section VII of this chapter depending upon the State's program for AGR controlled grade management.

However, soldiers who fail to meet any condition of the assignment promotion in this chapter, such as applying for and completing a required NCOES course as required by State policy, except through hardship, illness or injury, may be removed from the position and promotable status, will not be placed back on the list and will not be eligible for promotion unless selected by a subsequent board.

c. Once approved, promotion list are the Priority of Training Lists required by NGR 351-1 and the only means to determine which soldiers will attend NCOES courses. Immediately upon approval of the list, soldiers on these lists will be considered for and, if they are not yet graduates, enrolled in NCOES courses for the next promotion. Soldiers will initiate applications for training through their units using the Army Automated Training Application System (AATAS).

d. The list is also used to select eligible soldiers for assignment to higher graded positions that go with the promotions per section IX below.

#### **11-34. Announcing promotion selection boards**

a. The State MPMO will announce each board using a memorandum of instruction (MOI) patterned on figure 11-3 which will include:

(1) The basic criteria for consideration from section IV of this chapter.

(2) The standard options set by the state that will apply to all soldiers in a given rank and category, such as, (I wish to be considered for assignments) In my current unit; In my Armory; In my city, town or local area; In my battalion (or major subordinate command); In my regiment, brigade, group, Troop Command, etc; In my current area, zone or region; in areas, zones or regions etc.; within 50 miles of my residence (based on AR 135-91); within 75, 100, or any other number or groups of numbers of miles the state sets from which soldiers may choose); Anywhere in the state; for NCOs, For assignment to the Regional Training Institute as an instructor, if AGR. For a leadership waiver (for 1SG and CSM); (Note: this does not affect command-directed reassignments of AGR regardless of purpose per NGR 600-5, or any reassignment other than those involving assignment in connection with a

promotion): if a Military Technician, To a position that requires a compatibility waiver for current SGM 1SG and MSG,. To accept or decline consideration for CSM per chapter 9 of this regulation; and for current MSG and SFC in the promotion selection objective of the MSG Promotion List, to accept or decline consideration for 1SG per paragraph 5-30d of this regulation; etc.

(3) The criteria used to evaluate soldiers.

(4) Special instructions on the evaluation process to ensure complete preparation, counseling, processing and evaluation.

(5) Who will evaluate soldiers and the evaluation process.

(6) The evaluation, verification and submission process to safeguard the system.

b. A separate memorandum to charge boards and evaluators may also be published.

c. SIB will use SIDPERS data to generate Promotion Eligibility Rosters (PER) for each unit and element and a NGB form 4100-1-R-E, Enlisted Promotion Point Worksheet, for each soldier on the PER. The NGB Form 4100-1-R-E may be made free-form to allow States to add their options in section IVb. However, the scorable items listed in figure 11-2 will be listed as shown and the values will not be changed. States may print section V1b on a supplemental sheet if they need more room for state options.

d. State MPMO will distribute the PERs with enclosed NGB Form 4100-1-R-E to commanders.

e. The NGB Form 4100-1-R-E and the NGB Form 4101-1-R. Enlisted Promotion Appraisal Worksheet, are both locally reproduced forms. Reproducible copies are in figures 11-4 and 11-5.

f. The CNGB will announce each board in an MOI and include specific forms, procedures and the process that will apply to the ARNGUS Title 10 AGR Program.

## **Section VI Processing Soldiers for Promotion Consideration**

11-35. Process soldiers for consideration

a. Soldiers must meet the eligibility in this chapter and the MOI. Include in the announcement MOI the date from which to compute eligibility.

b. Unit commander will:

(1) Verify the PER

(2) Add eligible soldiers.

(3) Delete ineligible soldiers, including those formally denied consideration per paragraph 11-38, by lining through names and entering a short explanatory note for the deletion. No one may establish local requirements for consideration such as time served in a unit or position, recruiting production or other criteria not provided in this chapter.

(4) Enter manually any missing or changed data on the NGB Form 4100-1-R-E using the instructions in figure 11-2 and in the state MOI.

(5) Determine and enter evaluator names or positions on individual NGB Forms 4101-1-R.

c. The soldier's leader (generally the first line leader) will review the NGB Form 4100-1-R-E with the soldier to verify information and update entries in handwriting on the form (or electronically, if provided by the state), obtain the soldier's written choice (X mark) to accept or decline consideration, and if accepting consideration, the soldier's written choice (X mark) of one or more of the options provided by the state per paragraph 11-34a, and obtain the soldier's written signature and the date signed. When soldier are not available to do this in person, the commander (or a delegate) may do this by telephone, facsimile transmission, or mail (including email), accomplish all of the required actions and sign and date the form for the soldier. Soldiers who are not available to process their NGB Form 4100-1-R-E due to unsatisfactory participation (for drill status soldiers) or absence without leave (AWOL) (for soldiers on orders for 30 or more days for ADSW, ADT, FTNGD for special work or training. Annual Training; for 30 or more days. TTAD or AGR will not be contacted while in this status If they do not return to duty before the cut-off date for submission of documents announced by the State AG (MPMO in the MOI for the promotion board, they will not be considered by that board and are not eligible for standby consideration. The leader will--

(1) Interview and counsel each soldier using NGB Form 4100-1-R-E.

(2) Have each soldier verify the individual data in sections I-III.

(a) Soldiers will be considered for promotion, enrolled in NCOES, and selected

for assignments based on their CPMOS. The CPMOS will be the primary MOS unless there is a compelling reason for it to be another MOS. For example, a merger MOS such as 75B2 that merges into 75H3; a command directed reassignment for an AGR soldier from 75B to 13B to become a Training NCO; or a soldier in an isolated MOS with little chance of progression such as Legal NCO (71D) or Chaplain's Assistant (71M). In cases other than the merger in the same CMF, the soldier must request the new CPMOS on DA Form 4187 through command channels to the State MPMO per chapter 5 of this regulation.

(b) Soldiers may provide documents to update the form and the personnel data base by enclosing it with the NGB Form 4100-1-R-E. The source documents that may be used to update personnel data are listed in each of the data fields in NGP (AR) 25-10. For instance, *Civilian Education Level* is in *paragraph 2-36*: the source is listed as *Diploma/certificate, school degree or transcript*. Incomplete and questionable documents are not acceptable.

d. Individual leaders in the field who rate soldiers using NGB Form 4101-1-R. and forward their evaluations under the leader evaluation process should counsel each rated soldier on their strengths and weaknesses and what they may do to improve their individual qualities and qualifications.

### **11-36. Individual soldier actions**

The data on NGB Form 4100-1-R-E are taken from the ARNGUS personnel data base and are the basis for promotion consideration.

a. Soldiers must verify the accuracy of entries and update the data as required.

b. Soldiers must accept or decline consideration in their own handwriting on the form. They also must select by X mark one or more of the options provided in Part IV of the NGB Form 4-1-R-E (or a state supplemental list of options) to show where they are available for assignment and promotion to the higher grade as provided in paragraphs 11-34a(2) and 11-35c.

(1) They may decline consideration for promotion without penalty. This is only a declination of consideration for promotion, assignment to higher graded positions, and NCOES training. The declination will be in

effect only during the life of that list. Soldiers who decline consideration will be considered by the next regularly scheduled promotion board if they remain eligible. They are not eligible for standby consideration regardless of the reason for declination.

(2) Those who accept consideration, when listed in the selection objective of the promotion list may expect to be trained in the NCOES course required for the promotion, promoted, and assigned to higher graded position during the life of the list per paragraph 11-42c of this regulation. As soon as the promotion list is published, soldiers in the selection objective of the list and are not graduates, or enrolled as students in, the NCOES course required for the promotion list grade should, and may be required to within a time specified by the state, enroll in that course. If they accept consideration, are listed in the selection objective of the promotion list and, based on that, are selected for promotion and assignment, and decline a school or assignment (and the promotion) for which they are eligible based on the options(s) they selected per paragraphs 11-34a(2) and 11-35c, or fail to apply for, accept, enter, or graduate from a school required for promotion other than by reason of medical disqualification or extreme hardship approved by the State Adjutant General, will be removed from that promotion list. They may be considered by the next regularly scheduled board, still eligible, but are not eligible for Standby consideration. Unit leaders must encourage and help soldiers in the selection objectives of promotion lists apply for required NCOES courses.

c. Not used

d. States should combine the CSM selection process in chapter 9 of this regulation with the SGM Promotion Board as stated in paragraph 11-33a. This process requires a means for eligible SGM, 1SG and MSG to accept or decline consideration for CSM such as using DA Form 4187 to accompany the NGB Form 4100-1-R-E. For 1SG and MSG not selected for CSM, this will not affect their eligibility for promotion to SGM in their MOS.

### **11-37. Correspondence with the board**

No one, other than soldiers being considered for promotion, may correspond

with a promotion board, and then only in their own behalf. If the board is prescribed in a format other than a formal board sitting jointly, no one may correspond with the board.

a. Soldiers being considered may write to the president of the promotion board to provide documents and information calling attention to any matter concerning themselves they feel is important to their consideration. Although written communication is authorized it is encouraged only when there is something that is not provided in the soldier's records, and which the soldier feels will have an effect on the board's deliberations. The soldier's official record is used to determine quality and potential. Correspondence to boards will not be acknowledged, will not be a basis for reconsideration, and will not be included in the soldier's permanent personnel records (MPRJ, TAG file or CMIF). Documents for permanent filing must be processed per both AR and NGR (AR) 600-8-104.

b. The following documents are not authorized and will not be given to the board:

(1) Correspondence from anyone other than the soldier concerned (this precludes communication from the soldier's chain of command, NCO support channel, political sources, or other third parties).

(2) Correspondence that criticizes or reflects on the character, conduct, or motives of any soldier.

(3) Incomplete appeals of items such as NCOER, AER, courts-martial, Article 15s or comparable state code actions, etc.

(4) Incomplete copies of NCOER or Academic Evaluation Report. Only fully completed documents processed through official channels will be seen by the board.

c. Letters or memoranda (and all enclosures) seen by a selection board become part of the board record and are not filed in personnel records. Nonreceipt of a letter to the board president is not grounds for reconsideration by a Standby Advisory Board as described in paragraph 11-53.

