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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT Conscientious Objectors

- Refs.: (a) DoD Directive 1300.6, subject as above, May 10, 1968 (hereby cancelled)
- (b) DoD Directive 1332.14, "Administrative Discharges," December 20, 1965
- (c) Section 6(j) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended (50 USC App. 456(j))
- (d) Section 3103, Title 38, United States Code

I. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) to update uniform Department of Defense procedures governing conscientious objectors and processing requests for discharge based on conscientious objection. Reference (a) is hereby superseded and cancelled.

II. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The provisions of this Directive apply to the Military Departments and govern the personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps and all Reserve components thereof.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Conscientious Objection: General - A firm, fixed and sincere objection to participation in war in any form or the bearing of arms, by reason of religious training and belief.
1. Class 1-0 Conscientious Objector. A member who, by reason of conscientious objection, sincerely objects to participation of any kind in war in any form.



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2. Class 1-A-0 Conscientious Objector. A member who, by reason of conscientious objection, sincerely objects to participation as a combatant in war in any form, but whose convictions are such as to permit military service in a non-combatant status.

Unless otherwise specified, the term "Conscientious Objector" includes both 1-0 and 1-A-0 conscientious objectors.

- B. Religious Training and Belief: Belief in an external power or being or deeply held moral or ethical belief, to which all else is subordinate or upon which all else is ultimately dependent, and which has the power or force to affect moral well-being. The external power or being need not be of an orthodox deity, but may be a sincere and meaningful belief which occupies in the life of its possessor a place parallel to that filled by the God of another, or, in the case of deeply held moral or ethical beliefs, a belief held with the strength and devotion of traditional religious conviction. The term "religious training and belief" may include solely moral or ethical beliefs even though the applicant himself may not characterize these beliefs as "religious" in the traditional sense, or may expressly characterize them as not religious. The term "religious training and belief" does not include a belief which rests solely upon considerations of policy, pragmatism, expediency, or political views.
- C. Non-combatant service or non-combatant duties (1-A-0) (used interchangeably herein)
 1. Service in any unit of the Armed Forces which is unarmed at all times.
 2. Service in the medical department of any of the Armed Forces, wherever performed.
 3. Any other assignment the primary function of which does not require the use of arms in combat provided that such other assignment is acceptable to the individual concerned and does not require him to bear arms or to be trained in their use.
 4. Service aboard an armed ship or aircraft or in a combat zone shall not be considered to be combatant duty unless the individual concerned is personally and directly involved in the operation of weapons.
- D. Non-combatant Training. Any training which is not concerned with the study, use or handling of arms or weapons.

IV. POLICY

A. Administrative discharge prior to the completion of an obligated term of service is discretionary with the Military Service concerned, based on a judgment of the facts and circumstances in the case. However, insofar as may be consistent with the effectiveness and efficiency of the Military Services, a request for classification as a conscientious objector and relief from or restriction of military duties in consequence thereof will be approved to the extent practicable and equitable within the following limitations:

1. Except as provided in Section IV.A.2. of this Directive, no member of the Armed Forces who possessed conscientious objection beliefs before entering military service is eligible for classification as a Conscientious Objector if

(a) (1) such beliefs satisfied the requirements for classification as a Conscientious Objector pursuant to Section 6(j) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 456(j)) and other provisions of law, and (2) he failed to request classification as a Conscientious Objector by the Selective Service System; or

(b) (1) he requested classification as a Conscientious Objector before entering military service, and (2) such request was denied on the merits by the Selective Service System, and (3) his request for classification as a Conscientious Objector is based upon essentially the same grounds, or supported by essentially the same evidence, as the request which was denied by the Selective Service System.

2. Nothing contained in this Directive renders ineligible for classification as a Conscientious Objector a member of the Armed Forces who possessed Conscientious Objector beliefs before entering military service if (a) such beliefs crystalized after receipt of an induction notice; (b) he could not request classification as a Conscientious Objector by the Selective Service System because of Selective Service System regulations prohibiting the submission of such requests after receipt of induction notice; and (c) he makes application for classification as a Conscientious Objector within seventy-two (72) hours after his induction.

