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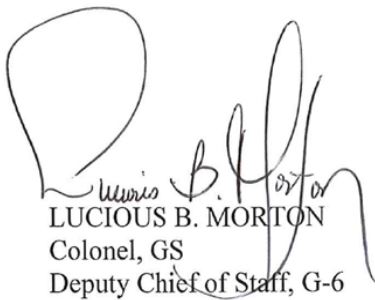
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COMMAND DEVOLUTION

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History. This publication is a major revision. The portions affected by this revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This regulation provides United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) policy and makes changes to administrative procedures concerning TRADOC command devolution.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all TRADOC units and activities.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent for this regulation is the TRADOC Adjutant General. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations.

Army management control process. This regulation does not contain management control provisions.

Supplementation. Supplementation is not authorized.

Suggested improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on Department of the Army (DA) Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4 (ATBO-BP), 5C North Gate Road, Room C301, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048. Suggested improvements may also be submitted using DA Form 1045 (Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) Proposal).

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Summary of Change

TRADOC Regulation 600-15
Command Devolution

This revision, dated 09 March 2011-

- o Provides for exceptions for command of Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (para 3-2).
 - o Revises required information to be provided in a memorandum requesting blanket designation of a junior officer to command (para 3-3a).
 - o Adds requirement that U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command units/activities are reminded to forward a copy of an assumption of command memorandum each time an acting commander assumes command (para 3-3b).
 - o Changes address for submission of requests for blanket designation of a junior officer to command (para 3-3b).
 - o Revises paragraph requesting U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command units/activities forward requests for blanket designation of junior officer to command to Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4 (ATBO-BP), 5C North Gate Road, Room C301, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048 (para 3-3a and 3-3b).
 - o Revises paragraph requesting U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command units/activities forward a copy of assumption of command memorandums to Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4 (ATBO-BP), 5C North Gate Road, Room C301, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048, each time the assumption of command is implemented (para 3-3b).
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Chapter 1

Introduction

1-1. Purpose

This regulation prescribes the principles, circumstances, and procedures associated with the devolvement of command within U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

1-2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in [appendix A](#).

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations

Abbreviations used in this regulation are explained in the [glossary](#).

1-4. Responsibilities

TRADOC commanders and commandants will ensure that matters covered by this regulation are disseminated as appropriate.

Chapter 2

Command of TRADOC

2-1. Circumstances of command

a. Commanding General (CG), TRADOC remains in command unless circumstances prevent the execution of command duties on a continued basis.

b. CG, TRADOC is presumed to remain in command even when absent from the command. In this age of rapid transportation, widespread and instantaneous communication, and sophisticated computer technology, distance is less an impediment to the exercise of command than in the past.

2-2. Devolution of command

If circumstances prevent CG, TRADOC from being able to execute command duties on a continued basis, then command should be devolved.

a. Voluntary. CG, TRADOC may devolve command at any time under circumstances he deems appropriate.

b. Incapacitation by injury, illness, or medical condition. Command will devolve when CG, TRADOC suffers from an injury, illness, or medical condition that seriously impairs ability to command or requires taking medication that seriously impairs ability to command, including being under influence of general anesthesia.

c. General. Command will devolve when the CG, TRADOC because of unusual or exceptional circumstances, is not able to receive information and provide orders and direction to the command for a substantial period of time.

Chapter 3

Devolvement of Command

3-1. General principle

The senior regularly assigned officer present for duty normally has responsibility for command. The actual rank held (and not a frocked rank) is used to determine relative seniority.

3-2. Command of Headquarters (HQ) TRADOC

Under circumstances set forth in this regulation, or upon direction of the CG, TRADOC, command of TRADOC will devolve to the next senior regularly assigned officer in the command (this senior officer need not be physically located at or assigned to HQ TRADOC). Exceptions will be in accordance with (IAW) [AR 600-20](#), paragraph 2-7c.

3-3. Subordinate command devolvement

a. If a TRADOC general officer commander wants to designate as their acting commander an officer other than the next senior regularly assigned officer, they must request the Commander, TRADOC appoint that officer as the acting commander. The request for appointment should set forth: the normal chain of command devolvement; the name, rank, date of rank, branch, position, organization, and unit identification code of the junior officer to be appointed; and justification for the appointment. A list of eligible officers of the same grade as the proposed acting commander will be submitted with the request, and will include the same information as above. These requests will be forwarded to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4 (ATBO-BP), 5C North Gate Road, Room C301, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048 for action.

b. Each time a new CG of a TRADOC element assumes command, a new request for blanket designation/appointment of acting commander of junior officer in the same grade will be submitted – should the new CG so desire. These requests will be forwarded to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4 (ATBO-BP), 5C North Gate Road, Room C301, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048 for action.

c. Assumption of command memorandums will be prepared IAW [AR 600-20](#). A copy of the memorandum will be forwarded to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4 (ATBO-BP), 5C North Gate Road, Room C301, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048, for filing.

Appendix A References

Section I

Required Publications

ARs, DA pamphlets, and DA forms are available at <http://www.apd.army.mil/>. TRADOC publications and forms are available at <http://www.tradoc.army.mil/publications.htm>.

AR 600-20
Army Command Policy

Section II

Related Publications

This section contains no entries.

Section III

Prescribed Forms

This section contains no entries.

Section IV

Referenced Forms

DA Form 1045
Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) Proposal

DA Form 2028
Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

Glossary

Section I

Abbreviations

AR	Army regulation
CG	commanding general
HQ	headquarters
IAW	in accordance with
TRADOC	U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command
