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8TH ARMY RETIREE COUNCILS

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**Summary.** This regulation sets policy for the establishment and composition of the 8th Army Retiree Council; establishes policy, procedures and responsibilities pertaining to retiree service support in Korea; and prescribes procedures for chairperson and membership selection.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to component commanders and subordinate commanders relative to retirees who are provided service support privileges on their installations.

**Supplementation.** Further supplementation to this regulation by subordinate commands must be consistent with the requirements of this regulation. See below for submitting requests for exceptions or waiver of the requirements of this regulation.

**Forms.** AK forms are available at [http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/g1\\_ag/](http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/g1_ag/).

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**Suggested Improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is the 8th Army G-1. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to 8th Army G-1 (EAGA), Unit #15236, APO AP 96205-5236.

**Exception Authority.** Requests for exceptions to policy or waivers will be submitted through the 8th Army G-1 (EAGA) and coordinated with the 8th Army Office of the Judge Advocate. Only the Commander and Chief of Staff, 8th Army, have the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Introduction**

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

The 8th Army Retiree Council is established as an integral element of the Total Forces Family to provide the command leadership with a means to receive support from and provide support to the retired community on relevant issues. The purpose of the 8th Army Retiree Council is to:

- a. Provide the Commander, 8th Army, with insight into the issues and concerns of retirees living in the Republic of Korea.
- b. Provide the retired community with -
  - (1) A means of participating and communicating with the active military.
  - (2) A channel to analyze and influence decisions, policies and laws that affect retirees and to take part in programs concerned with retiree quality of life and well-being.
  - (3) An opportunity to recommend approaches that will foster a strong communication between the active duty community and the retired community.
- c. Provide an advocate/liaison that is linked to local Commands as programs are changed or developed that impact the retired community.

#### **1-2. References**

- a. Required publication. Title 10 USC, Subtitle A, Part II, Chapters 61 and 67, cited in subparagraph 2-2a.
- b. Related publication. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program.

#### **1-3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms**

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are listed in the glossary.

#### **1-4. Responsibilities**

- a. The Commander, 8th Army will nominate a retiree from Korea to serve as the Chief of Staff (CofS) Army Retiree Council every four years.
- b. The Assistant Chief of Staff (ACofS) G-1 will:
  - (1) Provide a representative to the 8th Army Retiree Council in order to provide policy direction and guidance affecting the retiree community, as well as to provide and receive retiree issues and concerns as required. G-1 representatives will be advisors to the council, not members.
  - (2) Prepare and update 8th Army Retiree council member appointment orders as required.
  - (3) Ensure that regulations and policies that impact retirees in Korea are coordinated with the 8th Army Retiree Council prior to implementation.

c. Commander, Installation Management Command - Korea (IMCOM-K) will:

(1) Enforce Army Retirement Services policy and serve as the agency responsible for providing resources to support execution of the Retirement Services Program.

(2) Ensure the Retirement Service Officers (RSOs) report directly to a principal staff officer not lower in grade than the installation's adjutant general.

(3) Ensure that the Retirement Services Officer (RSO) attends 8th Army Retiree Council scheduled meetings as an advisor to the council, not as a member.

## **Chapter 2 Policies and Procedures**

### **2-1. 8th Army Retiree Council**

Local commanders will provide members of the military retired community an opportunity to express their ideas and suggestions concerning local Department of Defense (DOD) programs. Retiree councils, made up of regional representatives from activities and groups that have a direct effect on retiree programs, provide an excellent venue for communication with the retired community.

a. The council should consist of ten retirees and be representative of as many ranks as possible. When possible, the council should include representative of females, Title III (Gray Area Reservists who have completed at least 20 years of qualifying service and draw military retired pay upon attaining age 60), and disabled retirees. Composition and number of members will be determined by availability.

b. The senior member of the council should serve as the Chairperson. However, if the senior member declines to be the Chairperson, the council will select its Chairperson subject to the approval of 8th Army Commander. Other council positions appointed include the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary/Recorder, Co-Chairmen (one enlisted and one officer).

c. All members share equal voting entitlements on issues requiring a vote or as the council deems appropriate.