#### **11-38. Denying soldiers consideration for promotion**

Soldiers who are eligible for promotion may be denied consideration as shown below, using the guidance and procedures in

paragraph 11-49g below. Denial may be based on misconduct, shortcomings in personal and professional qualities and qualifications, or lack of potential to serve at the higher grade. This action generally will be taken when the individual deficiency is not sufficient to warrant a bar to reenlistment or extension or elimination from service. When approved the denial of consideration will be maintained with, and will expire with, the promotion list for which it was initiated.

a. Initiate denial of consideration on DA Form 4187. Enclose DA Form 4856 on which the commander has personally counseled the soldier on the reason for recommending denial. Soldiers may rebut their commanders' recommendations and submit statements that directly affect the circumstances. The actions will take place in time to allow the soldier 30 days to prepare comments and consult with a judge advocate, if desired, and to allow the approval authority to take final action before the board process is complete. Holding them until the completion of the evaluation cycle may require Standby Advisory Board action when a recommendation is disapproved.

b. Denial of promotion consideration for SPC, CPL and SGT may be approved by the first higher commander authorized in grade LTC or higher.

c. Denial of promotion consideration for SSG and SFC may be approved by the first commander authorized in grade COL or higher.

d. Denial of promotion consideration for MSG may be approved by the State AG.

e. These commanders will personally approve or disapprove, these actions, and will not delegate this authority. The final appeal authority is the State AG.

### **Section VB The Evaluation Process**

#### **11-39. General**

The complete evaluation process is a board process and should be modeled on the following lines. States may or vary from this model provided every soldier in each grade is evaluated the same way. For instance, states may prescribe formal, joint board

STARC HQ for senior boards, and decentralized informal boards at major subordinate command, regional levels, or any combination of these. These decisions may be made based on resource, distance time, leader availability, troop population factors decided by the state. At least three individuals will evaluate each soldier as prescribed by the State AG (MPMO). However, these boards will be conducted the same for each grade of rank, across the state as specified by the state MOI or other directive that prescribes each board.

a. If the leadership chain (chain of command, supervisory channel or NCO support channel), as designated by State MOI, is the board, that process must be followed throughout the state for that grade. This constitutes a board and, although it may not meet jointly, will act accordingly. Unless otherwise stated here, the word board applies to both leadership or other chain evaluation and formal boards sitting jointly.

b. Rules for boards.

(1) Three to five members senior in grade to the soldiers being considered, with the senior member as president, will evaluate all soldiers considered. When large numbers of soldiers are considered, the convening authority may appoint two or more panels, each comprising three or more members, and each of which will consider a portion of the total records.

(2) Promotion boards will generally be comprised of enlisted soldiers. The president will be a CSM unless there is no CSM available, then a SGM may preside (except for the SGM board and CSM panel). When officers are used in these boards and panels, use LTC or higher for SFC and MSG boards, and COL or higher for SGM boards, with a senior COL or a general officer as president. Panels should include at least one officer and two senior NCOs.

(3) The CSM panel of the SGM board will include CSMs to review SGM, 1SG and MSG who are eligible, per chapter 9 of this regulation, and accept consideration for CSM. If officers are included, they will be COL or higher. 1SGs and MSGs selected for CSM by this panel are automatically selected for promotion to SGM in CPMOS (paragraph 11-43e).

(3.1) The 1SG panel of the MSG promotion board, if used per paragraphs 5-30d(1) and

11-33b.1 of this regulation will include only 1SGs and soldiers in higher grades of rank. Officer membership is limited per paragraph 11-39b(2) above.

(4) If minority members are being considered, boards will include at least one minority member as a voting member. If this is not possible the recorder will write the justification into the final board report.

(5) If females are being considered, boards will include at least one female as a voting member. If this is not possible, the recorder will write the justification into the final report.

(6) Boards may include minority members and female members even though they may not be considering female and minority soldiers. The board should not be composed entirely of minority or female members. Convening authorities will document and explain unusual board composition, such as all (or no) minority or female members for inclusion in board reports.

(7) Each board and panel may be served by a nonvoting recorder or other administrative support from the supporting S1, personnel office, or other Adjutant General Corps soldiers.

**11-40. Evaluate soldiers for promotion**

Board members will evaluate soldier performance and potential using the whole soldier concept. The sum of each soldier's qualities and qualifications, matters of record, past performance with the heaviest weight given to the recent past, and the soldier's potential to serve in positions of greater responsibility, must be considered objectively.

a. Consider all soldiers equally and fairly according to the memorandum of instruction and the instructions for NGB Form 4101-1-R. Members of formal boards that meet jointly will not discuss any specific scores or findings with individual soldiers or in public.

b. Board members may, as stated in the MOI, discuss the general promotion selection process to help their soldiers and others to better understand the process. They may also counsel their soldiers on the data in their records and how their qualifications and qualities compare to the criteria in this chapter and the MOI.

c. Using NGB Form 4101-1-R, rate each soldier fairly in each area under

*Performance and Potential.*

d. Members of formal boards will review available records such as MPRJ with NCOERs, Academic Evaluation Reports, qualification records, correspondence and other official matters. An authorized memorandum to the president of the board (paragraph 6-30 above) will be shown to all members of the board designated to evaluate the soldier who submitted it. They will not review medical records. Members will refer questionable items to the recorder who will consult with the Personnel Officer.

e. Board members will not depart from the board with any type of notes.

f. Recorders will collect all forms, notes, and materials used in the evaluation process, and:

(1) Verify that entries and scores have been made correctly and transcribe them to NGB Form 4100-1-R-E, section VI only after all board members have evaluated the soldier.

(2) Ensure that there is a supporting document attached to the NGB Form 4100-1-R-E for each altered entry in sections I through III.

(3) Sign and date the form, obtain the president's signature and date, and submit them according to the memorandum of instruction.

(4) Destroy all notes and extraneous materials.

g. Process the forms through personnel channels to the State MPMO for entry into the database.

**Section VIII**

**Approve and Publish Promotion Lists**

**11-41. Approve promotion lists**

The State MPMO will -

a. Ensure that all actions taken and entries on the forms are correct and that this regulation and the MOI have been complied with. The State AG may disapprove a board when there has been a material error: in the charge to the board (the MOI); in the selection of board members; when board members used incorrect criteria (added to, disregarded, or selectively applied one or more criteria); or through any other major compromise of the board's conduct or integrity.

b. Process the data and generate a promotion list for each grade with all

individuals considered ranked from highest to lowest by their promotion or CPMOS (with number one being the highest). For example, the SFC Promotion List for MOS 13B might show SSGs with numbers 1 through 25 of whom the first 14 are in the selection objective (paragraph 11-42c). For Title 10 AGR Tour soldiers, the list will be arranged by functional area.

c. Include on the list the data needed to identify individuals and to help manage the list such as AGR Military Technician and NCOES status codes; unit ID; ZIP codes; declination status or codes; etc.

d. Approve or gain approval of the convening authority per paragraph 11-2 of this regulation and the state's MOI, of the promotion list.

e. Retain promotion board files for two years. Minimum documentation includes:

(1) The board appointment and memoranda of instructions.

(2) The NGB Forms 4100-1-R-E with enclosures (other than source documents processed to SIB) on each soldier considered.

(3) Written communications accepted by the president from promotion candidates.

(4) The final approval, master promotion list and, if the board submits one, an after action report.

**11-42. Determine promotion status**

a. The State MPMO will, in concert with the HRO as it affects full-time support soldiers, determine the number of soldiers required for promotion in each grade and MOS based upon:

(1) Current vacancies.

(2) Positions occupied by junior grade soldiers, whether promotable or not.

(3) Vacancies projected during the life of the promotion list (approximately one year) including grade vacancies on carrier UICs that will become effective during the life of the list.

(4) A statistically relevant projection to allow for attrition from the list.

(5) An allowance for Military Technicians and AGR soldier who may rank high on the list but be ineligible for a significant number of anticipated vacancies based on State program experience. Allowance may also be made for a number of M-Day soldiers who may place high on the list but be ineligible or unavailable due to program

requirements, geographic location, AGR or Military Technician programs, etc.

b. If prescribed in State policy, establish a minimum promotion score.

c. Set the selection objective for each MOS to include the maximum number who may expect to be trained, promoted and assigned during the anticipated life of the list. Only these soldiers can expect to be trained, assigned or promoted. Soldiers below the selection objective cannot normally expect to be selected from this list.

d. Soldiers in the selection objective, even though assigned but not yet promoted, are considered "promotable" while on the list but will not use the letter (P) in correspondence or other documents unless specifically authorized in AR 25-50, paragraph 7-5c.

e. All other soldiers on the list below the selection objective, but above the minimum promotable score if one is set, will still be eligible for assignment, training and promotion in sequence if the original expectations are exceeded.

#### **11-43. Publish promotion lists**

a. Print a promotion list by MOS for each grade (paragraph 11-41b) with the information specified by the State MPMO and distribute a copy to each unit authorized a field officer commander, each STARC director, and each STARC detachment except the Selective Service Section. The minimum information on a promotion list will be the soldier's name, promotion or career progression MOS (or functional area for Title 10 AGR), promotion points, and a code to determine M-Day, Technician or AGR status. This last item is necessary to determine eligibility for many assignments due to compatibility requirements. States may add items needed to manage the program such as unit abbreviation, NCO education code, etc. Everyone who handles lists with Social Security Numbers (SSN) will be cautioned to protect the lists from public disclosure.

b. States may also publish derivative or extract lists and distribute them to any level desired. These lists will not alter anyone's sequence number in the MOS or any other standing. Lists published to small unit level and which may be posted in orderly rooms will not include SSNs.

c. Commanders may notify soldiers who were not selected on the day before the list

is announced at large.

d. Although the promotion list will be published throughout the State, the State MPMO will maintain the official master list at the State HQ. This list, which must include the SSN to accurately identify each soldier, will show all deletions, changes, additions, promotions and other actions the State MPMO prescribes.

e. The promotion or CPMOS for soldiers selected for CSM and promotion to SGM is MOS 00Z. List them by the type of organization for which they were nominated selected per chapter 9 of this regulation. In this case, the type organization takes the place of the junior soldiers' MOS to determine relative ranking for promotion and assignment.

f. The MPMO may, but is not required to publish updated lists periodically. Individuals integrated into the list, and those whose positions change on the list for any reason, may be entered electronically or manually at the discretion of the State MPMO.