B. Because of the personal and subjective nature of conscientious objection, the existence, honesty, and sincerity of asserted conscientious objection beliefs cannot be routinely ascertained by applying inflexible objective standards and

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measurements on an "across-the-board" basis. Requests for discharge or assignment to non-combatant training or service based on conscientious objection will, therefore, be handled on an individual basis with final determination made at the Headquarters of the Military Service concerned in accordance with the facts and circumstances in the particular case and the policy and procedures set forth herein.

V. CRITERIA

General. The criteria set forth herein provide policy and guidance in considering applications for separation or for assignment to non-combatant training and service based on conscientious objection.

A. Consistent with the national policy to recognize the claims of bona fide Conscientious Objectors in the military service, an application for classification as a Conscientious Objector may be approved (subject to the limitations of paragraph IV.A) for any individual:

1. who is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form;
2. whose opposition is found on religious training and belief; and
3. whose position is sincere and deeply held.

B. War in any form

The clause "war in any form" should be interpreted in the following manner:

1. an individual who desires to choose the war in which he will participate is not a conscientious objector under the law. His objection must be to all wars rather than a specific war;
2. a belief in a theocratic or spiritual war between the powers of good and evil does not constitute a willingness to participate in "war" within the meaning of this Directive.

C. Religious Training and Belief

1. In order to find that an applicant's moral and ethical beliefs are against participation in war in any form and are held with the strength of traditional religious convictions, the applicant must show that these moral and ethical convictions, once acquired, have directed his life in the way traditional religious convictions of

equal strength, depth and duration have directed the lives of those whose beliefs are clearly found in traditional religious convictions. In other words, the belief upon which conscientious objection is based must be the primary controlling force in the applicant's life.

2. A primary factor to be considered is the sincerity with which the belief is held. Great care must be exercised in seeking to determine whether asserted beliefs are honestly and genuinely held. Sincerity is determined by an impartial evaluation of the applicant's thinking and living in its totality, past and present. Care must be exercised in determining the integrity of belief and the consistency of application. Information presented by the claimant should be sufficient to convince that the claimant's personal history reveals views and actions strong enough to demonstrate that expediency or avoidance of military service is not the basis of his claim.
 - a. Therefore, in evaluating applications the conduct of applicants, in particular their outward manifestation of the beliefs asserted, will be carefully examined and given substantial weight.
 - b. Relevant factors that should be considered in determining an applicant's claim of conscientious objection include: training in the home and church; general demeanor and pattern of conduct; participation in religious activities; whether ethical or moral convictions were gained through training, study, contemplation, or other activity comparable in rigor and dedication to the processes by which traditional religious convictions are formulated; credibility of the applicant; and credibility of persons supporting the claim.
 - c. Particular care must be exercised not to deny the existence of bona fide beliefs simply because those beliefs are incompatible with one's own.
 - (1) Church membership or adherence to particular theological tenets are not required to warrant separation or assignment to non-combatant training and service for conscientious objectors.
 - (2) Mere affiliation with a church or other group which advocates conscientious objection as a tenet of its creed is not necessarily determinative of an applicant's position or belief.

- (3) Conversely, affiliation with a church or group which does not teach conscientious objection does not necessarily rule out adherence to conscientious objection beliefs in any given case.
- (4) Where an applicant is or has been a member of a church, religious organization, or religious sect, and where his claim of conscientious objection is related to such membership, inquiry may properly be made as to the fact of membership, and the teaching of the church, religious organization, or religious sect, as well as the applicant's religious activity. However, the fact that the applicant may disagree with, or not subscribe to, some of the tenets of his church does not necessarily discredit his claim. The personal convictions of each individual will be controlling so long as they derive from his moral, ethical or religious beliefs.
- (5) Moreover, an applicant who is otherwise eligible for conscientious objector status may not be denied that status simply because his conscientious objection influences his views concerning the nation's domestic or foreign policies. The task is to decide whether the beliefs professed are sincerely held, and whether they govern the claimant's actions both in word and deed.
- D. The burden of establishing a claim of conscientious objection as a ground for separation or assignment to non-combatant training and service is on the applicant. To this end, he must establish by clear and convincing evidence (1) that the nature or basis of his claim comes within the definition of and criteria prescribed herein for conscientious objection, and (2) that his belief in connection therewith is honest, sincere and deeply held. The claimant has the burden of determining and setting forth the exact nature of his request, i.e., whether for separation based on conscientious objection (1-0) or for assignment to non-combatant training and service based on conscientious objection (1-A-0).
- E. An applicant claiming 1-0 status shall not be granted 1-A-0 status as a compromise.
- F. Persons who were classified 1-A-0 by Selective Service prior to induction shall upon induction be transferred to a training center, or station, for recruit training, and shall be subject to non-combatant service and training. They will be required to sign and date a statement as set forth in the form attached hereto as Enclosure 3. Thereafter, upon

