

may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local PO's national headquarters.

(4) When finalized, the MOU will detail the maximum level of support to be extended to all of the affiliated chapters, regardless of overseas locations. Support will not be provided until HQDA notification of approval and implementing instructions are provided to MACOMs concerned.

### Subpart E—Participation in Activities of Private Organizations (Associations)

#### § 556.31 Scope.

(a) This chapter specifies policy for official participation by DA agencies, commands, and personnel in the activities of private organizations, societies, and associations, including technical and professional societies that operate on- or off-DA installations.

(b) The following provisions do not apply to DA military or civilian personnel participating in POs as individuals, acting outside their official capacity as employees of the Federal Government. Such membership or participation is permissible as long as it complies with laws (including the Hatch Act and the Anti-Lobbying Act) and regulations that prohibit soldiers and civilian employees from engaging in activities inconsistent with their Federal employment. (See AR 600-50.)

#### § 556.32 Limitations.

(a) Participation will be limited to the extent of DOD interest involved.

(b) The favoring of one organization over another will be avoided.

#### § 556.33 Official participation in POs.

(a) The following situations will be avoided:

(1) Unauthorized membership in a PO by the United States or its representatives. (See 24 Comp. Gen. 814; 31 Comp. Gen. 398; 32 Comp. Gen. 15.)

(2) Participation in the management and control of POs, in an official capacity, without congressional authorization.

(3) Participation in the determinations or conclusions of POs so as to suggest compliance by the Government

without subsequent responsible administrative authority or congressional authorization.

(4) If doubt exists as to whether membership of an agency is authorized in a particular PO, the case should be referred to HQDA (DAJA-AL) WASH DC 20310-2212 prior to acceptance of membership.

(b) DA agencies may participate in activities of POs in the discussion of matters of mutual interest, subject to AR 600-50 and otherwise consistent with law, including anti-trust laws and laws relating to national security. An agency representative may vote verbally or in writing on issues presented for a vote, provided it is made clear to the PO that such vote indicates no more than the opinion of that representative. No vote so cast will be considered to bind DA or any DA agency, in any way, to a particular present or future course of action.

(c) DA military and civilian personnel will not accept an honorary office or honorary membership in any trade or professional organization that includes in its membership business entities that are engaged in, or are attempting to engage in, providing goods and services to a component of DOD, including its NAFIs. An honorary office includes any office, whether termed honorary or not, when the selection for that office is on the basis of an official DA position or assignment.

#### § 556.34 Permissive TDY.

Permissive TDY for the attendance of military and civilian personnel at PO meetings will be per AR 1-211.

#### APPENDIX A TO PART 556—REFERENCES

Required Publications. A required publication is a publication which the reader must have in order to understand the publication.

AR 1-211

Attendance of Military and Civilian Personnel at Private Organization Meetings. (Cited in § 556.34.)

AR 37-60

Pricing for Materiel and Services. (Cited in § 556.22(c).)

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AR 58–1

Management Acquisition and Use of Administrative Motor Vehicles (Cited in § 556.29.)

AR 60–20

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) Operating Policies. (Cited in § 556.18(a).)

AR 405–80

Granting Use of Real Estate. (Cited in § 556.23.)

AR 600–20

Army Command Policy and Procedures. (Cited in § 556.9(d).)

AR 600–50

Standards of Conduct for Department of the Army Personnel. (Cited in §§ 556.6(c), 556.9(d) and 556.31.)

AR 700–32

Logistic Support of United States Non-governmental, Nonmilitary Agencies and Individuals in Overseas Military Commands. (Cited in § 556.30.)

AR 870–20

Museums and Historical Artifacts. (Cited in § 556.18(a).)

**Related Publications**

A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.

AR 1–100

Gifts and Donations.

AR 11–2

Internal Control Systems.

AR 108–2

Army Training and Audiovisual Support.

AR140–488

Licenses to Use Army Reserve Facilities.

