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(U) REFERENCES:

REF//A/ AR 350-1 ARMY TRAINING AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT, 19 AUG 2014//  
REF//B/ AR 600-100, ARMY LEADERSHIP, 08 MAR 2007//  
REF//C/ AR 621-7, ARMY FELLOWSHIPS, AUG 1997//  
REF//D/ AR 614-200, ENLISTED ASSIGNMENTS AND UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT, RAR 11 OCT 2011//

1. (U) PURPOSE: HQDA G-3/5/7 ANNOUNCES AN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR SERGEANTS MAJOR AS A US ARMY FELLOW AT THE UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY (USASMA).

2. (U) THE USASMA FELLOWSHIP IS A STEP IN DEVELOPING THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY'S WAYPOINT 2, "ADAPTIVE ARMY LEADERS FOR A COMPLEX WORLD" TO "CULTIVATE STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE AND LEADERSHIP FROM SENIOR NCOS"...AND "EDUCATE AND DEVELOP ALL SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS TO GROW THE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX CONTEMPORARY SECURITY ENVIRONMENT." WE MUST BUILD A CADRE OF FUTURE SENIOR NCOS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SOUND STRATEGIC LEVEL ADVICE TO OUR LEADERS.

3. (U) THE USASMA FELLOWSHIP PROVIDES SELECTED SERGEANTS MAJOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADULT EDUCATION FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY (PENN STATE) AND FULL TIME INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION FOLLOWED BY 36-MONTH ASSIGNMENT AS STAFF GROUP ADVISORS/INSTRUCTORS FOR THE SERGEANTS MAJOR COURSE (SMC) AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS.

4. (U) EDUCATION EXPENSES INCLUDING APPLICATION FEE, TUITION AND BOOKS WILL BE BORNE BY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

5. (U) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

5.A. ACTIVE COMPONENT SERGEANT MAJOR; SERVED AT THE 6 OR 7C OR 7S LEVEL; SERGEANT MAJOR SERVED AT THE 7S LEVEL. NOTE: THIS REQUIREMENT

IS WAIVERABLE TO 6S BY COMMANDANT USASMA BASED ON NEEDS OF THE ACADEMY OR STRUCTURE OF CERTAIN CMFS.

5.B. POSSESS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION WITH A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER.

5.C. MUST BE ABLE TO COMPLETE FULL FELLOWSHIP AND UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION AND WITHOUT EXCEEDING THE RETENTION CONTROL POINT (RCP) OF 32 YEARS OR MANDATORY RETIREMENT DATE (MRD) FOR REASONS SUCH AS AGE.

5.D. COMPETING FOR COMMAND SELECT LIST (CSL) OR NOMINATIVE POSITIONS WILL BE AUTHORIZED AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM AND TWO YEARS AS AN INSTRUCTOR AT USASMA.

5.E. POSSESS INTERPERSONAL SKILLS AND ABILITY TO INTERACT AND FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUALS OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS.

5.F. NOT BE PENDING ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS.

5.G. MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.

5.H. HAVE OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS UPLOADED AND READABLE IN THE AMHRR PRIOR TO SUBMITTING FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION.

5.I. ABILITY TO BEGIN FELLOWSHIP ON OR ABOUT 10 AUG 2015.

5.J. MEET AND MAINTAIN HEIGHT/WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (APFT).

5.K. MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF AR 614-200, ENLISTED ASSIGNMENTS AND UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT, PARA 6-9 AND 6-12.

6. (U) APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS 03 FEB 2015. A MILPER MESSAGE WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS IS FORTHCOMING.

7. (U) USASMA POINTS OF CONTACT: MR. SYLVESTER SMITH, (915)744-9192, OR EMAIL AT SYLVESTER.L.SMITH.CIV@MAIL.MIL.

8. (U) ARMY G-3/5/7 POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS MESSAGE IS MS. JOYCE LAURENT, (703)545-4374, OR EMAIL AT JOYCEALEXIS.A.LAURENT.CIV@MAIL.MIL.

9. (U) EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS MESSAGE IS 11 FEB 2016.