

Schools

RESERVE COMPONENT TANK COMMANDERS COURSE

**Summary.** This regulation establishes and prescribes policies/procedures for conducting the Reserve Component Tank Commanders Course (RCTCC).

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to the Army National Guard (ARNG).

**Supplementation.** This regulation may only be supplemented with the approval of the National Guard Bureau (NGB).

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by the Executive,

National Guard Bureau. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Suggested improvements.** Users of this regulation are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) direct to ARNG Operating Activity Center, Military Education Branch (NGB-ARO-ME), Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5420.

**NMS impact.** This regulation does not impact on the New Manning System.

**1. Purpose**

This regulation establishes policies and procedures for conducting the Reserve Component Tank Commanders Course (RCTCC) at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.

**2. Authority**

The RCTCC is an activity conducted by the Adjutant General, Idaho, under the auspices of the Chief, National Guard Bureau.

**3. Responsibilities**

a. Chief, National Guard Bureau is responsible for--

(1) Providing resources to support the RCTCC.

(2) Reviewing and approving course schedules for RCTCC.

(3) Establishing training priorities among the States when training demands exceed training quotas available to the RCTCC.

(4) Publishing course announcements.

(5) Coordinating and consolidating Program Objective Memorandums

(POM) input to support RCTCC mission requirements.

(6) Reviewing and approving/disapproving applications of individuals desiring to attend the course.

b. The Adjutant General, Idaho, is responsible for--

(1) Providing logistical and financial management support for the RCTCC.

(2) Coordinating submission and approving course schedules for the RCTCC.

(3) Supervising overall operation of the RCTCC to ensure standards established by the US Army Armor School are met.

(4) In concert with the United States Property and Fiscal Officer, Idaho (USPFO), preparing and forwarding budget submissions to CNGB.

(5) Obtaining necessary training aids and devices to support the RCTCC.

(6) Providing equipment maintenance support, transportation services and medical services to the RCTCC.

(7) As appropriate, coordinating the expansion of the RCTCC mission into related tank crewmember skills with Chief, NGB and proponent TRADOC service schools.

#### 4. Objectives

The RCTCC is specifically designed to prepare students to train their unit tank crews to maintain, shoot and fight the tank. The RCTCC will train selected ANG and US Army Reserve tank commanders to the following levels:

- a. Proficiency on skill level 3 M60/M48A5 tank-specific tasks.
- b. Develop the student to train his crew to be proficient in--
  - (1) Crew drills
  - (2) Skill level 1 and 2 tasks
  - (3) Tank gunnery
  - (4) Crew level maintenance
  - (5) Conducting tactical crew drills in a simulated tactical environment.

#### 5. Curriculum

The RCTCC is designed to be completed in about 2 weeks of resident study and instruction. The course is organized into the following task clusters:

- a. Diagnostic test. To determine the entry level competence of all incoming soldiers in skill levels 1, 2, and 3. Data collected from the examination will be used in assigning students to tank crews. The examination will be retaken during the end-of-course test to determine the progress made by the soldier during the course.
- b. Maintenance. To provide the soldier with the ability to properly complete operator maintenance forms and perform correct PMCC on M48A5/M60 according to the -10 Manual.

- c. Armaments, controls, and equipment. To provide the soldier with the knowledge of the location and the ability to put into operation all of the turret components at the loaders', gunners', and tank commanders' stations.

- d. Machineguns. To provide the soldier with the ability to clean tank-mounted machineguns, and to disassemble, assemble, perform a function check, load the machinegun, and apply immediate action to reduce a stoppage on the M48A5 or M60 series tank.

- e. Conduct of fire. To provide the soldier with the ability to act as a tank crewman, issue or react to initial fire commands and subsequent fire commands, perform precision or battle sight gunnery, know how to estimate range, and satisfactorily participate as a crewman in a tank crew proficiency course.

- f. Auxiliary fire controls. To provide the soldier with the ability to prepare a range card, use the M18 IR binoculars, put the AN/VSS-1 searchlight into operation, and fire engagements from a range card.

- g. Tank gunnery training devices. To teach the soldier how to mount, bore-sight, put into operation, and fire the M55 laser, M179 Telfare device, and .22 cal Brewster device, and how to conduct the snake and stout board exercises. The soldier will fire subcaliber exercises using the M55 laser or .22 cal Brewster on a scaled range.

- h. Tactical crew drills: To teach the soldier how to perform as a tank crewman in an NBC environment, emergency procedures, and actions on receiving enemy fire.

- i. Preparation for firing. To provide the soldier with the knowledge and capability to act as a tank crewman in preparing a tank for firing. He will learn how to boresight and zero tank machineguns, boresight and system calibrate the main gun, conduct prepare-to-fire checks, and fire a screening test.

j. Firing engagements. To provide the soldier with the capability to act as a tank crewman and engage targets with precision gunnery, fire multiple/simultaneous engagements, and fire all weapons from the commander's weapon station.

k. Course review and end-of-course examination. To provide the soldier with an opportunity to review and ask questions on course related subjects and to test the soldier on all RCTCC training conducted during the previous 2 weeks.

## 6. Prerequisites

- a. ARNG or USAR member.
- b. Officer: Grade 01-02 in SSI 12A or 12C.
- c. Enlisted: Grade E5-E7 in MOS 19D or 19E assigned or scheduled to be assigned as a tank commander.
- d. Meet height and weight standards of AR 600-9.
- e. Successfully completed APRT or 4-mile march (as appropriate) within one year of course start date.
- f. Must have minimum of 2 years of service remaining upon completion of course.

## 7. Application procedures

Individuals desiring to attend the RCTCC should submit NGB Form 64/DA Form 1058-R through channels to the Military Education Branch, ARNG Operating Activity Center, Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5420 not later than 45 days prior to course start date. First, second, and third choices of class dates should be documented on NGB 64/DA Form 1058-R.

## 8. Course administration

a. An appropriate diploma will be awarded students who successfully complete the course as prescribed. A certificate of course completion will be forwarded to the graduated student's unit

of assignment for appropriate entries in the individual's personnel file IAW NGR 600-100 and NGR 600-200.

b. The student receiving the highest rating based on cadre evaluations and end of course test may be selected as distinguished graduate.

c. DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) will be issued for each student.

d. Dismissal. Criteria for dismissal from the RCTCC include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Disciplinary. Applies to students who fail to cooperate in routine requirements or who fail to adhere to appropriate standards of conduct.

(2) Academic. Applies to students who fail to meet the established academic standards for the course.

(3) Medical. Applies to students whose physical condition or health precludes satisfactory completion of the course.

e. Training status of RCTCC students.

(1) USAR students will be in an AT or ADT status as determined by their parent MUSARC.

(2) ARNG students will be centrally funded in an FTTD status. States with individuals selected to attend the RCTCC will be provided with a fund citation to cover pay, allowances, travel, and per diem by the Adjutant General, Idaho. Special reporting instructions and other administrative data will be provided to each student and State concerned.

## 9. Publicity

Widest dissemination of the availability of the RCTCC is encouraged to solicit maximum participation by qualified applicants in order to enhance the proficiency of the armor force.

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