### **Section IX**

#### **Select Soldiers from Promotion Lists**

#### **11-44. General**

a. The State MPMO will, in concert with the State HRO, determine the methods to request, assign and promote soldiers, including those who are Military Technicians and AGR, to available vacancies throughout the State in promotion sequence using the guidance in this paragraph and in paragraph 11-45 below. NGB-ARZ-T performs this function for the Title 10 AGR Program.

b. When the promotion list is published, soldiers are eligible for immediate assignment to positions and, if qualified, promotion concurrent with the assignment. Assignment to a position from the promotion list as the first soldier in sequence eligible and available for the position assures the promotion. For soldiers already assigned to positions when the list is published, see paragraph 11-44g(2) below. NOTE: AGR soldiers will not be promoted to pay grade E8 or E9 without a controlled grade allocation.

c. Soldiers are immediately for training and assignment to positions authorized higher grades, but will not be promoted until they satisfy the NCOES requirement for the

promotion grade listed in paragraph 11-28. This is a statutory requirement that is not waivable as stated in the Army National Guard Combat Readiness Reform Act of 1992 (Title XI, section 1114, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993). See paragraph 11-28b. As soon as the list is released, soldiers in the selection objective who are not yet trained in the NCOES courses for their promotions must apply for the required course. States may establish specific times in which soldiers must apply for these courses and be listed in ATRRS or be removed from the promotion list.

d. Soldiers may be considered for assignment and promotion without regard to SQI, ASI and LIC required for their positions unless the qualification is indispensable to performance. States must use a consistent standard for each MOS, grade, functional area, and type of unit.

e. Soldiers in the selection objective of the MSG promotion list who are selected for First Sergeant positions are eligible for immediate promotion upon assignment, and appointment to the grade of rank of 1SG. They should be identified early enough to attend the First Sergeants Course (AC or RC) before assignment. However, states may set a policy to require these soldiers to complete the FSC before promotion if they set it as a state-wide standard. See paragraphs 5-30d, 11-33b.1, and 11-39b(3.1) of this regulation for further guidance on First Sergeants.

f. States should have current SGMs, and MSGs on the SGM promotion designated and approved appointment to CSM for anticipated CSM vacancies using the procedures in chapter 9 of this regulation.

g. Commanders will assign currently eligible, available soldiers per chapter 5 of this regulation, including career development reassignments in grade, before requesting soldiers from promotion lists. Soldiers assigned to higher graded positions who:

(1) Are not eligible for promotion, were eligible for but declined consideration by the board, or ranked so low in the promotion list that they will not be trained or promoted, may be removed from their positions when there are one or more eligible soldiers on the list who can be assigned to and promoted in their positions.

(2) Are not immediately promotable due to

their sequence number on the MOS promotion list, may remain in their positions and be promoted when the eligible and available soldiers ranked ahead of them on the list in their MOSs have been promoted in their positions, selected and assigned, whether promoted or not (if awaiting training); removed from the list administratively, determined ineligible or not available for an assignment, or declined an assignment and promotion.

h. Military Technician and AGR soldiers will be selected, assigned, trained and promoted in a concerted effort between the State's MPMO, HRO and POTO to assure equitable management. Although they may be assigned to positions identified only for members of the programs, their promotion sequence will be determined per paragraph g(2) above and, if AGR SFC or MSG, a controlled grade allocation is available to promote the soldier.

i. Specialist who are in the selection objective of the promotion list for their MOSs and have completed PLDC, may be trained and then concurrently awarded SQI 4 or MOS 79T, assigned as described in paragraph 5-24a(4) of this regulation, to AGR Recruiting and Retention NCO positions, and promoted to SGT against the R&R requirement.

#### **11-45. Selecting soldiers from promotion lists**

Chapter 5 of this regulation covers the assignment of soldiers. Use that guidance and the following policies, procedures and options to fill positions.

a. Soldiers will be offered assignment to available vacancies for which they are eligible and available starting with the lowest promotion sequence number and continuing until the selection objective is exhausted, all vacancies are filled, or the list expires. If soldiers are eligible and available for the assignment they will be assigned and promoted provided they have met all other requirements for the promotion. 1SGs and MSGs on the SGM Promotion List for CSM will be eligible and available for MOS 00Z assignments, and immediate promotion concurrent with assignments subject to approval by the HQDA (NGB) ARNGCSM Selection Board per chapter 9. SFCs on the MSG Promotion List and the 1SG Selection List are eligible for immediate promotion

concurrent with assignment to First Sergeant positions as discussed in paragraph 11-44e. Soldiers who are flagged are not eligible for assignment, training or promotion until the SFPA is closed. These soldiers will not be contacted for assignment to higher graded positions while in a flagged status. States will establish procedures to contact and solicit individual responses (acceptance or declination) only from eligible and available soldiers who have selected an option to serve at a unit or location or within an area or distance, including allowable response times (and the consequences of failure to respond), guidance on the options is in paragraph 11-34a(2) and paragraph 11-46 below. State MPMOs will ensure that additional criteria or unauthorized screening criteria procedures not specified in this chapter or chapter 5 are not added to this process.

b. Soldiers within the published commuting distance (50 miles from the soldier's residence unless another standard has been established by the State AG) must accept promotion and assignment to positions for which they are eligible (qualified) and available.

(1) The travel distance and time rules for involuntary assignment are in AR 135-91, paragraph 5-5, are designed to ensure safe, reasonable requirements for soldiers. They ensure the safe even application of rules to all soldiers on that list. States should use them when setting the distances that apply to assignments for promotions under this chapter. For this chapter only, the same the same circumstances as an involuntary assignment occur when a soldier declines promotion and is removed from a promotion list.

(2) No one other than the convening authority may add a requirement for the assignment promotion that is not set in the MTOE/TDA. Standards published by the state will apply to all soldiers in the grade or grades for which the standards are set.

(3) AGR soldiers are not subject to the commuting distance standard. They are eligible for State-wide reassignment and permanent change of station move per NGR 600-5 and the Joint Federal Travel Regulation when selected for promotion and reassignment.

(4) Soldiers serving in assignments that have a service requirement, such as an

AGR who made a permanent change of station (PCS) may not be eligible or available for many assignments due to the restriction on subsequent PCS moves although otherwise fully qualified for promotion.

c. Soldiers selected for assignments when they are fully qualified will be promoted concurrently with the assignment. They may not be assigned to positions nor promoted in the positions until the incumbents are reassigned or separated. The only exception to this is the authority to have a promotion ceremony at the soldier's current unit immediately before reassignment per paragraph 11-15a of this regulation. Those who are before they complete required NCOES courses, will be promoted with effective date and DOR as of the day after they complete the required training or the date on which the state receives a controlled grade allocation. Orders may be published in advance of the actual vacancy to allow planning and processing, but the effective date of the soldier's promotion and assignment to the position will not be earlier than the day after the incumbent leaves the position.

d. Once the soldiers in the selection objective are assigned to positions, they generally remain promotable based on the list from which selected.

(1) Soldiers selected from the list and assigned to positions, but who are not promoted because they have not yet completed their scheduled NCOES by the end of the list, will be extract. The extract list will ensure their promotions, without further board action, the day after they complete training.

(2) However, AGR SFC and MSG assigned for whom there are no controlled grade allocations against which to promote will remain assigned to the positions and may be considered anew by the next boards (see paragraph 11-33b above) State leadership decides which positions and soldiers are allocated to the limited number of controlled grades, and the method to which this is done.

#### **11-46. Declining promotion and assignment**

a. States may set procedures that allow categories of soldiers to decline consideration in advance when, although

they may be eligible for assignments, the likelihood of acceptance will be small. For example, SPC and CPL may be allowed to decline consideration outside of their unit or city, SPC through SGT, and any other grade, may elect advance declination of any assignment over the stated commuting distance; Military Technicians may be allowed to decline in advance any non-compatible position; etc.

b. AGR soldiers selected for higher priority units than those in which they currently serve may not decline assignment. Also, they may not decline any other management directed move under AGR program management policies. These are conditions of remaining on active duty status and refusal is grounds for relief from active duty and from the promotion list.

c. Declinations will be made in the form prescribed by the State. However, declination of an assignment for which eligible and available, (including commuting distance), or refusal of training under this program should be in writing. Soldiers who decline assignments or refuse training for which they are fully eligible will be administratively removed from the promotion list. They will not be reinstated on the list under any circumstances but may be considered by future boards if they remain eligible.

#### **11-47. Hardship affecting promotion and assignment**

a. Soldiers may decline an assignment for which they are otherwise fully eligible based on hardship that develops after they sign NGB Form 4100-1-R-E accepting consideration for promotion.

b. Soldiers with hardships approved by the State AG will stay on the list, but are not eligible for an assignment or promotion until the hardship no longer exists.

c. Some examples of hardship are increased demands based on family or medical problems, civilian education, and civilian employment.

### **Section X Removal of Soldiers from Promotion Lists**

#### **11-48. Administrative removal**

Commanders will promptly advise the State AG (MPMO) in writing with supporting documents to remove from a promotion list

the name of a soldier who:

- a. Is reduced.
- b. Is discharged from ARNGUS enlisted status other than for immediate reenlistment
- c. Has a retirement approved before the board date set in the memorandum of instruction.
- d. Is barred from immediate reenlistment or extension of enlistment, or non-selected for retention by a board before the date set in the MOI
- e. Was considered in error and selected.

(1) Soldiers erroneously considered and selected who are promoted before discovery of their ineligibility will have their promotions revoked.

(2) If warranted by commanders' explanations. State AGs may grant these soldiers *de facto* status for the period served in the erroneous grade per paragraph 11-11.

f. Has been considered by a reduction board whose recommendation was to remove the soldier from the list.

g. When notified of NCOES training required for promotion, declines, refuses or fails to apply for, enroll, be accepted into, or graduate due to an act, omission or failure of standards.

h. For soldiers whose MOS (in which the soldier is on the promotion list) has been eliminated by reorganization, who refuses or fails to complete training required for reclassification per paragraph 11-27e(2).

i. Declines an assignment within the published commuting distance for which fully qualified and eligible unless an exception to policy has been approved by the State AG.

j. Enrolls in a commissioned or warrant officer producing program.

#### **11-49. Command initiated removal**

a. Commanders may recommend that a soldier's name be removed from an approved list at any time.

b. When recommending a soldier for removal, the following must be considered:

(1) Punishment under UCMJ (or State Code) or nonpunitive measures should not automatically be the sole basis to suggest that a soldier's name be removed from the list.

(2) The soldier's conduct before and after the punishment of nonpunitive measures and facts and circumstances leading to and surrounding the misconduct must be considered.

(3) To remove a soldier based solely on a minor or isolated incident of misconduct may be unfair to the soldier. Removal from a promotion list has far reaching, long-lasting effects on the soldier. The probability of subsequent selection for promotion is extremely limited.

(4) Commanders should evaluate circumstances to ensure that all other appropriate actions have been taken (training, supervision, and formal counseling have not helped) or the basis for considering removal is serious enough to warrant denying the individual's promotion.

c. The commander must submit a recommendation for removal on a soldier who is not in compliance with the 6 or 12-month rule in AR 600-9, or consecutive failure of record APFTs.

d. The commander may submit a recommendation for removal for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) Punishment under Article 15, UCMJ or comparable State code, whether directed for filing in the performance or restricted portion of the soldier's OMPF, or for Title 10 AGR soldiers, in their CMIF at NGB.

