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DEAR GUARDMEN: Picture Boy—do we have pictured Group pix of people at meetings, Service schools, getting in, out of or off of airplanes, helicopters, tanks, and what-have-you; of people presenting things to people, or shaking hands, or just grinning at the photographer.

We have no standard order for this kind of thing. We have seen hundreds of accumulated photos, cross-referencing every individual shown, and filed them in our Collections where they have remained. Your monthly collection of photos is just not behind the times. We have seen and copied every single one and made it available for people to refer to. Our collection is comprised of everything from the past and present, and it is continuously updated.

For your information, every month we will publish a photo of each major event that has taken place in the month. We have also started a photo album of all of the photos we have collected over the years. This album will be available for people to browse through and see what we have collected so far.

We are constantly looking for more photos to add to our collection. If you have any photos that you would like to contribute, please contact us at the National Guard Association of the United States.

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at least 45 days before the individual otherwise would be eliminated.

Working details for application of the so-called "mandatory promotion" angles of the law—the ones that have the most impact on the Guard—were drafted. Strictly speaking, "mandatory promotion" isn't what's involved—it's mandatory consideration for promotion. By the time an officer has served five years as a commissioned officer, and so many years in his present grade, he must be considered for promotion. A guarantee that the first Board meeting, if not later, would consider him for promotion, would make getting into the Army much easier. Whether or not an officer would be promoted, of course, would be a matter of quota. In other words, the Board might get into action in late Fall or early Winter. The precise criteria that would be used by the Board at that time would be determined, and here's an important point: It appears that some people have jumped to the conclusion that the new system means that the rigid military educational qualifications now govern promotion of Guard officers, no longer apply. They couldn't be more wrong. ROPA, or nothing else, has upset or is likely to upset the educational criteria already established in the National Guard. Whatever recommendation a Selection Board might make, it must be approved by the Army in the usual way. If it is, the officer can become a first Board before he becomes a junior officer, or is otherwise involved. As for the business of a Maat, Capt, or Lt declining promotion (with his Gov's consent) for three years, rather than retire, the Guard is as good as the Guard of a day; that is, it is the Guard of a day and a half: grade. If he does turn down the promotion, he can't quit the Guard and go on beyond the Ret. Reserv. If he be promoted before the three years are up, unless his State AG approves the action.

Another angle into mandatory consideration for promotion of ARNG Lt Col. The Army may have only so many "son-own" Reserve Weps. The regulars are also to be sought. For instance, the Army may call a board to consider and recommend ARNG Lt Col when it is not satisfied with the Army. What brings the Army to do this? To say how much service is necessary for officers to be considered. ARNG Lt Col communications must be accompanied by their "son-own" Air Force Lt Colonels. This is a "pay-offs" by this Board.

AIR PERSONNEL PROCEDURE CHANGED

Changes to Air Guard Regulations have flowed from NGB in an unceasing stream these past few years. This time it is the Army's order to last summer's changes in ROPA and in the AF command structure. Here are the salient significant Regs which were cited in the gist of the revision:

ANGR 36-0.3A—Transfers authority to Federal recognition of the Contingency Commanding Officer (CO) of the State Guard for the exercise of command over the State Guard. The regulations specify a "pay-off" of the Contingency CO of the State Guard for this purpose; have been issued and published in the Federal Register. ANGR 36-0.3A—Eliminates ConOC from the evaluation procedures and subordinates ConOC, if designated, to the State authorities.

ANGR 36-0.3A—Provides specific provisions for discharge of a probationary officer (one who holds a commission less than three years) without referral to an efficiency board. Changes no change in procedure for non-probationary officers.

ANGR 36-11A—Corrects two omissions in basic reg. (1) To conform to authority to another particularity, the specific reason for discharge, to provide book, chapter and verse which can be cited in the discharge order, and (2) To provide authority to issue discharges to a lower echelon.