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1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes procedures for administering the US Army Reserve (USAR) Research and Development (R&D) Achievement Awards Program. This program is established to provide meaningful recognition for professional and technical contributions of individual members of the USAR Research and Development Officer Career Program (app. D. AR 140-1).

2. Scope. This regulation applies to all R&D Mobilization Designation (MOBDES) proponent agencies. For the purpose of this regulation, such an agency is defined as that command, activity, or organization responsible for development and preparation of Mobilization Tables of Distribution and Allowances (MOB TDA) requiring R&D MOBDES positions. This regulation does not apply to the National Guard.

3. Explanation of terms. *a.* Research and Development Mobilization Designation position. A position in a MOB TDA requiring pre-mobilization selection and training of a Ready Reserve officer possessing specialized skills and experience authorized under the provisions of AR 140-145. Designated R&D positions include the principal Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) 2167, 2040, 7330 and 7424, other positions which either require the skills of R&D or whose principal duties contribute to the development of the skills of R&D,

and those identified with prefix 4, Research and Development, or EASI code 51.

b. Research and Development Mobilization Designee (R&D MOBDES). A Ready Reserve officer qualified to perform managerial, scientific, or engineering research and development work, who is assigned to an authorized R&D position in a particular headquarters or agency.

4. Eligibility for awards. Any member of the USAR occupying an R&D MOBDES position is eligible to receive a USAR R&D Achievement Award, provided he is duly nominated and selected in accordance with the provisions of this regulation. Groups of members are also eligible; however, each member of the group must have made a significant contribution to the achievement.

5. Criteria. An Army Reserve Research and Development Achievement Award may be granted to any eligible R&D mobilization designee whose contribution to the R&D community was made or was culminated during the past calendar year and who meets one of the following criteria:

a. Was directly responsible for a significant scientific or engineering achievement. In the context of this program, an achievement is significant when it—

(1) Establishes a firm basis for subsequent technical improvements of military importance.

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(2) Substantially improves the Army's technical capability.

(3) Contributes effectively to national welfare.

b. Provided qualitative and effective consulting services which advanced the R&D accomplishments of a technical activity, group, or project.

c. In addition to accomplishing a specific creative scope of work beneficially impacting on R&D technology, the candidate must have performed throughout the year in a consistently outstanding manner.

6. Accoutrements. An Army Reserve Research and Development Achievement Award will consist of a suitably designed plaque and an accompanying citation.

7. Number and timing of awards. Based upon the recommendations of an appropriately formed awards panel, a limited number of USAR R&D Achievement Awards may be granted by Headquarters, DA in July each year.

8. Responsibilities. *a.* This program is established under the joint sponsorship of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition (DCSRDA), the Chief, Army Reserve, and the Commandant, Army Logistics Management Center (ALMC). Awarding authority for this program is the DCSRDA. The DCSRDA will exercise general staff supervision over the program and is responsible for its overall administration.

b. Proponent agencies will take positive steps to insure appropriate publicity is provided both the program and award recipients.

c. The Commandant, ALMC, will on an annual basis, receive the nominations, arrange for the convening of the selection panel and jointly coordinate the annual presentation of awards with DCSRDA and OCAR.

d. The Commander, US Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center will review and screen official personnel records of final award winner nominees prior to the annual presentation.

9. Nomination and selection. *a. Nominations.* R&D Mobilization Designation proponent agencies will identify significant achievements and submit nominations for Army Reserve R&D Achievement Awards to Commandant, ALMC, ATTN: DRXMC-LS-R, Fort Lee, VA 23801, by 30 April of each year. There is no limitation on the number of nominations that may be made. All nominations will be coordinated with the command or agency Army Reserve representative, if assigned.

b. Content of nominations. Nominations for Army Reserve R&D Achievement Awards will include three copies of the following information:

(1)(*a.*) Name, grade, MOB TDA paragraph and line number, position title, and SSI, and a brief statement of officially assigned duties.

(*b.*) A concise description of the achievement on which the nomination was based.

(*c.*) A brief biographical sketch of the nominee.

(*d.*) A statement as to whether or not nominee has received any other award for this achievement.

(*e.*) A proposed citation that may be read at an appropriate award ceremony.

(2) A brief, unclassified summary of the achievement, suitable for publicity use if nominee is selected for an award.

10. Command or activity awards. R&D Mobilization Designation proponent agencies are encouraged to establish and maintain complementary command or activity awards programs as a means of recognizing scientific and engineering achievements of assigned R&D mobilization designees. Individuals granted local awards may be further considered as nominees for Army Reserve R&D Achievement Awards. R&D MOBDES proponent agencies are authorized to request the issue of the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (ARCAM) (AR 672-5-1).

11. Minimal paperwork. Care will be taken at all levels of award review to keep paperwork in connection with these awards to a minimum.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) direct to HQDA (DAMA-AOR) WASH DC 20310.

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