(2) Any court-martial conviction.

(3) A memorandum of reprimand, signed by a general officer, placed in the soldier's OMPF or NGB CMIF.

(4) Adverse documentation directed for filing in the soldier's OMPF.

(5) Other derogatory information received in official channels, but not filed in the soldier's official records, if it is substantiated, relevant, and might reasonably and materially affect a promotion recommendation.

e. Recommendations for removal may be submitted for substandard performance Definition: The commander determines over a reasonable period of time (at least three months) that the soldier's work:

(1) Is such that promotion to the next higher grade would not be in the best interest of the ARNGUS; or

(2) Has declined to such a degree that the soldier no longer has the potential to perform in the higher grade.

f. Recommendations should not be submitted on isolated acts based on short-term supervision. To ensure a fair and impartial decision, each case must be investigated thoroughly.

g. Process removal actions as follows:

(1) Before sending a removal action to the State AG for consideration, the commander will deliver it in writing to the affected soldier. Include all documents that will be submitted to the State AG in the notification to the soldier. The soldier will be allowed 30 days, or until 5 days after the unit's next regularly scheduled training assembly or AT period, whichever is first, to respond in writing to the proposed action after receipt of the written notice. The maximum period should be limited to 2 months to ensure that the soldier is notified and has the time to prepare, but that the process continues to move forward. The soldier may include the opinion and statements of third persons in the response. The commander may extend this time for reasons beyond the soldier's control.

(2) A soldier who elects not to respond will review the entire action, state the election not to respond in writing, sign the statement, and return the action to the commander.

(3) The commander will submit the action for review through command channels to the State AG. Include with the recommendation a copy of the soldier's DA Form 2-1 (in States without a central records center or Personnel Service Branch), SIDPERS Personnel Qualification Record, and DA Form 268, if nagged.

(4) A commander at any level may disapprove the recommendation, include the reason for disapproval, and return the action through command channels to the originator.

(5) On recommendations processed through the chain of command and not disapproved at a lower level, the State AG will make the final decision based on results and recommendations of the State level standby advisory board.

## **Section XI Integrating Soldiers into Promotion Lists**

### **11-50. General**

a. This section describes how to integrate soldiers into approved promotion lists.

b. Individuals who enlist or reenlist into the ARNGUS from any other component of the Armed Forces of the U.S. may not be integrated into promotion lists. They may be considered by the next scheduled promotion board, provided they are eligible, or

considered by a Standby Advisory Board (STAB) per paragraph 11-53, when directed by the State Adjutant General.

**11-51. Interstate transfers and inservice recruiting**

a. Soldiers with promotion list status in one state who transfer to another may be integrated into the new state promotion list. The State MPMO may contact the losing State to obtain the soldier's official standing and related records.

b. Integration will be in the soldier's promotion or CPMOS. When the new state does not have the soldier's CPMOS, reclassify the soldier and recompute the soldier's score. Integrate the soldier into the list in the new MOS.

c. Soldiers with promotion list status in the active Army, a USAR Troop Program Unit, or USAR Control Group (IMA) who enlist or reenlist into the ARNGUS are not eligible for integration into ARNGUS lists based on their active Army or Reserve promotion list status; each component has a different system. However, State AGs may direct a STAB to consider this category of soldier for integration.

d. Soldiers integrated into approved promotion lists will be administratively reviewed and placed on the list immediately after the individual with more points or the same number of points. Their places will be designated with decimals. For instance, between sequence numbers 60 and 61, one soldier would be numbered 60.1; a second would be 60.2; etc.

**11-52. Soldiers reclassified while on promotion lists**

Soldiers reclassified for other than loss of qualifications due to inefficiency or misconduct will compete for training, assignment and promotion in the new MOS. These soldiers will be removed from a promotion list, but State AGs may direct a STAB to consider soldiers' promotion status for integration into a list in the new MOS.

**11-53. Standby Advisory Board**

a. The Standby Advisory Board (STAB) is used when a soldier meets the conditions listed in the remainder of this paragraph. If a board is in session, comprised essentially as was the original board by which the soldier was or should have been considered, they may be charged as a STAB to fully evaluate

the soldier's record using the original board charge. When there is no board in session, assemble one using the rules in paragraph 11-39.

b. Generally it is not used when a board was not properly conducted for an entire class of soldiers such as everyone in one grade, one unit, one career management field, or one MOS. In that event, the MPMO will have to invalidate some or all of the original board, reconstruct the soldier's records and the board, and conduct the board essentially as of the date the proper action should have occurred.

c. The State AG (MPMO) may approve cases for referral to a STAB upon determining that a material error exists.

d. The State MPMO will determine if a material error existed in a soldier's official records when the file was reviewed, or should have been reviewed had the error not precluded review, by a promotion board.

e. Error is considered material when there is a reasonable chance that had the error not existed the soldier would have been selected.

f. STABs are convened to consider the records of soldiers -

(1) Not reviewed by a regular board.

(2) Whose records, due to material error, were not reviewed by the regular board.

(3) Whose records were reviewed by the regular board, were not selected for promotion, and whose records contained a material error which may have been a factor in nonselection.

(4) Enlisting or reenlisting directly into the ARNGUS from the active Army or USAR when directed by the State Adjutant General, for addition to approved lists as described in paragraph 11-51c.

(5) On whom derogatory information has developed that may warrant removal from approved promotion lists.

(6) Reclassified as described in paragraph 11-52.

g. Soldiers selected by a STAB will be integrated into approved promotion lists and promoted along with their peers in the sequence that would have occurred had they been originally selected.

h. Only soldiers who would have been eligible per the original memorandum of instruction as of the date of the board will be considered. Soldiers who did not meet or could not have met the criteria at the time of

the original board will not be considered.

i. Reconsideration normally will be granted when one or more of the following conditions existed in the soldier's official records at the time they were reviewed by a promotion selection board: (Soldier's requesting reconsideration for reasons in (2) through (5) below will be granted reconsideration only for the most recent board before the soldier's request).

(1) An adverse NCOER or Academic Evaluation Report reviewed by a board was subsequently declared invalid in whole or in part, and a determination was made that there was a material error.

(2) An adverse document belonging to another soldier was filed in the nonselectee's records and was seen by the board.

(3) An Article 15 (or comparable State nonjudicial action) designated only for temporary filing in the soldier's record, or which was set aside and has not been removed from the soldier's record was seen by the board.

(4) Court-martial orders were filed in the soldier's record when the findings were "not guilty."

(5) A document was filed in the records reviewed by the board that erroneously identified the soldier as AWOL while on active duty, a deserter, or an unsatisfactory participant according to AR 135-91.

(6) A record of 30 or more college semester hours properly entered into official channels but was not seen by the board. College degree or official transcript must have been submitted into channels within three months before the board to be recorded on qualification records, or submitted to the board president in hard copy with the soldier's memorandum to the president to warrant standby consideration.

(7) An award of a State or Federal Commendation Medal or higher award presented within three months before the date of the board was not recorded on official records, seen by the board in hard copy, or not presented to the board when provided in the soldier's memorandum to the president to warrant standby consideration.

(8) An annual or change of rater NCOER that was processed to the custodian of records in time to be filed before the date the board convened was not reviewed. NCOERs received on time but returned for

administrative reasons may warrant standby consideration.

(9) Consideration in an MOS other than the soldier's PMOS or designated CPMOS.

j. The following reasons do not constitute material error and are not reasons for reconsideration.

(1) Omission of commendatory, congratulatory or service memoranda, certificates, letters or similar correspondence.

(2) Absence of documents written, prepared or computed after the date the board convened.

(3) Incorrect data on DA Form 2-1, NGB Form 4100-1-R-E, PQR and other records which the soldier reviewed prior to the date the board convened.

(4) Absence of official photograph or presence of an outdated one which the soldier did not update, when current photographs were required in the board MOI.

(5) Absence of an award lower than a commendation medal.

(6) Absence of documents not authorized for filing in records by AR 600-8-104.

(7) Absence of the completion document for an NCOES course, unless it was required for consideration and was completed before the date the board convened.

(8) A complete the record NCOER is an optional report and the absence of this report will not, under any circumstances, be a basis for reconsideration.

k. Correspondence such as letters and memoranda of commendation, appreciation, documents from third parties, and documents dated on or after the date the STAB convened will not be forwarded.

## **Section XII Reductions in Grade**

### **11-54. General**

a. Sergeants and above are entitled to a board unless exempt per this section when being considered for reduction for inefficiency, misconduct, or due to civil conviction. They are not entitled to a board for administrative reduction or separation in a lower grade for failure to meet a condition or requirement for a promotion or assignment in this chapter such as NCOES training or a service remaining requirement

for the promotion, or for loss of authorized grade due to reorganization or release from active duty. The reduction board will be convened unless the soldier waives the requirement in writing.

b. A commander who has the authority to advance or promote a soldier to a grade per paragraph 11-2 also has the authority to reduce a soldier from that grade.

c. The authority in this paragraph will not be used to reduce soldiers for actions of which they were acquitted as a result of court-martial proceedings.

d. Revocation of illegal or erroneous promotion orders is not a reduction action in the meaning of this section. See paragraph 11-11 for revocation and related actions.

#### **11-55. Voluntary reduction**

If approved by the: unit commander, a soldier may volunteer in writing on DA Form 4187 for reduction to any lower grade for reassignment to another position, another program, or to continue in service. The promotion authority may then administratively reduce the soldier without board action. Establish DOR as prescribed in paragraph 11-6j(1).