completion of recruit training, they shall be assigned to non-combatant duty. They may be transferred to the medical corps, or a medical department or unit for further training, provided they meet the requirements therefor. Such persons when assigned to medical units will not be allowed to avoid the important or hazardous duties which are part of the responsibility of all members of the medical organization. Any person who does not meet the requirements for this training, who fails to complete the prescribed course of instruction, or who otherwise cannot be assigned to this duty will be assigned to other non-combatant duties.

- G. Commanders at levels directed by the Service Headquarters are authorized to return to an applicant, without action, any second or subsequent application that is based upon essentially the same grounds, or supported by essentially the same evidence, as a previous application disapproved by the Military Service concerned.
- H. The provisions of this Directive will not be used to effect the administrative separation of individuals who do not qualify as Conscientious Objectors, or in lieu of administrative separation procedures such as those provided for unsuitability or unfitness or as otherwise set forth in reference (b). Individuals determined not qualified for Conscientious Objector status, but the separation of whom would otherwise appear to be in the best interest of the Armed Forces, should be considered for administrative separation under the provisions of reference (b). Under no circumstances will administrative separation of these individuals be effected pursuant to this Directive.
- I. Nothing in this Directive prevents the administrative elimination, pursuant to law and regulations of the Military Department concerned, of any officer whose classification as a 1-A-0 Conscientious Objector results in substandard performance of duty or other cause for elimination.

VI. PROCEDURE

- A. A member of the Armed Forces who seeks either separation or assignment to non-combatant duties by reason of conscientious objection will submit an application therefor. The applicant will indicate whether he is seeking a discharge or assignment to non-combatant duties and will include the following items:
 - 1. The personal information required by Enclosure 1.
 - 2. Any other items which the applicant desires to submit in support of his case.

- B. Prior to processing the application of the individual, he will be (1) advised of the specific provisions of section 3103 of title 38, United States Code 1/ regarding the possible effects of discharge as a conscientious objector who refuses to perform military duty or refused to wear the uniform or otherwise to comply with lawful orders of competent military authority, and (2) required to execute the statement attached as Enclosure 2.
- C. The applicant shall be personally interviewed by a chaplain who shall submit a written opinion as to the nature and basis of the applicant's claim, and as to the applicant's sincerity and depth of conviction. The chaplain's report shall include the reasons for his conclusions. In addition, the applicant will be interviewed by a psychiatrist (or by a medical officer if a psychiatrist is not reasonably available) who shall submit a written report of psychiatric evaluation indicating the presence or absence of any psychiatric disorder which would warrant treatment or disposition through medical channels, or such character or personality disorder as to warrant recommendation for appropriate administrative action. This opinion and report will become part of the case file. If the applicant refuses to participate or is uncooperative or unresponsive in the course of the interviews, this fact will be included in the statement and report filed by the chaplain and psychiatrist or medical officer.
- D. Commanders at levels directed by the Service Headquarters will appoint an officer in the grade of O-3 or higher to investigate the applicant's claim. The officer so appointed will not be an individual in the chain of command of the applicant. If the applicant is a commissioned officer, the investigating officer must be senior in both temporary and permanent grades to the applicant.
1. Upon appointment, the investigating officer will review the applicable service regulations which implement this

1/ 38 USC 3103 provides, in pertinent part, that the discharge of any person on the grounds that he was a conscientious objector who refused to perform military duty or refused to wear the uniform or otherwise to comply with lawful orders of competent military authority, shall bar all rights (except government insurance) of such persons under law administered by the Veterans Administration based upon the period of service from which discharged or dismissed. The only exception is in cases in which it is established, to the satisfaction of the Administrator, that the member was insane.

