

## Office of the Secretary of Defense

## § 70.7

### § 70.4 Responsibilities.

(a) The *Secretaries of the Military Departments* have the authority for final decision and the responsibility for the operation for their respective discharge review programs under 10 U.S.C. 1553.

(b) The *Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics)* (ASD(MRA&L)) shall:

(1) Resolve all issues concerning DRBs that cannot be resolved among the Military Departments.

(2) Ensure uniformity among the Military Departments in the rights afforded applicants in discharge reviews.

(3) Modify or supplement the enclosures to this part.

(4) Maintain the index of decisions and provide for timely modification of index categories to reflect changes in discharge review policies, procedures, and standards issued by the OSD and the Military Departments.

(c) The *Secretary of the Army*, as the designated administrative focal point for DRB matters, shall:

(1) Effect necessary coordination with other governmental agencies regarding continuing applicability of this part and resolve administrative procedures relating thereto.

(2) Review suggested modifications to this part, including implementing documents; monitor the implementing documents of the Military Departments; resolve differences, when practicable; recommend specific changes; provide supporting rationale to the ASD(MRA&L) for decision; and include appropriate documentation through the Office of the ASD(MRA&L) and the OSD Federal Register liaison officer to effect publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(3) Maintain the DD Form 293, "Application for Review of Discharge or Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States," and republish as necessary with appropriate coordination of the other Military Departments and the Office of Management and Budget.

(4) Respond to all inquiries from private individuals, organizations, or public officials with regard to DRB matters. When the specific Military Service can be identified, refer such correspondence to the appropriate DRB

for response or designate an appropriate activity to perform this task.

(5) Provide overall guidance and supervision to the Armed Forces Discharge Review/Correction Board Reading Room with staff augmentation, as required, by the Departments of the Navy and Air Force.

(6) Ensure that notice of the location, hours of operation, and similar types of information regarding the Reading Room is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

### § 70.5 Procedures.

(a) Discharge review procedures are prescribed in § 70.8.

(b) Discharge Review Standards are prescribed in § 70.9 and constitute the basic guidelines for the determination whether to grant or deny relief in a discharge review.

(c) Complaint Procedures about decisional documents are prescribed in § 70.10.

### § 70.6 Information requirements.

(a) *Reporting requirements.* (1) The reporting requirement prescribed in § 70.8(n) is assigned Report Control Symbol DD-M(SA)1489.

(2) All reports must be consistent with DoD Directive 5000.11, "Data Elements and Data Codes Standardization Program," December 7, 1964.

(b) *Use of standard data elements.* The data requirements prescribed by this part shall be consistent with DoD 5000.12-M, "DoD Manual for Standard Data Elements," December 1981. Any reference to a date should appear as (YYMMDD), while any name entry should appear as (Last name, first name, middle initial).

### § 70.7 Effective date and implementation.

This part is effective immediately for the purpose of preparing implementing documents. DoD Directive 1332.28, March 29, 1978, is officially canceled, effective November 27, 1982. This part applies to all discharge review proceedings conducted on or after November 27, 1982. § 70.10 applies to all complaint proceedings conducted on or after September 28, 1982. Final action on complaints shall not be taken until