#### **11-56. Failure to complete training**

Reduce soldiers, without board action or appeal:

a. Who fail to complete OCS or Warrant Officer training to the grade held on the day before appointment to Candidate status as a SGT or SSG effective the date after they are no longer enrolled. Promotion authorities may reduce these soldiers to PFC or SPC only when they were appointed from grade PV2 and would have otherwise been eligible for advancement.

b. Who complete OCS or Warrant Officer training program, without accepting appointment or commission, to the grade held before entering candidate status effective the date after they complete the program.

c. SMP participants who withdraw or who are eliminated from the ROTC Advanced Course to the grade held on the day before appointment to Cadet status as Sergeant or the grade to which the soldier would be entitled if enlisting under the provisions of chapter 2, but not below PV2.

d. Who accept commission or appointment, to the grade held on the day before entering candidate or cadet status

effective on the day before commission or appointment. Soldiers will not be separated in special pay grades E5 or E6.

e. Who fail to successfully complete an NCOES course that is a condition of a promotion due to their failure to apply for, enter, meet standards, or through misconduct or voluntary withdrawal. Reduce these soldiers automatically effective on the date the soldier fails to apply for, enroll or be enrolled in a class for which selected, fails a course, withdraws from the course, or on expiration of the time set for completion at promotion. This service does not require a *de facto* determination; the soldier will retain the higher pay and allowances through the day before the effective date of reduction in a *de jure* status (by right.) However, TIMIG in the higher grade is not satisfactory service for future adjusted DOR if promoted again to the grade nor is it creditable towards retired pay in the higher grade or any other determination dependent upon the higher grade. This includes soldiers whose training was delayed or deferred when ordered to active duty for service during combat or contingency operations such as the one year completion requirement for NCOES after release from the period of active duty.

f. Promoted in their former MOS under reorganization guidance but who have refused or failed to qualify in the MOS for the new position to which assigned per the guidance in chapter 5 of this regulation.

g. Who were promoted per the rules in paragraph 11-27e(2).

#### **11-57. Reduction upon return from active duty.**

a. Soldiers returning to their ARNG units after being released from active duty (IADT, TTAD and Title 10 AGR, etc.) in a higher grade than held at the time of entry into such service, other than authorized advancements to grades that would have been gained per this chapter, may be retained in their higher grade for 6 months. Upon termination of the 6 months, soldiers not assigned to MTOE or TDA vacancies commensurate with their grade are reduced, reclassified, transferred to the ING, IRR, Retired Reserve, or discharged in accordance with chapter 8.

b. Waivers. One waiver for an additional 6 months may be approved by the State AG

for Title 32 AGR. One waiver for an additional 6 months may be approved by NGB for Title 10 AGR personnel.

c. Soldiers released from active duty in a higher grade than held at time of entry into active Federal service, who are transferred to the ING or the IRR, are transferred in the higher grade.

#### **11-58. Other reasons for reduction**

Reduce soldiers without board action or appeal:

a. Who enlist or reenlist in a grade above those authorized by chapter 2, to the grade to which then entitled, effective the date of enlistment or reenlistment

b. Who, 2 years after date of enlistment or reenlistment into lower graded positions in the Try One in the Guard program, have not been reassigned to a grade vacancy position commensurate with their grade.

c. Who involuntarily lose their positions due to unit reorganization, inactivation, full-time support utilization requirements or downgrading SPMD positions, and therefore cannot be properly utilized per chapter 5.

(1) If immediate reassignment is not appropriate, retain them in current grade for up to one year before involuntarily reducing or reclassifying them to fill valid positions.

(2) When it is not possible to properly assign these soldiers, transfer them to the ING or IRR. NOTE: Full time soldiers not affected by force structure changes may not be involuntarily moved to lower graded AGR positions or reduced because of that assignment.

d. Failure to meet the service remaining requirement in paragraph 11-10.

e. To enter a training program that requires a lower entry grade to qualify for another position in the same or another unit.

f Reduction for failure to meet the criteria of a conditional promotion other than training, such as prior authority to use interim clearance for promotion, etc.

#### **11-59. Enlistment in lower grade**

Enlistment or reenlistment at a lower grade in the ARNGUS, Regular Army, the USAR, or any component of another U.S. Armed Force is a contractual agreement and is considered a voluntary reduction to gain a benefit. Subsequent reenlistment in the ARNGUS does not authorize restoration of grade or adjustment of DOR. Accepting a voluntary reduction does not entitle a soldier

to an earlier adjusted DOR when promoted again to a formerly held grade. Grade and DOR of former officers will be in the grade determined from chapter 2 and paragraph 11-6m of this regulation.

#### **11-60. Reduction for inefficiency**

A soldier may be reduced one grade for inefficiency. Inefficiency is defined as technical incompetence or demonstrated pattern or one or more acts of conduct that show lack of abilities and qualities required and expected of a soldier in that grade. Inefficiency can include one or more acts of misconduct, poor performance, a record of unexcused absences or declaration as an unsatisfactory participant (AR 135-91), conviction by a civil or criminal court, long standing personal debts when there has been no reasonable attempt to pay them, and significant shortcomings in training performance. A single act may be so negligent or so substantially below the norm that it warrants a recommendation for reduction from the commander. However, an unexcused absence from scheduled training, whether one UTA or one MUTA, should not normally in itself be the sole basis to charge a soldier with inefficiency to the degree that reduction is warranted, nor is it intended as a substitute for judicial or nonjudicial punishment whether in State or Federal status. A reduction board is authorized for soldiers in grade SGT and higher, and the recommending commander must provide complete justification and documentation to support the reduction action. Some examples are:

a. Statements of counseling or other documented attempts at rehabilitation by the chain of command or supervisors.

b. NCOERs or counseling statements documenting inefficiency or poor performance.

c. Record of misconduct during the period concerned.

d. Correspondence from creditors attempting to collect debts.

e. Adverse correspondence from civil authorities showing evidence of misconduct.

f Documentation proving that individual has unexcused absences, periods of unsatisfactory participation, or that the soldier has been declared an unsatisfactory participant per AR 135-91.

g. Reduction based on lack of technical

skill or ability requires reclassification to the corresponding skill level and MOS per chapter 5 of this regulation.

**11-61. Reduction for misconduct or civil conviction**

a. Discharge. If a soldier is to be discharged with a discharge certificate under other than honorable conditions, the State AG will reduce the soldier immediately to PV1 without board action. If the discharge is suspended, the soldier is not reduced under this paragraph.

b. Dropped from the rolls of the Army (DFR). When discharged per chapter 8 because of being DFR, a soldier is automatically reduced to PV1 without board action.

c. Misconduct or civil conviction. A soldier can be reduced one or more grades for misconduct or civil conviction.

(1) If appropriate, Article 15. UCMJ (AR 27-10), Courts-Martial (MCM 1984), or provisions of State law may be used to effect reductions for misconduct in lieu of this regulation.

(2) Administrative reductions for misconduct may be based on one or more acts of misconduct.

(3) A soldier convicted by a civil court (domestic or foreign) or adjudicated as a juvenile offender by a civil court (domestic or foreign) is reduced or considered for reduction using the guidance below. "Juvenile offender" includes a person adjudicated as a juvenile delinquent, wayward minor, or youthful offender. Action is taken on receipt of documents establishing a sentence (impose or vacation of a suspended sentence) or a finding of guilt with sentence to be established at a later date. A soldier can be reduced even though an appeal is filed. If an appeal results in reversal of the civil conviction, take action per paragraph 11-66.

(4) If the civil authority's sentence includes death or confinement of 1 year or more that is not suspended, the soldier is reduced to PVT. If convicted, or a guilty plea is accepted by the court, and sentencing is delayed for at least 30 days, reduction can be accomplished immediately based on the maximum penalty. If reduced and if the actual imposed sentence is less severe, then further restoration and board actions are required.

(5) If the sentence is confinement for more than 30 days, but less than 1 year (not suspended), or 1 year or more suspended, SPC and below will be considered for a one or more grade reduction. SGT and above must be referred to a reduction board for possible reduction of one or more grades.

(6) If the sentence is less severe than in (4) above, and reduction authority considers it appropriate, the soldier may be considered for reduction of one or more grades. SGT and above will be processed for possible reduction board action.

**11-62. Reduction notification procedures**

a. The commander reducing the soldier informs the soldier in writing, delivered in person or dispatched by *Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested*, of the action contemplated and reasons. The soldier acknowledges receipt of the memorandum in writing, and may submit any pertinent matters in rebuttal. Mail refused, unclaimed, not acknowledged, or otherwise undeliverable, is not used as defense against, or as a basis for an appeal of reduction, when notification was correctly addressed to the latest official mail address furnished to the unit by the member.

b. The commander's written notification must include instructions advising the soldier (SGT and above) of his or her right to request a reduction board and the date the board request must be received.

(1) SPC and below may be reduced without action by a board.

(2) Only SGT through SGM may request to appear before a reduction board. If the soldier waives board action, the waiver must be in writing. The soldier may submit any pertinent matters in rebuttal in writing. Failure to respond within 30 calendar days after the date of receipt of written notification constitutes a waiver of the right to a reduction board.

c. A soldier who requests a board will be given at least 30 days written notice before the date of the hearing. The reduction authority may approve an extension of the 30 days if requested by the soldier in writing.

d. The convening authority ensures that:

(1) The board is composed of unbiased soldier senior in grade to the soldier being considered for reduction.

(2) At least one board member is thoroughly familiar with the soldier's field of

specialization, especially for inefficiency or poor performance cases.

(3) The board consists of at least three voting members and a recorder without vote. A majority of the members of the board constitutes a voting quorum and must be present in order for the board to convene.

(4) The senior voting member serves as president of the board.

(5) If the soldier being considered for reduction is female or a minority, the board will include an officer or enlisted soldier who also is female or a minority member, if reasonably available. However, nonavailability of a female or a minority member does not preclude convening of the board. In the event of nonavailability, justification must be stated in the record of proceedings.

(6) No soldier with direct knowledge of the contents of the case will be appointed to the board.

(7) Alternate board members are appointed and will be available when required.

(8) Unbiased board members, if not available, are requested through higher headquarters.

#### **11-63. Reduction board procedures**

a. The soldier may request military counsel be appointed. If a specific judge advocate or other officer is requested and is reasonably available, the convening authority designates that officer as counsel. If the requested counsel is from another command, the convening authority will forward an official request to the appropriate headquarters. Determination by that headquarters is final regarding the availability of requested military counsel. If the specifically requested counsel is not available, the convening authority will appoint another judge advocate or experienced officer to serve as counsel.

b. Notice of a board hearing date is made only after counsel is available to the soldier, if requested.

c. The recorder, on request of the soldier or counsel, arranges for the presence before the board of any reasonably available witnesses.

d. Copies of an written affidavits and depositions of witnesses, who are unable to appear before the board, will be furnished to the soldier.

e. The president of the board ensures that enough testimony is presented to enable the board to:

(1) Fully and impartially evaluate the case.

(2) Be objective in their deliberations.

(3) Arrive at a proper recommendation.

(4) Consider those abilities and qualities required and expected of a soldier of that grade and experience. (A NCO is expected to maintain high standards of conduct). While prior years of faithful service are commendable, this alone does not override the best interest of the ARNGUS.

f. AR 15-6 may be used as a general guide for the board so far as it does not conflict with any provisions of this regulation.

g. The board may recommend a reduction of one or more grades (dependent on reason for reduction), retention' of grade, reassignment, or a combination of any of the above.

h. The convening authority may approve or disapprove any portion of the board's recommendation so long as the action does not increase its severity.

i. When the board recommends a reduction and the convening authority approves it, the soldier is reduced by the reduction authority as directed without regard to any action taken to appeal.

j. In case of reduction for inefficiency, the convening authority can suspend reduction up to six months. If the suspension is not vacated during this period, reduction may only be accomplished by convening a new reduction board.

k. If a civil conviction is reversed, or sentence is modified or reassessed, see paragraph 11-66.