Directive. During the course of his investigation, the investigating officer will obtain all necessarily legal advice from the local Staff Judge Advocate or legal officer.

2. The investigating officer will conduct a hearing on the application. The purpose of the hearing is: to afford the applicant an opportunity to present any evidence he desires in support of his application; to enable the investigating officer to ascertain and assemble all relevant facts; to create a comprehensive record; and to facilitate an informed recommendation by the investigating officer and an informed decision on the merits by higher authority. In this regard, any failure or refusal of the applicant to submit to questioning under oath or affirmation before the investigating officer may be considered by the officer making his recommendation and evaluation of the applicant's claim. If the applicant fails to appear at the hearing without good cause, the investigating officer may proceed in his absence and the applicant will be deemed to have waived his appearance.
 - a. If the applicant desires, he shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, at his own expense, who shall be permitted to be present at the hearing, assist the applicant in the presentation of his case, and examine all items in the file.
 - b. The hearing will be informal in character and will not be governed by the rules of evidence employed by courts-martial except that all oral testimony presented shall be under oath or affirmation. Any relevant evidence may be received. Statements obtained from persons not present at the hearing need not be made under oath or affirmation. The hearing is not an adversary proceeding.
 - c. The applicant may submit any additional evidence that he desires (including sworn or unsworn statements) and present any witnesses in his own behalf, but he shall be responsible for securing their attendance. The installation or local commander will render all reasonable assistance in making available military members of his command requested by the applicant as witnesses. Further, the applicant will be permitted to question any other witnesses who appear and to examine all items in the file.

- d. A verbatim record of the hearing is not required. If the applicant desires such a record and agrees to provide it at his own expense, he may do so. If he elects to provide such a record, he shall make a copy thereof available to the investigating officer, at no expense to the government, at the conclusion of the hearing. In the absence of a verbatim record, the investigating officer will summarize the testimony of witnesses and permit the applicant or his counsel to examine the summaries and note for the record their differences with the investigating officer's summary. Copies of statements and other documents received in evidence will be made a part of the hearing record.
3. At the conclusion of the investigation, the investigating officer will prepare a written report which will contain the following:
 - a. A statement as to whether the applicant appeared, whether he was accompanied by counsel, and, if so, the latter's identity, and whether the nature and purpose of the hearing were explained to the applicant and understood by him.
 - b. Any documents, statements and other material received during the investigation.
 - c. Summaries of the testimony of the witnesses presented (or a verbatim record of the testimony if such record was made).
 - d. A statement of the investigating officer's conclusions as to the underlying basis of the applicant's conscientious objection and the sincerity of the applicant's beliefs, including his reasons for such conclusions.
 - e. Subject to Section V.E., the investigating officer's recommendations for disposition of the case, including his reasons therefor. The actions recommended will be limited to the following:
 - (1) Denial of any classification as a conscientious objector; or
 - (2) Classification as 1-A-0 conscientious objector; or
 - (3) Classification as 1-0 conscientious objector.

