

SENIOR OFFICER LEGAL ORIENTATION

ATRRS INFORMATION

Course Number: 5F-F1

Course Length: 4.5 Days

Course Capacity: 65 Students Optimum; 80 students maximum

Prerequisites: Army officers with the rank of colonel, lieutenant colonel, and major (promotable) assigned or pending assignment as battalion, brigade, or equivalent level commanders.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An EXORD is pending at HQDA which will detail VCSA-directed mandatory attendance, reporting requirements, and aspects of the policy. Please watch for the publication of that EXORD.

Here is general information that we believe is consistent with the forthcoming EXORD:

- 1. ACTIVE COMPONENT Officers selected as Brigade Commanders and Battalion Commanders who exercise Special Court-martial Convening Authority** attend in MTSA-funded Army seats controlled by HRC. Beginning in FY17, Attendance by AC officer selected for command is mandatory and is reported to the VCSA. Officers in this category should go through their branch manager at HRC to obtain a quota once they are announced on the Command Select List (CSL).
- 2. RESERVE COMPONENT Officers selected as Brigade Commanders and Battalion Commanders who exercise Special Court-martial Convening Authority** MAY attend if funding is available in FY17 & 18. However, they will not be REQUIRED to attend until FY19. RC Seats are controlled by USARC or NGB. More detail regarding RC mandatory attendance in FY19 and POC's at USARC and NGB is forthcoming in the EXORD.
- 3. Officers currently in command MAY attend on a space-available basis.** However, this attendance will most likely be at unit expense because of the need to fill HRC-controlled seats with officers on the CSL.
- 4. Battalion Commanders who do NOT exercise Special Court-martial Convening Authority** *MAY attend on a space-available basis, but must do so at unit expense.* These officers should contact the course manager at TJAGLCS (contact info below). Part of the process will include completing the application which is linked on the web site.

WHEN TO ATTEND?

Beginning in FY17, AC Officers MUST attend SOLO before assuming command. Beginning in FY17, AC officers selected for brigade command, or battalion commands which exercise Special Court-martial Convening Authority must attend before they assume command, unless an exception is granted. Beginning in FY19, this mandatory attendance requirement will apply to the RC.

SOLO is now offered 7 times per year. Please see the course schedule on the course information page of the web site. PLEASE NOTE: We are in the process of building the two new classes in ATRRS, so they may not be available for enrollment until mid-to-late November 2016.

CONTACTS

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