AR 190–30

Military Police Investigations.

AR 210–24

Credit Unions.

AR 210–135

Bank and Credit Unions on Army Installations.

AR 215–1

Administration of Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities.

AR 215–2

The Management and Operation of Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.

AR 360–61

Community Relations.

AR 630–5

Leave and Passes.

AR 700–83

Army Support of United Seamen's Service.

AR 930–1

Army Use of USO Services.

AR 930–4

Army Emergency Relief.

AR 930–5

American National Red Cross Service Program and Army Utilization.

AFR 46–6

Support for Civil Air Patrols.

DODI 1000.15

Private Organizations on DOD Installations.

DODD 5500.2

Policies Governing Participation of Department of Defense Components and Personnel in Activities of Private Associations.

DODD 5500.7

Standards of Conduct.

DODD 4525.6

Single Manager for Military Postal Service.

**APPENDIX B TO PART 556—CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS BY TYPE AND SUBTYPE**

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- a. Type 1—federally sanctioned.
- b. Type 2—affiliated.
- c. Type 3—independent.

B-2. Subtypes of private organizations

- a. Financial institutions.
- b. Community services, fraternal/benevolent.

- c. Labor-management organizations.
  - d. Sports, hobbies, crafts.
  - e. Distaff service organizations.
  - f. Youth groups.
  - g. Professional, scientific, and management.
  - h. Religious groups.
- B-3. Examples of private organizations by type and subtype
- a. Type I—federally sanctioned. Subtypes are—
    - (1) Financial institutions.
      - (i) Banks.
      - (ii) Credit unions.
    - (2) Labor-management organizations.
      - (i) Labor organizations.
      - (b) Association of managers and supervisors.
      - (3) Community service.
        - (i) USO.
        - (ii) Red Cross.
        - (iii) United Seamen’s Service.
      - (iv) Component relief/aid organizations.
    - (4) Youth groups.
  - b. Type 2—affiliated. Subtypes are—
    - (1) Professional, scientific, and management.
      - (i) Engineering or scientific fraternities.
      - (ii) Associations of active duty personnel.
      - (iii) Nurses’ guilds.
      - (iv) Financial management associations.
      - (v) Personnel management organizations.
    - (2) Sports, hobbies, crafts.
      - (i) Affiliated hobby/craft groups.
      - (ii) Sports Officials’ Association.
    - (3) Community service.
      - (i) Veterans organizations.
      - (ii) Parent Teachers Association.
      - (iii) Surviving spouse/parent organizations.
      - (iv) Ethnic group affiliations.
      - (v) Reserve and retired associations.
    - (vi) Affiliated community service clubs.
    - (4) Religious groups.
      - (i) Altar guild society.
      - (ii) Guilds.
      - (iii) Religious youth organizations.
    - (5) Youth organizations.
      - (i) Junior Army Navy Guild Organizations (JANGO)
      - (ii) 4-H Clubs.
      - (iii) Scouting organizations.
      - (iv) Little league.
    - (6) Other affiliations.
  - c. Type 3—-independent. Subtypes are—
    - (1) Sports, hobbies, and crafts.
    - (ii) Model clubs.
    - (ii) Stamp, coin, other collectors.
    - (iii) Theater and dance guilds.
    - (iv) Fish and game clubs.
    - (v) Golf leagues.
    - (vi) Bowling leagues not affiliated with national organizations. (Note: DOD has waived requirement for nationally affiliated bowling leagues to become private organizations under this regulation.)
    - (vii) Investment clubs.

- (2) Youth organizations.
  - (i) Contemporary age clubs (teens, and so forth).
  - (ii) Youth sports/recreation clubs.
- (3) Professional, scientific, management. Local, independent, unaffiliated organizations.
  - (4) Community service.
    - (i) Thrift shops.
    - (ii) School booster clubs.
    - (iii) Local ethnic groups.
    - (iv) Museum associations and foundations.
    - (v) Social problem study groups.
  - (5) Auxiliary organizations.
    - (i) Spouses’ or wives’ clubs (may include thrift shop operations).
    - (ii) National origin clubs.
  - (6) Religious. Local, independent, unaffiliated organizations.