- f. The investigating officer's report, along with the individual's application, all interviews with chaplains or doctors, evidence received as a result of the investigating officer's hearing, and any other items submitted by the applicant in support of his case will constitute the record. The investigating officer's conclusions and recommended disposition will be based on the entire record and not merely on the evidence produced at the hearings. A copy of the record will be furnished to the applicant at the time it is forwarded to the commander who appointed the investigating officer, and the applicant will be informed that he has the right to submit a rebuttal to the report within the time prescribed by the Military Service concerned.
- E. The record of the case will be forwarded to the headquarters of the officer who appointed the investigating officer where it shall be reviewed for completeness and legal sufficiency. If necessary, the case may be returned to the investigating office for further investigation. When the record is complete, the authority who appointed the investigating officer shall forward it with his personal recommendation for disposition, and the reasons therefor, through the appropriate chain of command to Headquarters of the Military Service concerned.
- F. The Headquarters of the Military Service concerned will make a final decision based on the entire record. Any additional information other than the official service record of the applicant considered by the Headquarters of the Military Service concerned which is adverse to the applicant, and which the applicant has not had an opportunity to comment upon or refute, will be made a part of the record and the applicant shall be given an opportunity to comment upon or refute the material before a final decision is made. The reasons for an adverse decision will be made a part of the record and will be provided to the individual.
- G. Processing of applications need not be abated by the unauthorized absence of the applicant subsequent to the initiation of the application, or by the institution of disciplinary action or administrative separation proceedings against him. However, an applicant whose request for classification as a conscientious objector has been approved will not be discharged until all disciplinary action has been resolved.
- H. To the extent practicable under the circumstances, during the period applications are being processed and until a

decision is made by the headquarters of the Service concerned, every effort will be made to assign applicants to duties within the command to which they are assigned which will conflict as little as possible with their asserted beliefs. However, members desiring to file application who are on orders for reassignment may be required by the military service concerned to submit applications at their next permanent duty station. During the period applications are being processed, applicants will be expected to conform to the normal requirements of military service and to perform satisfactorily such duties to which they are assigned. Applicants may be disciplined for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice while awaiting action on their applications.

VII. ACTION AFTER DECISION

- A. Applicants requesting discharge who are determined to be 1-0 conscientious objectors by the Headquarters of the Service concerned will be discharged for the convenience of the Government with entry in personnel records and discharge papers that the reason for separation is conscientious objection. The type of discharge issued will be governed by the applicant's general military record and the pertinent provisions of reference (b). The Director of the Selective Service System will be promptly notified of the discharge of those who have served less than one hundred and eighty (180) days in the Armed Forces. Pending separation, the applicant will continue to be assigned duties providing the minimum practicable conflict with his professed beliefs and will be expected to conform to the normal requirements of military service and to perform satisfactorily such duties to which he is assigned. Applicants may be disciplined for violation under the Uniform Code of Military Justice while awaiting discharge.
- B. Applicants requesting assignment to non-combatant duties who are determined to be class 1-A-0 conscientious objectors by the Military Department shall be (1) assigned to non-combatant duty as defined in Section III, or (2) discharged from military service or released from active duty, at the discretion of the Military Department. Each applicant will be required to execute the statement attached as Enclosure 3.
- C. Persons who are assigned to non-combatant duties, and persons who are assigned to normal military duties by reason of disapproval of their application, will be expected to conform to the normal requirements of military service and to perform satisfactorily such duties to which they are assigned. Violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice by these members will be treated as in any other situation.

VIII. CLAIMS OF ERRONEOUS INDUCTION

A. This section applies to any individual who claims that he is a Conscientious Objector and was either erroneously inducted, or erroneously assigned to combatant training or duty, for any of the following reasons:

1. Although determined to be a conscientious objector by a local board or appellate agency of the Selective Service System, his records failed to reflect classification as such.
2. He was denied a significant procedural right in the classification process by the Selective Service System.
3. Despite actual classification as a conscientious objector properly reflected in his records, he was nevertheless erroneously inducted, or assigned to combatant training or duty.

Claims based on alleged erroneous determinations made on the merits of the case by the Selective Service System are not covered by this section. (See Section IV.)

B. Claims covered by subsection A will be referred to the Selective Service System without delay for investigation and ascertainment of the facts. Communication will be transmitted to the National Headquarters, Selective Service System, Washington, D.C. 20435.

1. If the Selective Service System advises that induction was in fact erroneous under subsection A.1 or A.3 of this paragraph, the claimant will be separated or assigned to non-combatant duties depending upon whether he was classified 1-0 or 1-A-0.
2. If the Selective Service System advises that there was in fact a denial of a right or a significant procedural error in the evaluation of a claim under subsection A.2., the induction will be considered erroneous and the individual discharged.
3. If the Selective Service System advises that any claim under subsection A is unfounded or makes a final determination adverse to any claim, the claimant will be so informed and returned to general duty.