#### **11-64. Rights of the soldier**

a. The rights of the soldier concerning the reduction board are:

(1) SGT through SGM may request a reduction board within 30 days of date of notification of the consideration for reduction.

(2) To decline in writing 10 appear before the board, or may appear in person with or without counsel at all open proceedings.

(3) To retain a private attorney at no expense to the Government. If not represented by a private attorney, the convening authority designates military

counsel who normally a lawyer (judge advocate officer or Army civilian attorney-advisor) unless, in consultation with the servicing staff judge advocate and the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, the convening authority determines that a lawyer is not reasonably available. Any such determination is final. If a soldier requests specific military counsel, follow the procedures of paragraph 11- above.

(4) To request any reasonably available witnesses whose testimony is believed to be pertinent. When requested, the soldier provides the nature of the information the witnesses are expected to provide.

(5) To submit to the board written affidavits and depositions of witnesses who do not appear.

(6) To elect to testify as a witness and submit to examination under oath, make or submit unsworn statements, or remain silent

(7) To challenge or question any witness appearing before the board.

b. Failure of soldiers to exercise their rights is not a bar to the board's proceedings, findings and recommendations.

c. When a soldier appears before the board without representation, the president will fully counsel the soldier on:

(1) The action that is being contemplated.

(2) The impact such action may have on the outcome of the case.

(3) The right to request counsel and to challenge any member of the board for cause.

(4) The right to submit an appeal per paragraph 11-65.

#### **11-65. Appeals**

a. Appeal of reductions per paragraphs 11-54d and 11-55 through 11-58 are not authorized. Appeal of reductions per paragraph 11-61 is authorized only to correct material errors such as a reduction that did not comply with this regulation and therefore was without sufficient basis.

b. In order to correct an erroneous action on equitable grounds, appeal is authorized of reduction for inefficiency per paragraph 11-60, misconduct or civil conviction other than per paragraph 11-61, and partial restoration under paragraph 11-66. It must be shown that the facts and circumstances of the case are such that partial or full restoration of grade will be in the best

interests of the ARNGUS and the soldier.

c. An appeal must be submitted in writing within 30 days after the date of reduction or date of official written notification of restoration action. A complete copy of all correspond~ is finished to the authority taking final action of the appeal.

d. Appellate authority for reductions is:

(1) The next higher authority above the reduction authority for SSG and below.

(2) The first general officer in the chain of command above the reduction authority for SFC through SGM. If the reduction authority was the State AG, the appeal will be acted upon by the State AG as a request for consideration. The State AG's action is final.

e. If appeal results in a determination that the reduction under paragraph 11-61 was erroneous, the appellate authority directs restoration to the former grade. Restorations are effective as of the date of the order and DOR is the same as DOR prior to reduction. However, if it is determined that another provision may apply, the appellate authority directs action be taken in accordance with the appropriate provision of that paragraph.

f. If the appellate officer on an appeal determines that the reduction should be changed on equitable grounds, the soldier is restored to the former grade or to any intermediate grade. Restorations are effective as of the date of the order. DOR for soldiers restored to former grade are the same as DOR prior to reduction. DOR for soldiers restored to an intermediate grade are the same as the date of the order directing restoration.

g. If the appellate authority on an appeal determines that the reduction meets the requirements of this regulation and need not be changed on equitable grounds, the appeal is denied.

h. A soldier submitting an appeal will be informed in writing of the decision. A copy of the appeal and the final action is filed in the soldier's MPRJ.

i. Authority to take final action on appeals may not be delegated.

#### **11-66. Restoration of grade**

a. Restoration of grade is accomplished without regard to the criteria specified for advancement or promotion to the grade and rank, to include position vacancy and

promotion board action. See paragraph 11-6 for DOR.

b. Grade and rank restoration may result from:

(1) Setting aside, mitigation, or suspension of punishment under UCMJ or comparable state code. The commander authorized to promote to the higher grade may restore the soldier's grade and rank.

(2) Reversal of conviction by civil court. If a conviction by a civil court for which a soldier was reduced is later reversed, the soldier is restored to the grade and rank from which reduced and regains incumbency to the former position held. If the commander having promotion authority for that state determines that the soldier was denied promotion because of the conviction, the soldier may be promoted to the next higher grade and gains incumbency to that position.

c. A reversal of conviction is the annulling or voiding of a court judgment by the same or a higher court of competent jurisdiction because of error or irregularity in proceedings. It does not include instances where, under local law or procedure a conviction is set aside in recognition of rehabilitation or as a result of parole. If a conviction is reversed and a new trial is ordered, the soldier's grade and rank are restored. The soldier may be reduced because of a later conviction resulting from a new trial.

d. If a sentence is modified or reassessed (by an appellate court or otherwise), or a sentence as imposed is less severe than the one under which a reduction was accomplished, the following action is required:

(1) Reduced from SGT or above: If reduction was under paragraph 11-61, reduced sentence no longer falls within the original category, the soldier is restored to the former grade and new board action is optional with the reduction authority. If the sentence, as modified, reassessed, or reduced falls within the same subparagraph of paragraph 11-61, no action is necessary.

(2) Reduced from SPC and below: soldier is restored to SPC or any intermediate grade, or directed to remain at PV1. The soldier is notified in writing of the decision.

#### **11-67. Reduction and restoration orders and records**

a. Grade restorations and reductions for misconduct and inefficiency (except for Article 15, UCMJ, or comparable state code, and courts martial), are announced in orders.

b. Cite in orders the reason for reduction, such as inefficiency, the authority, and the paragraph from this chapter under which reduced. When reduction is for misconduct for which proceedings under Article 15, UCMJ, or comparable state code, were conducted, prepare DA Form 2627 (Record of Proceedings under Article 15, UCMJ) per AR 27-10 or use prescribed forms under comparable state regulations.

c. The complete reduction action including any appeal is filed in unit records. The reduction order will be filed as a permanent document in the soldier's MPRJ and removed only if the soldier is promoted, not filed in the MPRJ. Reduction actions that are wholly set aside are not filed in the MPRJ.

PROMOTION ELIGIBILITY ROSTER

UIC: 1ABAA

DATE OF REPORT: 2 JUN 97

UNIT: HQ STARC XX ARNG

SUSPENSE DATE: 31 AUG 97

RANK CONSIDERED: SGM

DATE OF BOARD: 28 SEP 97

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NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)	SSN	RANK	PMOS	CPMOS
BRADLEY VICTOR Y	999-01-0234	MSG	75H5HA2FR	75H5
GRIDER EDWARD	999-01-6975	1SG	71D5MP500	71D5
PHILLIPS LONNIE K JR	999-02-0010	MSG	12ZSMOOOO	12Z5
WHITE TERRI K	999-36-0987	MSG	79T500000	79T5

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Figure 11-1. Sample Promotion Eligibility Roster (PER)

**Figure 11-2**  
**Instructions for NGB Form 4100-1-R-E,**  
**Enlisted Promotion Point Worksheet**

*This is a complete reprint of the figure. The field numbers in this table are keyed to the field numbers on NGB Form 4100-1-R-E. This will help complete the form manually and explain entries to soldiers.*

Section I - Personnel Systems Data (maximum-125 points)

*Field 1: Last and first names plus middle initial (2) plus any suffix.*

*Field 2: Social Security Number.*

*Field 3: Rank title (no pay grades).*

*Field 4: Unit (may be short title, UIC, or payroll sequence code).*

*Field 5: Promotion MOS (primary or career progression MOS). If CPMOS is different from PMOS, enter CPMOS in handwriting.*

*Field 6: Physical profile (PULHES). (Enter the following dates in YYYY/MM/DD sequence.)*

*Field 7: DOB (date of birth).*

*Field 8: DOR (date of rank). Use DOR to compute TIMIG at 5 points for each full year up to 15 years in grade (75 points maximum.)*

*Field 9: PEBD (pay entry basic date). Use PEBD to compute TIS at 2 points per full year up to 25 years of service (50 points maximum.)*

*Field 10: BESD (basic enlisted service date - enter for SSG and above). Use BESD to determine cumulative enlisted service (CES) for eligibility for promotion to senior NCO ranks: 6 years for promotion to SFC, 8 years to MSG, and 10 years to SGM.*

*Field 11: ETS (expiration of term of service).*

*Field 12: Active status program code that shows if the soldier- is on any form of active duty, or Full-Time National Guard Duty (FTNGD).*

*Field 13: Technician/Selective Service Code that shows if the soldier is a Military Technician or not.*

Section II - Awards (maximum-75 points)

*Fields 14-23: Enter each issue of each award, up to a total of 10 entries, in decreasing order, the points for each award, and the total points. This field includes only individual decorations, the POW Medal, and certain badges requiring some form of performance test except for the CIB and CMB. It does not include unit citations of any degree, the Good Conduct or comparable RC equivalent medals, nor Federal or State service or training medals and ribbons, and most badges. The campaign stars in g below are for the KSM, AFEM, VSM and SWASM to recognize service in designated Hostile Fire Pay areas. Determine sequence, point values, and relative value of comparable awards from other services and States. For example, for a soldier with three commendation medals, one from the Army, one Navy and one State, list them in descending order of precedence and award 20 points for each award from the following paragraphs. States may award credit for any or all State awards at equivalent levels as discussed here for other Armed Services awards. For awards not included here, State MPMO will determine relative precedence, place them in sequence, and award credit to all soldiers in the state with that award. However, this will not include categories or types of awards not listed below (including credit for state awards that are not decorations), such as skill or identification badges, or any type of service or training awards whether, state or foreign. See also section VI d at the end of this figure. Soldiers on Title 10 AGR tours will not include State awards.*

*a. Soldiers Medal and higher awards - 35 points each award.*

*b. Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal-30 points each award.*

*c. Meritorious Service Medals (DMSM, MSM, State MSM - 25 points each award.*

*d. Air Medal Commendation Medals (JSCOM, ARCOM, other services and State commendation medals) - 20 points each award.*

*e. Achievement Medals (JAM, AAM, and other Services and State Achievement Medals) - 15 points each award.*

*f. POW Medal, CIB, EIB, CMB and EFMB - 10 points each award. Effective with the 1996 board cycle, or the first board cycle the state implements, Good Conduct Medals*

and RC and state equivalents were deleted from this field for promotion point credit.

