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**THE CHIEF, ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
BOARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, AND  
DIETITIANS**

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- 1. HISTORY.** This issue publishes a revision of this publication. Because the publication has been extensively revised, the changed portions have not been highlighted.
- 2. PURPOSE.** This regulation establishes the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps Award of Excellence Board for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Dietitians, and provides associated policies and procedures.
- 3. REFERENCES.**
  - a. AR 600-8-2, Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions (Flags).
  - b. AR 600-9, The Army Weight Control Program.
  - c. AR 351-3, Professional Education and Training Programs of the Army Medical Department.
- 4. APPLICABILITY.** This regulation applies to all Army Medical Specialist Corps active and reserve officers recommended for the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps Award of Excellence Board for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Dietitians.

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\*This regulation supersedes MEDCOM Regulation 15-8, 31 January 2001.

**5. RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps, will--

- a. Release a message to the field no later than 31 July of each year and request nomination packets be sent to the Office of the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps no later than 31 October of each year.
- b. Convene the Board so that the selection of award recipients is made no later than 31 December of each year.
- c. Designate one of the Board members as president.
- d. Exercise staff supervision over the award's nomination and selection process.
- e. Present the awards at appropriate ceremonies with suitable publicity. Authority to present the awards may be delegated to the appropriate Assistant Corps Chief.

**6. BACKGROUND.**

- a. The award provides personal recognition by the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps to one Active Army company grade officer from each of the Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, and Dietitian Sections of the Army Medical Specialist Corps and one Reserve Component officer from any area of concentration (AOC) (65A, 65B, 65C, 65D) in the grade of Second Lieutenant through Major who has made outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of military medicine in his/her respective field. Outstanding contributions made by Active Army Physician Assistants are recognized through The Surgeon General's Physician and Physician Assistant Recognition Awards Board (see AR 351-3).
- b. The award is intended to recognize excellence in leadership, job performance and self-improvement, and increase motivation for junior officers. It is separate and distinct from any other awards that may be given for exceptional duty performance.

**7. POLICY.**

- a. Any Active Army company grade (Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, or Captain) occupational therapist, physical therapist, or dietitian or any Reserve Component occupational therapist, physical therapist, dietitian, or physician assistant in the grade of Second Lieutenant through Major may be nominated for the award.
- b. The Award of Excellence Board will not consider officers who have been considered for promotion to Major.
- c. An individual who has already received the award is ineligible for future nominations.

d. Recipients must have at least 1 year of active or reserve service remaining upon receipt of the award.

e. Nominations will generally be made for duty performance in the year immediately preceding nomination deadlines.

## **8. PROCEDURES.**

a. The Chief and four Assistant Chiefs of the Army Medical Specialist Corps will comprise the Board. The Board will convene annually in the Office of the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps to review Award of Excellence nominations and select recipients.

b. The Board, operating under the general guidance of the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps, is responsible for reviewing nominations and selecting one company grade occupational therapist, physical therapist, and dietitian for the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps Award of Excellence.

c. All individuals in the supervisory chain are eligible to nominate Army Medical Specialist Corps officers with the AOC of 65A, 65B, or 65C for this award. All nominations will be submitted to Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps, ATTN: MCCS-CA, 2250 Stanley Road, Suite 276A, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6100. Nominations must--

(1) Be submitted in memorandum format and should not exceed two double spaced typed pages. The narrative will include the nominee's leadership, job performance, and self-improvement qualities.

(2) Include a statement that the nominee is in compliance with Army Regulation 600-8-2 and Army Regulation 600-9.

(3) Be staffed through the senior Army Medical Specialist Corps at the appropriate subordinate military treatment facility, regional medical command, or major Army command level for concurrence.

(4) Be endorsed by the nominee's commander.

(5) Be forwarded to arrive at the Office of the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps no later than the date indicated in the message.

d. Individuals selected as recipients of the award will receive a letter of commendation from The Surgeon General and the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps.

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