C. Pending investigation and resolution of all claims covered by this section, a claimant will be assigned to duties which conflict as little as practicable with his asserted beliefs, insofar as is consistent with the effectiveness and efficiency of the military forces.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

- A. The provisions of this Directive will become effective sixty (60) days from the date of issuance.
- B. Applications submitted prior to the effective date of this Directive will be processed under the provisions of reference (a).
- C. Two (2) copies of implementing regulations, consistent with the provisions of this Directive, shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) within ninety (90) days of its effective date.

Deputy Secretary of Defense

Enclosures - 3

- 1. Requested Information
- 2. Statement (Counselling concerning VA benefits)
- 3. Statement (Counselling concerning designation as Conscientious Objector)

Required Information To Be Supplied by Applicants For
Discharge or Non-Combatant Service

Each person seeking release from active service from the Armed Forces, or assignment to non-combatant duties, as a conscientious objector, will provide the information indicated below as the minimum required for consideration of his request. This in no way bars the Military Departments from requiring such additional information as they desire. The individual may submit such other information as desired.

A. General Information Concerning Applicant

1. Full name
2. Military serial number; and Social Security Account number
3. Selective Service number
4. Service address
5. Permanent home address
6. Name and address of each school and college attended (after age 16) together with the dates of attendance, and the type of school (public, church, military, commercial, etc.)
7. A chronological list of all occupations, positions, jobs, or types of work, other than as a student in school or college (after age 16) whether for monetary compensation or not. Include the type of work, name of employer, address of employer and the from/to date for each position or job held.
8. All former addresses (after age 16) and dates of residence at those addresses.
9. Parent's name and addresses. Indicate whether they are living or deceased.
10. The religious denomination or sect of both parents.
11. Was application made to the Selective Service System (local board) for classification as a conscientious objector prior to entry into the Armed Forces? To which local board? What decision was made by the Board, if known?

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12. When the applicant has served less than one hundred and eighty (180) days in the military service, a statement by him as to whether he is willing to perform work under the Selective Service civilian work program for conscientious objectors, if discharged as a conscientious objector. Also, a statement of the applicant as to whether he consents to the issuance of an order for such work by his local Selective Service Board.

B. Training and Belief

1. A description of the nature of the belief which requires the applicant to seek separation from the military service or assignment to non-combatant training and duty for reasons of conscience.
2. An explanation as to how his beliefs changed or developed, to include an explanation as to what factors (how, when and from whom or from what source training received and belief acquired) caused the change in or development of conscientious objection beliefs.
3. An explanation as to when these beliefs became incompatible with military service, and why.
4. An explanation as to the circumstances, if any, under which the applicant believes in the use of force, and to what extent, under any foreseeable circumstances.
5. An explanation as to how the applicant's daily life style has changed as a result of his beliefs and what future actions he plans to continue to support his beliefs.
6. An explanation as to what in applicant's opinion most conspicuously demonstrates the consistency and depth of his beliefs which gave rise to his claim.

C. Participation in Organizations

1. Information as to whether applicant has ever been a member of any military organization or establishment before entering upon his present term of service. If so, the name and address of such organization will be given together with reasons why he became a member.
2. A statement as to whether applicant is a member of a religious sect or organization. If so, the statement will show the following:

- a. The name of the sect, and the name and location of its governing body or head, if known.
 - b. When, where, and how the applicant became a member of said sect or organization.
 - c. The name and location of any church, congregation or meeting which the applicant customarily attends, and the extent of the applicant's active participation therein.
 - d. The name, title, and present address of the pastor or leader of such church, congregation or meeting.
 - e. A description of the creed or official statements, if any, and if they are known to him, of said religious sect or organization in relation to participation in war.
3. A description of applicant's relationships with and activities in all organizations with which he is or has been affiliated, other than military, political, or labor organizations.