*g. Driver and Mechanic and Tomb Guard ID badges, and campaign stars to service medals - 5 points each award. For the KSM, VSM and SWASM the basic award includes a campaign Stars. For the AFEM award 5 points for the basic medal and 5 points for each campaign star.*

Section III - Training and Education Data (maximum-550 points)

Field 24; Weapon qualification (maximum-75 points)

Enter the soldier's latest qualification level with individual weapon (rifle, pistol, revolver or squad assault weapon.) Commanders of TDA units, and units with soldiers who must qualify with two or more weapons, may specify which weapon assigned and attached soldiers will use for qualification. For promotion purposes only, effective 1 January 1996, qualification is valid only for two training years. For this purpose only, a training year is 1 October - 30 September).

Level	Points
Marksman	25
Sharpshooter	50
Expert	75

Field 25: Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) (maximum- 75 points)

a. Enter the soldier's latest total score on the most recent APFT current within the last 18 months (8 months for AGR.)

b. For soldiers with permanent physical profiles for the push-up or sit-up events, grant 60 points for each strength event waived. Use the actual score for each strength event taken. The soldier must qualify on the 2-mile run or alternate aerobic event per FM 21-20 to receive any promotion points. Award soldiers who receive a GO on the alternate aerobic event an administrative score in the aerobic event that is the average of the other events. For example, for a soldier with a profile against push-ups who scores 80 on the sit-ups, and does the 2 1/2 mile walk, enter 60 for push-ups, 80 for sit-ups, 70 for the aerobic event, and a total of 210, for 21 promotion points. Do not enter any of this administrative information on DA Form 705 under any circumstances per FM 21-20, chapter 14. Record it only on NGB Form 4100-1-R-E.

c. For soldiers with temporary physical profiles on DA Form 3349, use the soldier's current APFT score provided it is not more than 18/8 months old (a above). However, for soldiers whose profiles are extended by Army medical officers and accepted by the soldier's commander on the DA Form 3349, award promotion points based on their latest APFT beyond these time lines.

d. Soldiers who fail to take or pass the latest APFT for other than valid physical profile on a completed DA Form 3349 will not be awarded promotion points in this field.

Score	Points	Score	Points
0-180	0	241-243	48
181-183	1	244-246	50
184-186	2	247-249	51
187-189	3	250-252	52
190-192	5	253-255	54
193-195	7	256-258	55
196-198	9	259-261	56
199-201	12	262-264	57
202-204	15	265-267	58
205-207	18	268-270	59
208-210	21	271-273	60
211-213	24	274-276	61
214-216	27	277-279	62
217-219	30	280-282	63
220-222	33	283-285	64
223-225	36	286-288	65
226-228	39	289-291	66
229-231	42	292-294	67
232-234	44	295-297	68
235-237	46	298-299	70
238-240	47	300	75

Field 26: Other resident training (maximum 100 points)

a. Enter 5 points per full week for all military resident courses, *other than the required NCOES courses in field 28*, or civilian equivalent funded by the Army or ARNGUS, recorded in DA Form 2-1, item 17. Courses must be successfully completed and be five days, one week or 40 or more hours to be recorded. When a course is listed only with the total academic hours, determine the actual number of days covered. For instance, if a soldier attended the Phase II of an MOS-producing course that contained 132 academic hours, and the DA Form 1059 stated the course was conducted 1-12 May 98, that is a two-week course. Do not divide the total hours by 40

or the total days by 5 to determine course length for promotion point purposes. You must determine the actual days that the course covered to determine promotion points. Do not include in any computations for promotion points purposes the remaining hours or days from basic computations, or one-day, two-day, three-day or four-day courses. These last courses are not authorized for entry on DA Form 2-1, item 17, per AR 600-8-104, table 5-2.

b. Convert days, and RC courses conducted in IDT mode, into weeks: each day on which training is conducted in IDT mode equals one day. For instance, UTA and MUTA-2 = 1 day, MUTA-3 and MUTA-4 = 2 days; MUTA-5 and MUTA-6 = 3 days; etc. For courses conducted in IDT mode, divide the number of days by 5 for total number of weeks, and count only the full weeks in each course; do not add the days "left over" from the courses. For example, for a 2-week, 4-day course, award 10 promotion points for the two weeks. Do not add the four remaining days to the days from any other course to award points. Also, for promotion points purposes, a course that runs 14 or 17 straight days is a two-week course; one that runs 21 straight days is a three-week course.

c. Include MOS reclassification courses after the soldier's first AIT or comparable school in another Armed Service.

d. Do not include BT, the first AIT (up to 8 weeks) or OSUT (up to 13 weeks), officer basic course, USMA Prep School, any service academy or officer course which earns equivalent credit for NCOES, and the required course for each of the four levels in the NCOES formula in field 28 below.

e. When a soldier has completed more than one NCOES course at a level, credit the soldier here with the weeks for the additional NCOES courses at each level. For example, an AGR soldier with an RC-BNCOC and an AC-BNCOC will count the AC course in field 28, and the RC- course here. The AC course is the AGR soldier's training requirement per Army policy. Include here other service NCO courses that are not creditable under field 28 per the policies in paragraphs 11-28 through 11-31. Do not award promotion points in this field for partially completed courses of any type unless that was the soldier's total training requirement at that level. Do not award

promotion points for parts of courses from which soldiers are eliminated for any reason before completion, such as a phase of a course when the soldier- failed a subsequent phase of that course.

f. When a soldier fails to complete an NCOES course within the prescribed time limits and must start over, do not award credit in any field of this figure for any portion of the incomplete course.

*Field 27: Self-development courses (maximum 100 points)*

a. Enter all Army Correspondence Course Program and other service subcourse program credits (including FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] courses through the Emergency Management Institute) which are documented in the MPRJ (on DA Form 21, item 17) or through individual course completion notices provided by the soldier, except subcourse hours that are a part of AC- or RC-NCOES courses. For example, do not include credit for subcourses in Phase I-B of Army Band RC-BNCOC and RC-ANCOC, the first four phases of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course (USASMC) Nonresident Course.

b. Award 1 promotion point for each 5 credit hours completed. Award 5 extra points for each diploma, completion notice, or comparable document that shows completion of subcourse series designed for enlisted soldiers (and those which enlisted soldiers require for their positions), such as an Enlisted Professional Development Course or Basic Level Sustainment Training Technical Course. To be eligible for the 5 point bonus, a subcourse series must have at least 5 subcourses or 25 credit hours and be entered on DA Form 2-1, item 17. Absent a diploma, soldiers may prove eligibility for the 5 points through letter or memorandum from the training institution, completion notices of all subcourses listed in a service catalog dated at the at the soldier took the courses showing all the subcourses, similar documents, or Academic Evaluation Report.

c. Do not award extra points for courses designed for officer programs that are closed to enlisted soldiers.

d To determine promotion points when the only available record of subcourse credit hours is the NGB Form 23 from the Retirement Points Accounting System or

Model (or comparable records from other Armed Services), multiply the sum of the retirement points for the subcourses by 3 and divide by 5. For example, 18 retirement points x 3 = 54 divided by 5 = 10 promotion points. Do not round up or carry remaining to other courses.

Field 28: NCO education level (maximum-100 points)

Enter the highest level NCOES course completed or its equivalent and the points granted for that level. Grant promotion points for RC-BNCOC and RC-ANCOC after completion of Phase I through the 1998 promotion board cycle. Effective 1 January 1999, award promotion points for that level only after the soldier completes all phases. If an AGR soldier has an RC- and an AC-course at a level such as BNCOC, credit the AC-BNCOC here and credit the RC-BNCOC in field 26. The USASMC is one course regardless of the method of completion. Award points promotion only in this field regardless of the length of the course, number and type of phases, or other courses included in the course, such as the Battle Staff NCO Course included in the resident course. In this case the Battle Staff course does not earn the soldier promotion points in field 26.

NCOES Course	Promotion points
PLDC	25 points
BNCOC	50 points
ANCOC	75 points
USASMC	100 points

Field 29: Post-secondary semester hours (civilian education) (maximum-100 points)

Enter the total number of creditable post-secondary hours from transcripts accepted by a college or university listed in the *Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education* which is published annually by the American Council on Education (ACE). See AR 600-8-104, table 5-2, item 17.1a(4) and NGP 25-10 to determine how to record civilian education.

a. Award points as follows:

(1) High school diploma, GED or alternate credential is the minimum essential for promotion. Do not award points for this level.

(2) For 1 to 70 semester hours, award one point per semester hour at a business or trade school, vocational or technical

institute, or college. (the associate degree level, approximately 60 to 70 SH is the Army and ARNGUS goal for noncommissioned officers.)

(3) For 71 to 130 semester hours, award one additional point per two semester hours over 70.

(4) Award 100 points for a baccalaureate or higher degree.

b. Basis for points:

(1) Use transcripts (including student copies), machine-produced grade slips or reports that include the school title or name, the number of hours (such as semester hours) creditable for the classes listed, and final grade. Soldiers who use the evaluation system to gain ACES credit for military education, training and experience may use only one college transcript that includes this credit. The transcript may not include duplicate credit for any military education, training or experience to compute promotion points under this criterion. For example, the Evaluation Report given with DD Form 295 using the ARNG METEC or METEC-II program may show "0-3 (L) Note 1: This is a duplicate catalog item. Most schools award credit for only one item." Do not award promotion points for course recommendations based only on their listing on DD Form 295 of similar documents. These are recommendations for credit based on ACE evaluations, are not official transcripts, must be accepted by an accredited institution, and must be placed on an official school transcript with raised seal before they may earn the soldier promotion points. See AR 600-8-104, table 5-2, item 17.13(4) for entry of post-secondary education in DA Form 2-1, item 17.

(2) For business, trade or vocational schools, completion certificates may be used provided the number of course hours are listed.

(3) Hour conversions: to award promotion points, one semester hour equals one promotion point

(a) Method 1: One and one-half (1.5) quarter hours equals one semester hour.

(b) Method 2: 16 classroom or clock hours equal one semester hour.

(4) Examination credits: Award points for any satisfactory examination results obtained under the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education System (DANTES)

sponsored examination program with credit recommendations (College Level Entrance Program [CLEP] general and subject examinations, DANTES Subject Standardized Tests [DSST], American College Test Proficiency Examination Program [ACTPEP], National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence [ASE], etc.) Soldiers who complete all five parts of the CLEP general exam (equivalent to one year of college or 30 semester hours) will be awarded 30 promotion points and considered to have earned the equivalent of 6 semester hours for each of the five parts satisfactorily complete. Soldiers who satisfactorily complete CLEP subject exams, DSSTs, or ACTPEPs will be awarded points based on the number of semester hours recommended by the ACE when put onto a transcript by a college or university listed in the Accredited Institutions of Post-secondary Education. State Education Services Officers and active installation education centers can help determine the number of hours or credits.

