



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2023-17 (Reserve Component Line of Duty Requests and Behavioral Health Investigations)

1. References. See references enclosed.
2. Purpose. To prescribe policy for the timely processing of Line of Duty (LOD) requests originating from Reserve component (RC) units and to direct the use of Department of the Army (DA) Form 3822 (Report of Mental Status Evaluation) in lieu of the credentialed behavioral health (BH) specialist opinion for formal BH LOD investigations.
3. Applicability. The provisions of this directive apply to the Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.
4. Policy.
 - a. RC unit commanders will delegate responsibility to designated unit personnel to verify eligibility and upload all necessary documentation for an LOD request into the electronic LOD system. Once the command-appointed unit member inputs the required documentation into the applicable electronic LOD system, it will be routed to the component (COMPO)-specific LOD centralized location as described in paragraph 4b of this directive.
 - b. Centralized LOD Processing.
 - (1) The following centralized locations will be responsible for processing LODs, initiated at the unit level only, in accordance with Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-4. Such processing will not impact current guidance at demobilization platforms and the Army Recovery Care Program, nor will it impact U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command LOD processes or any sexual-assault-related LOD processes.
 - (a) COMPO 2—Army National Guard. The State G-1 or equivalent will serve as the centralized office and will not be delegated below the State level.
 - (b) COMPO 3—United States Army Reserve Command (USARC)/Office of the Chief of Army Reserve (OCAR). USARC and OCAR will create a COMPO 3 LOD centralized office.

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(2) Each centralized LOD location will review, process, and forward completed informal/formal LOD requests pursuant to AR 600-8-4 and will—

(a) Manage downtrace unit representative electronic system access and educate unit and downtrace representatives on the process for entering LOD requests.

(b) Communicate with the unit representative and RC Soldier to obtain required documentation necessary to complete the request (such as obtaining consent from the Soldier to release medical information forms).

(c) Complete the 30-day LOD report and submit to higher headquarters pursuant to AR 600-8-4.

c. Behavioral Health LODs. The following procedures apply for the processing of a formal BH LOD request:

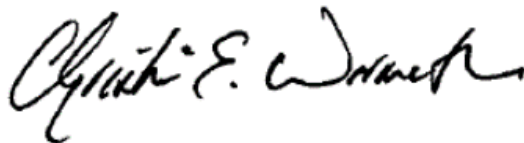
(1) A completed DA Form 3822 will be provided with recommendation from a credentialed behavioral health provider, as defined in AR 600-8-4, as applicable.

(2) All medical documentation of the BH condition will be annotated on the DA Form 3822, eliminating the need for BH records to be included in the LOD electronic system.

(3) An investigating officer (IO) will be appointed. The IO is responsible for compiling the investigation documents, which include the DA Form 2173, Department of Defense Form 261, and IO summary statement. The IO will also request and upload the completed DA Form 3822.

5. Proponent. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) has oversight responsibility for this policy. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 will incorporate its provisions into AR 600-8-4 within 2 years of the date of this directive.

6. Duration. This directive is rescinded on publication of the revised regulation.



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REFERENCES

- a. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1074 (Medical and Dental care for members and certain former members) (10 U.S.C. 1074)
- b. 10 U.S.C. 1203 (Regulars and members on active duty for more than 30 days: separation)
- c. 10 U.S.C. 1206 (Members on active duty for 30 days or less or in an inactive-duty training: separation)
- d. Department of Defense Instruction 1241.01 (Reserve Component (RC) Line of Duty Determination for Medical and Dental Treatments and Incapacitation Pay Entitlements), 19 April 2016
- e. Army Directive 2022-04 (Sexual Assault Line of Duty Determinations and Reporting), 7 February 2022
- f. Army Regulation 600-8-4 (Line of Duty Policy, Procedures, and Investigations), 12 November 2020

Enclosure