D. References

Any additional information, such as letters of reference or official statements of organizations to which the applicant belongs or refers in his application, that the applicant desires to be considered by the authority reviewing his application. The burden is on the applicant to obtain and forward such information.

STATEMENT (Counselling Concerning
Veterans Administration Benefits)

I have been advised of the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 3103 concerning possible non-entitlement to benefits administered by the Veterans Administration due to discharge from the military service as a conscientious objector under certain conditions. I understand that a discharge as a conscientious objector, who refused to perform military duty or otherwise to comply with lawful orders of competent military authority, shall bar all rights, based upon the period of service from which discharged, under any laws administered by the Veterans Administration except my legal entitlement (if any) to any war risk, government (converted) or National Service Life Insurance.

STATEMENT (Counselling Concerning
Designation as Conscientious Objector)

I have been counselled concerning designation as a conscientious objector. Based on my religious training and belief, I consider myself to be a conscientious objector within the meaning of the statute and regulations governing conscientious objectors and am conscientiously opposed to participation in combatant training and service. I request assignment to non-combatant duties for the remainder of my term of service. I fully understand that on expiration of my current term of service I am not eligible for voluntarily enlistment, re-enlistment, or active service in the Armed Forces.

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The following pen changes to Department of Defense Directive 1300.6, "Conscientious Objectors," dated August 20, 1971, have been authorized:

PEN CHANGES

Page 3, Subsection IV. A. , Paragraph 2 -

1. Change line 6 to read:

"notice; and (b) he could not request classification as a"

Changed portion is underscored.

2. Line 10 - Put a period after the word "notice." and delete the rest of the paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This change is effective immediately. Two copies of revised implementing regulations shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) within 60 days.

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- f. The investigating officer's report, along with the individual's application, all interviews with chaplains or doctors, evidence received as a result of the investigating officer's hearing, and any other items submitted by the applicant in support of his case will constitute the record. The investigating officer's conclusions and recommended disposition will be based on the entire record and not merely on the evidence produced at the hearings. A copy of the record will be furnished to the applicant at the time it is forwarded to the commander who appointed the investigating officer, and the applicant will be informed that he has the right to submit a rebuttal to the report within the time prescribed by the Military Department concerned.
- E. The record of the case will be forwarded to the headquarters of the officer who appointed the investigating officer where it shall be reviewed for completeness and legal sufficiency. If necessary, the case may be returned to the investigating office for further investigation. When the record is complete, the authority who appointed the investigating officer shall forward it with his personal recommendation for disposition, and the reasons therefor, through the appropriate chain of command to the headquarters authorized to make a final decision. *
- * F. The Secretary of a Military Department may delegate authority to *
 * approve applications to the commander exercising general court- *
 * martial jurisdiction (or equivalent level command for reserve *
 * organizations) over the applicant. The completed record of a *
 * case approved in the field will be forwarded to the Headquarters *
 * of the Military Department concerned for appropriate disposition. *
- * G. When approval authority has not been delegated or when the general*
 * court-martial convening authority recommends disapproval, the *
 * Headquarters of the Military Department concerned will make a final *
 * decision based on the entire record. Any additional information *
 * other than the official service record of the applicant consid- *
 * ered by the Headquarters of the Military Department concerned which *
 * is adverse to the applicant, and which the applicant has not had *
 * an opportunity to comment upon or refute, will be made a part of *
 * the record and the applicant shall be given an opportunity to *
 * comment upon or refute the material before a final decision is *
 * made. The reasons for an adverse decision will be made a part of *
 * the record and will be provided to the individual. *
- * H. Processing of applications need not be abated by the unauthorized *
 * absence of the applicant subsequent to the initiation of the appli- *
 * cation, or by the institution of disciplinary action or adminis- *
 * trative separation proceedings against him. However, an applicant *
 * whose request for classification as a conscientious objector has *
 * been approved will not be discharged until all disciplinary action *
 * has been resolved.