### **2-2. Selection of Members**

Retirees must meet the following criteria to be eligible for appointment to serve on the 8th Army Retiree Council:

a. Be retired for length of service or service-connected disability under the provisions of Chapter 61, Title 10, USC, or be retired for reserve service under the provisions of Chapter 67, Title 10, USC, and in receipt of retired pay.

b. Demonstrate a willingness to represent retirees as an advocate for retiree issues and concerns.

c. Council membership term limit is eight years. However, under some conditions the garrison commander may extend the term per Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-7, para 4-2c(2).

d. The current members of the Retiree Council may provide recommendations on new members to serve on the council to the ACofS G-1 for inclusion on the appointment orders.

### **2-3. Term of Appointment**

The term of appointment for each member is at least two years. Successive appointments can be approved by the Chairperson with support of majority vote of the council. The council has the authority to retain or remove council members by majority vote based on performance.

### **2-4. Council Activities**

The activities of the council will include -

- a. Reviewing retiree issues and concerns submitted by installation retiree councils and/or individual retirees within the Republic of Korea.
- b. Providing an oral and written report on issues and concerns to the ACofS G-1 as appropriate.
- c. Coordinating the submission of retiree issues to the 8th Army Community Forum and to the Chief of Staff of the Army Retiree Council.
- d. Providing written response to retiree issues raised at any Community Forum.
- e. Minutes of the council meeting will be recorded by the Secretary/Recorder.
- f. Council recommendations for consideration by the Chief of Staff of the Army Retiree Council at their annual spring meeting must be forwarded through 8th Army to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.
- g. Council recommendations that can be solved at the installation or 8th Army level will not be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.
- h. Recommendations will follow the format prescribed by the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council.
- i. Councils will not use letterhead stationery for council business; however, special council letterhead may be used at the installation commander's discretion.

### **2-5. Meeting Schedule**

The 8th Army Retiree Council will meet a minimum of quarterly and provide written minutes to the 8th Army G-1(EAGA), Unit #15236, APO AP 96205-5236. The ACofS G-1, will provide a copy to the Commander, 8th Army and/ or the Command Sergeant Major, 8th Army, as appropriate. Planning guidelines are:

- a. Formal Quarterly meetings will occur in January, April, July and October.
- b. During the intervening months, a council member "assembly" will be held to address time-sensitive issues as required. This meeting may be cancelled if there is no business to discuss.
- c. All meetings will normally be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 0730 but may be cancelled or rescheduled to accommodate other official functions, exercises, etc.

**2-6. Retiree Issues and Concerns**

Policy changes within 8th Army that affect benefits, privileges, status and rights of retired personnel in the Republic of Korea (ROK) will be staffed with the Retiree Council for input.

**2-7. Liaison with Command**

The council should solicit inputs from installation retiree councils where they exist and from individual retirees within the Republic of Korea, as a means of expressing their concerns of services provided, as well as other issues of interest. These issues should be reviewed by the council and resolved when possible. When appropriate, these issues should be forwarded to the 8th Army G-1 (EAGA), Unit #15236, APO AP 96205-5236, for further review and consideration.

## **Glossary**

### **Section I. Abbreviations**

ACofS	Assistant Chief of Staff
AP	Army Pacific
APO	Army Post Office
DOD	Department of Defense
IMCOM-K	Installation Management Command - Korea
ROK	Republic of Korea
RSO	Retirement Services Officer
USC	United States Code

### **Section II. Term**

**Gray Area Retiree.** A reservist who has completed 20 years of qualifying service for Retirement purposes and is transferred to the retired reserve or has resigned, but has not reached age 60 and is not yet entitled to retired pay.