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ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC, PROFESSIONAL, AND OTHER SIMILAR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

1. Authority for expenditures by the Department of the Army incident to attendance of official representatives of the Army at meetings of private organizations (in addition to that contained in section 67, National Defense Act of 3 June 1918, as amended (45 Stat. 406; 32 U. S. C. 22; M. L. 1939, sec. 1307)) or at meetings of international organizations, nongovernmental in character, is provided in section 607 of the current Department of Defense appropriation act (JAAF Bul. 34, 1949) as follows:

Appropriations contained in this Act available for travel shall be available for all expenses incident to attendance at meetings of technical, scientific, professional, or other similar organizations.

This act and other applicable statutes (cited in AR 1-210) do not permit the Department to have membership representation in any private organization or authorize the payment of membership dues and fees or any expense incident to the membership attendance of any person at a meeting of the members of a private (non-Government) organization. Any attendance pursuant to the authorization herein provided will, accordingly, be limited to nonmembership (liaison) attendance.

2. It is the policy of the Department of the Army, subject to availability of funds and to established policies governing participation of the Department of Defense in the activities of private organizations (as set forth in AR 1-210), to authorize attendance of Department of the Army personnel at such meetings of technical, scientific, professional, and other similar organizations, which will—

a. Facilitate the execution of assigned missions and programs.

b. Enable the Department to maintain an effective professional and scientific corps by keeping abreast of current developments in technical, scientific, and professional subjects related to the work of the Department, when other practicable means are not available.

c. Permit the presentation to such meetings of contributions which will add to the body of scientific and professional knowledge.

3. Authority is delegated as follows to approve attendance of military and civilian personnel on a nonmembership (liaison) basis at a meeting of a technical, scientific, professional, or other similar organization:

a. A meeting of Army staff or service interest and held within the United States—

(1) Chief of Staff (for the Department of the Army General and Special Staffs).

(2) Heads of administrative and technical staffs and services.

b. A meeting primarily of local interest to such command and held within the United States, whether within or without the area of that command, and in the latter case only after coordination with the commander of the area in which the meeting is to be held—

(1) Commanding generals of continental armies.

(2) Commanding General, Military District of Washington.

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c. A meeting held outside the United States, provided it is not governmental or international in character, is of local interest to such command and is held within the area of that command—

Commanding generals of oversea commands.

d. An official to whom this authority is delegated may designate his deputy or executive officer to act and sign for him when necessary, but this authority will not be further delegated without prior approval of the Secretary of the Army. Travel orders issued pursuant to this delegation shall state that such orders are issued "Under authority of the Secretary of the Army, dated 29 March 1950," and shall name the individual who is to perform the travel, designate him as liaison representative of the Department, specify the date and place of the meeting, and direct his nonmembership (liaison) attendance thereat for a stated purpose.

e. Expenses incurred by liaison representatives shall be reimbursed from funds available for travel (as authorized by the current appropriation act). In addition to the usual reimbursement for travel and transportation expenses authorized in existing laws and regulations relating to travel of military and civilian personnel, such reimbursement may include nonmember (guest) registration or entrance fees which may have been incurred as a prerequisite to admission. Such expenses shall be paid, in each case, from travel funds available to the agency which required liaison representation at the particular meeting.

f. Attendance at a meeting of any private international organization, wherever held, will require the advance authorization of the Secretary of the Army. Recommendations for such authorization will be forwarded through channels and will include a description of the organization involved, purpose of the meeting, need for Department of the Army representation, and qualifications of the proposed representative.

g. The Chief of Staff, or his designee, will continue to administer the authority contained in section 87, National Defense Act of 3 June 1916, as amended (45 Stat. 406; 32 U.S.C. 22; M. L. 1939, sec. 1307) pertaining to the National Guard Association of the United States and the Adjutants General Association.

4. The liberal authority granted by Congress for the current fiscal year, which is subject to annual revision, must not be abused. It is incumbent upon the Chief of Staff, the heads of administrative and technical staffs and services, and commanders to whom this authority is delegated to assure that such authority is administered judiciously and that full information in support of its usage is maintained.

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