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**United States Army Military Personnel Center (Short Title:  
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1. Effective 15 January 1973, the United States Army Military Personnel Center is established under the general staff supervision of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. The Commanding General of the United States Army Military Personnel Center is designated as a Special Staff Officer of Headquarters, Department of the Army with the title "Chief of Personnel Operations."

2. Effective 15 January 1973, the Office of Personnel Operations, a Department of the Army Special Staff Section, and the US Army Personnel Information Systems Command, a class II activity under the general staff supervision of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army, are discontinued. Concurrently, personnel and equipment are transferred from the Office of Personnel Operations, Department of the Army, and the Personnel Information Systems Command to the United States Army Military Personnel Center.

3. The mission of the United States Army Military Personnel Center is to execute and recommend military personnel policies, systems, and programs; to develop and supervise procedures applicable to military personnel management and development and those directly related support services, to include personnel information systems, in support of the soldier and the chain of command.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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