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- * I. To the extent practicable under the circumstances, during *
* the period applications are being processed and until a *
* decision is made, every effort will be made to assign ap- *
* plicants to duties which will conflict as little as possi- *
* ble with their asserted beliefs. Unless the Military *
* Service concerned provides otherwise, an applicant shall be *
* required to comply with active duty or transfer orders in *
* effect at the time of his application or subsequently *
* issued and received. During the period applications are *
* being processed, applicants will be expected to conform to *
* the normal requirements of military service and to perform *
* such duties as are assigned. Applicants may be disciplined *
* for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice *
* while awaiting action on their applications.

VII. ACTION AFTER DECISION

- * A. Applicants requesting discharge who are determined to be
1-0 conscientious objectors will be discharged for the con-
venience of the Government with entry in personnel records
and discharge papers that the reason for separation is
conscientious objection. The type of discharge issued will
be governed by the applicant's general military record and
the pertinent provisions of reference (b). The Director of
the Selective Service System will be promptly notified of
the discharge of those who have served less than one hundred
and eighty (180) days in the Armed Forces. Pending separation,
the applicant will continue to be assigned duties providing
the minimum practicable conflict with his professed beliefs
and will be expected to conform to the normal requirements
of military service and to perform satisfactorily such
duties to which he is assigned. Applicants may be disci-
plined for violations under the Uniform Code of Military
Justice while awaiting discharge.
- * B. Applicants requesting assignment to non-combatant duties who
are determined to be class 1-A-0 conscientious objectors
shall be (1) assigned to non-combatant duty as defined in *
Section III, or (2) discharged from military service or re-
leased from active duty, at the discretion of the Military
Departments. Each applicant will be required to execute
the statement attached as Enclosure 3.
- C. Persons who are assigned to non-combatant duties, and per-
sons who are assigned to normal military duties by reason of
disapproval of their application, will be expected to con-
form to the normal requirements of military service and to
perform satisfactorily such duties to which they are assigned.
Violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice by these
members will be treated as in any other situation.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECIPIENTS

The following pen and page changes to DoD Directive 1300.6, "Conscientious Objectors," dated August 20, 1971, have been authorized:

PEN CHANGES

The word "Department" is changed to "Service" in the following places:

- Subparagraph VI. D. 3. f. , final sentence.
- Subsection VI. F. , final sentence. (Note: The reference to Military Department in the first sentence, subsection VI. F. , is not changed.)
- Subsection VI. G. , first and second sentences.

PAGE CHANGE

Remove: Enclosure 3.
Insert: Attached replacement page.

Changes are indicated by marginal asterisks.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The above changes are effective immediately. Two copies of revised implementing regulations shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) within 60 days.

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1300.6 (Encl 3)
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STATEMENT (Counselling Concerning
Designation as a Conscientious Objector)

* I have been counselled concerning designation as a conscientious objec- *
tor. Based on my training and belief, I consider myself to be a con- *
scientious objector within the meaning of the statute and regulations *
governing conscientious objectors and am conscientiously opposed to *
participation in combatant training and service. I request assignment *
to noncombatant duties for the remainder of my term of service. I fully *
understand that on expiration of my current term of service, I may not *
* be eligible for voluntary enlistment, reenlistment, extension or amend- *
* ment of current enlistment, or active service in the Armed Forces by *
* reason of my 1-A-0 classification. *

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PEN CHANGES

1. Page 1 - Add the following to the list of references:
"(e) Privacy Act Statement (enclosure 4)"
2. Page 14 - Change the enclosure listing from "3" to "4" and add the following:
"4. Privacy Act Statement"

PAGE CHANGES

Insert the attached new enclosure 4

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DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974
(5 U.S.C. 552a)

Required information from applicants for conscientious objector status.

1. AUTHORITY

50 App. U.S.C. 456j; 38 U.S.C. 3103;
Executive Order 9397, 22Nov43 (Social Security Number)

2. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S)

Is used by a service member to apply for conscientious objector status.

3. ROUTINE USES

The recorded information upon which a decision may be made by appropriate authority to grant or deny the requested conscientious objector status.

4. MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AND EFFECT ON INDIVIDUAL NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

Voluntary.

If information is not furnished applicant may not be able to receive the sought for status.