(5) Business and trade schools: award points for any type of post-secondary school (beyond 12<sup>th</sup> grade level) accredited by the ACE and listed in accredited institutions of Post Secondary Education.

c. Foreign schools: award points for credits earned at foreign schools provided their credentials have been evaluated and accepted by one of the following:

(1) A state university or recognized university or college listed in Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education.

(2) International Education Research Foundation, PO Box 66940, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

(3) World Education Services, Inc., Old Chelsea Station, PO Box 745, NY, NY 10011.

(4) International Consultants, Inc., of Delaware, 107 Barksdale Professional Center, Newark, DE 19711.

(5) Education Credentials Evaluation, Inc., PO Box 17499, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

(6) Educational Records Evaluation Service, Senator Hotel Office Building, 1121 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

(7) Consulting Engineers/Education Specialist, International Transcript Evaluation Division, PO Box 19576, Houston, TX 77224-9576.

(8) Center for Educational Documentation,

PO Box 325, Boston, MA 02130.

(9) Education Evaluators International, Inc., PO Box 53 97, Los Alamitos, CA 90721.

d. The State MPMO may, at any time, require a soldier to obtain additional information when the validity or legibility of a form or transcript is in question. They also may establish a general rule requiring all soldiers to have an official transcript mailed directly to the State MPMO from the school registrar.

e. Do not award promotion points for Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP), Advanced Skills Education Program (ASEP), English as a Second Language (ESL), GT Improvement, or any similar course.

#### **Section IV -Verification**

The soldier will mark an X in one block in *field* 30 ("I do [ ]" or "I do not [ ]") to verify accuracy of information in sections I through III and to accept or decline consideration for military education and promotion, and sign and date the form. States will include here, or on a supplemental form, the options they devise for their soldiers per paragraph 11-34a(2) and 11-35c. Soldiers who elect consideration will choose at this time the option or options that will determine their availability for vacancies that occur during the life of the promotion list. When a soldier is not available to review the form, select or decline consideration and choose options due to temporary duty or absence, whether military or civilian related, the commander (or delegate) may contact the soldier by telephone, facsimile transmission, or mail (including email), review the form, obtain the soldier's choice of consideration and option(s), and sign, date, and annotate the form on the soldier's behalf.

#### **Section V - Appraisal**

The Recorder (designated personnel technician, specialist, sergeant or officer) will enter scores from each evaluator's NGB Form 4101-1-R and attach the evaluations to the form. This may be done electronically or manually. Regardless of how it is done, the sum of all evaluations will not exceed 250 points in this area, and the scoring will not be altered as discussed in paragraph 11-40a.

#### **Section VI - Total Score and Verification**

a. The Recorder will verify field totals; ensure that documents that support changes to preprinted information are attached to the form, if allowed by the state, and sign and date the form.

b. The individual designated to verify the form will ensure that it is correct, complete, and will sign and date the form.

c. The average leader evaluation score and the total score will be computed at the State MPMO or for Title 10 AGR program soldiers by NGB-ARZ-T.

d. The State MPMO (or NGB-ARZ-T) will verify that all promotion points are computed per the instructions in this chapter and the policy document that announced the promotion board. The only option allowed per this figure is to devise points for state decorations that are within the limits for the type of awards and individual award limits as well as- the 75- points total for *fields* 14-23. There are no other options, and any other point computations will void the board action.

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(date)

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Instructions for 199x Sergeant First Class Promotion Board

1. The (state) Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Promotion board will convene on (date) at (location).
2. The board will consist of (list who will evaluate).
3. Enclosure 1 is your unit's Promotion Eligibility Roster (PER) of eligible staff sergeants. Enclosure 2 is an NGB Form 4100-1-R-E for each soldier on the PER. The board will consider all eligible staff sergeants unless they decline consideration by this board in writing on NGB Form 4100-1-R-E. The eligibility criteria are in NGR 600-200, paragraph 11-27. To be eligible for consideration, staff sergeants must also meet the following times computed as of the last day of the month in which the board convenes:
  - a. Date of rank of 1 Mar 9x and earlier.
  - b. Pay entry basic date of 1 Mar 9x and earlier.
  - c. Basic enlisted service date of 1 Mar 9x and earlier.
4. The promotion list will help establish the priority of training for selectees who are not graduates to attend the Advanced NCO Course (and for those who require it, the RC-BNCOC Phase I as a prerequisite), to offer selectees assignment to higher graded positions, and to promote them to sergeant first class. Soldiers who decline consideration by this board are not eligible for NCOES courses or promotion consideration until the next board provided they remain eligible.
5. Complete the following actions by 1 Mar 9x:
  - a. Delete ineligible and add other eligible soldiers on the PER.
  - b. Use the information in NGR 600-200, figure 11-2, to add or correct information on NGB Form 4100-1-R-E with the soldier, verify the data including points, and attach source documents to support changes. The first line leader will review the form and data with the soldier, explain the options available to the soldier in section VI, and the consequences of the choices.
  - c. The soldier will accept or decline consideration for promotion, military education and assignment; initial optional blocks (*choices set by the state*), sign the form and date it.
  - d. Complete NGB Forms 4101-1-R as follows: (*Enter state process and procedures for completion, verification and safeguarding.*)

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Figure 11-3. Sample Board Memorandum of Instructions (MOI)

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SUBJECT: Instructions for 199x Sergeant First Class Promotion Board

6. The State Military Personnel Officer will:
  - a. Verify updated information, verify "eligibility, compute the final points for each soldier, and enter information in the database.
  - b. Produce the promotion list in sequence (highest score is first ranked) for each MOS, assemble supporting documents, and approve the list for publication.
  - c. Coordinate the final list with the Human Resource Office, and the Plans, Operations and Training Office.
  - d. Publish the list to (*the distribution scheme published for the state*).
7. Based on this list, soldiers are eligible immediately:
  - a. If they are not already graduates or enrolled, to apply for the NCOES course or courses they need to qualify for promotion. (*States ensure their procedures.*)
  - b. For assignment to higher graded positions for which they are eligible and available according to the standard set for this program in (*state procedures*).
  - c. For promotion concurrently with the assignment in b above if they are otherwise eligible. Soldiers currently assigned to higher graded positions will be promoted in sequence as they are contacted from the list or, if not yet trained, the day after they complete required NCOES courses.
8. Soldiers who are not listed in the selection objective of this list cannot expect to be assigned to higher graded positions, to attend NCOES during the (*period*), nor be promoted until the state exceeds the number of promotions originally projected.

FOR THE ADJUDANT GENERAL:

Encls

(MPMO)

**ENLISTED PROMOTION POINT WORKSHEET**  
 (For use of this form, see NGR 600-200. The proponent agency is NGB-ARJ-PE)  
 (For USA-CDN or change instructions, see DA Form 100-10)

**Section I - Personal System Data**

1) Name: ..... 2) SSN: ..... 3) Rank: .....  
 4) Unit name: ..... 5) PMOSD: ..... 6) PULHES: .....  
 7) DOB: ..... 8) DOR: ..... 9) PEBD: ..... 10) BESD: ..... 11) ETS: .....  
 12) Active status program: ..... 13) Technician/Selective Service code: .....

**Section II - Awards**

14) Award ..... [ ] 15) Award ..... [ ]  
 16) Award ..... [ ] 17) Award ..... [ ]  
 18) Award ..... [ ] 19) Award ..... [ ]  
 20) Award ..... [ ] 21) Award ..... [ ]  
 22) Award ..... [ ] 23) Award ..... [ ]

Total awards ..... [ ]

**Section III - Training and Education Data**

24) Weapons qualification ..... [ ] 25) APFT score ..... [ ]  
 26) Other resident training weeks ..... [ ] 27) Self-development course hours ..... [ ]  
 28) NCO education level ..... [ ] 29) Post-secondary semester hours ..... [ ]

**Section IV - Verification**

a. I have verified this information. 30) I do [ ] I do not [ ] want to be considered for military education and promotion.  
 b. (For state use to insert advance declaration of positions.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Soldier's signature and date

**Section V - Appraisal**

31) Leader 1 ..... [ ] 32) Leader 2 ..... [ ]  
 33) Leader 3 ..... [ ] 34) Leader 4 ..... [ ]  
 35) Leader 5 ..... [ ]

**Section VI - Total Score and Verification**

a. Field 8	Time in grade	[ ]	75 points maximum
b. Field 9:	Time in service	[ ]	50 points maximum
c. Fields 14 - 23:	Awards	[ ]	75 points maximum
d. Field 24:	Weapon qualification	[ ]	75 points maximum
e. Field 25:	APFT	[ ]	75 points maximum
f. Field 26:	Other resident courses	[ ]	100 points maximum
g. Field 27:	Self-development courses	[ ]	100 points maximum
h. Field 28:	NCOES courses	[ ]	100 points maximum
i. Field 29:	Post-secondary courses	[ ]	100 points maximum
j. Field 31-35:	Leader appraisal average score. (state entry)	[ ]	250 points maximum

Total possible score 1000 points - State HQ will compute and enter

Recorder: signature and date \_\_\_\_\_ Verifier: signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

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Figure 11-4. NGB Form 4100-1-R-E. Enlisted Promotion Point Worksheet

ENLISTED PROMOTION APPRAISAL WORKSHEET					
(For use of this form, see NGR 600-200. The proponent agency is NGB-AAP-PE)					
<b>SOLDIER IDENTIFICATION</b>					
Name _____		SSN _____		Rank _____	
PMOSD _____			Unit _____		
<b>APPRAISALS</b>					
Areas of consideration	PERFORMANCE POINTS		POTENTIAL POINTS		
	Allowed	Awarded	Allowed	Awarded	
Military appearance and bearing	0-10	_____	None	None	
Responsibility and accountability	0-15	_____	0-20	_____	
Leadership	0-20	_____	0-50	_____	
Communication skills	0-10	_____	0-20	_____	
Professional attributes and ethics	0-10	_____	0-20	_____	
Initiative	0-15	_____	0-20	_____	
Technical and tactical proficiency	0-20	_____	0-20	_____	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100</b>	_____	<b>150</b>	_____	
Rank and name _____			Signature and date _____		

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Figure 11-5. NGB Form 4101-1-R. Enlisted Promotion Appraisal Worksheet

## **Student Handout 3**

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This student handout contains 12 pages of the slides, three on a page, for students to use as note taking material.

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