GLOSSARY

*Abbreviations*

- AAFES.* Army and Air Force Exchange Service
- ACS.* Army Community Services
- AFR.* Air Force Regulation
- APF.* Appropriated funds
- CFSC.* U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center
- CONUS.* Continental United States
- CPR.* Civilian Publication Regulation
- DA.* Department of the Army
- DCSPER.* Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel
- DOD.* Department of Defense
- FPM.* Federal Personnel Manual
- HQDA.* Headquarters, Department of the Army
- IRS.* Internal Revenue Service
- MACOM.* Major command
- MBFS.* Military banking facilities
- MOU.* Memorandum of Understanding
- MPS.* Military Postal Service
- MWR.* Morale, welfare and recreation
- NAF.* Nonappropriated funds
- NAFI.* Nonappropriated fund instrumentality
- OCONUS.* Outside the continental United States
- OSD.* Office of the Secretary of Defense
- POS.* Private Organizations
- SJA.* Staff Judge Advocate
- TDY.* Temporary duty
- USPS.* United States Postal Service

*Terms*

- Audit.* An official examination, verification, and correction of account books that shows the financial status of a PO.
- DA installation.* A location, facility, or activity assigned to, owned, leased, controlled, or occupied by DA.
- DOD family.* A group consisting of—
  - a. Active duty military personnel.
  - b. Retired military members.
  - c. Members of Reserve Components.
  - d. Family members and surviving spouses of personnel in a. through c. above.

- e. Local DOD civilian employees.
- 4. Other civilians as authorized by major commanders and installation commanders.

*Double entry accounting system.* A system in which both elements of each transaction (debits and credits) are—

- a. Recorded separately, and
- b. Recorded during the period of occurrence.

*Gross annual revenue.* The total revenue of a PO, which includes income from—

- a. Sales of goods and services.
- b. Membership assessments or dues.
- c. Contributions and donations.
- d. Interest.

*Investment club.* A membership that pools stated amounts of funds to invest in stock or other securities. Usually, group members pledge a regular amount to be paid into the club on a scheduled basis, for example, monthly and annually. Some clubs have a committee that gathers information on securities, selects the most promising, and recommends that the club invest in them. Other clubs rotate the investigatory responsibilities among all their members. Most require all members to vote for or against all investments, sales, exchanges, and other transactions.

*Nonappropriated fund instrumentality.* An integral DOD organizational unit that performs an essential Government function. It acts in its own name to provide, or assists other DOD organizations in providing, MWR programs for military personnel and authorized civilians. It is established and maintained individually or jointly by the secretaries of the military departments. As a fiscal entity, it maintains custody of and control over its NAFs and contributes to the MWR programs of organizational entities. It is not incorporated under the laws of any State or the District of Columbia. It enjoys the legal status of an instrumentality of the United States.

*Nonappropriated funds.* Cash and other assets received by NAFIs from sources other than monies appropriated by the Congress of the United States.

*Private organization.* A self-sustaining, non-Federal entity constituted or established and operated by individuals acting outside any official capacity as officers, employees, or agents of the Federal Government or its instrumentalities. It may be incorporated or unincorporated. It may operate on or off DA installations; however, to operate on-post, the private organization must have the written consent of the installation commander or higher authority.

*Qualified auditor.* An auditor qualified to hold grade UA/GS 9 (or local national equivalent grades) or above in civilian job series 510 or 511, or public accountant or certified public accountant licensed by a State or other recognized licensing jurisdiction.

*Single entry accounting system.* A simple system of recording transactions on a cash basis. No inventories or accounts receivable or payable are kept. (Often called a combination journal system.)

*Status of forces agreement.* International agreement which defines status of guest forces while on the territory of the host country.

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