

GENERAL ORDERS  
No. 14

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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1. Office of Department Counselor.—a. Announcement is made of the establishment of the Office of the Department Counselor within the Office of the Secretary of the Army, effective 24 July 1950.

b. The duties of the Department Counselor and his office are set forth in paragraph 25, SR 10-5-1.

c. The delegations of authority and responsibilities to exercise for the Secretary of the Army supervision not otherwise assigned by law or regulation over the operations of the Army-Air Force Clemency and Parole Board and the Army Board on Correction of Military Records, heretofore assigned the Assistant Secretary of the Army, are hereby assigned to the Department Counselor.

2. Policy supervision of operation of disciplinary barracks and custody of military prisoners.—The authority heretofore delegated to the Under Secretary of the Army with respect to matters pertaining to policy supervision of the operation of disciplinary barracks and to the custody of military prisoners is hereby assigned to the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

3. Review Board Council.—a. Effective immediately, there is established within the Office, Secretary of the Army, an administrative agency designated the Review Board Council to administer only the following military review boards associated with the Office of the Secretary of the Army: Army Discharge Review Board, Army Disability Review Board, Army Personnel Board, Army Decorations Board, Army Board of Review, and Army Physical Disability Appeal Board. The Director of the Review Board Council shall be the senior officer permanently assigned to the component boards. As Director, such senior officer shall exercise no review authority over the decisions and/or recommendations of the respective Boards, nor shall his duties as Director abridge his responsibilities as a board member.

b. Effective immediately, supervision of the Review Board Council is assigned to the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

c. It is not the intent of this General Order to destroy the identity of the component boards before the eyes of the Department or the public, or to disturb or modify in any way their present proceedings as boards, or to change existing channels of communications by means of which decisions of the boards are dispatched to Departmental agencies; rather it is the intent to establish an administrative authority whereby the means invested in these boards will be utilized with full effectiveness.

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