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U.S. ARMY REGIMENTAL SYSTEMS, KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

THIS SOP PRESCRIBES POLICIES AND GUIDANCE FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE U.S. ARMY REGIMENTAL SYSTEM, KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (USARS-KSARNG). IT INCLUDES COMBAT ARMS, COMBAT SUPPORT, COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT AND SPECIAL BRANCHES.

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This SOP does not supersede or replace any KNGRs.

1. PURPOSE. This SOP establishes the U.S. Army Regimental System, Kansas Army National Guard. The purpose of the U.S. Army Regimental System is to enhance combat effectiveness through a framework that provides the opportunity for regimental affiliation, develops loyalty and commitment, fosters an extended sense of belonging, improves unit esprit de corps and institutionalizes the warfighting ethos. It further details the provisions for establishing regimental headquarters, duties of the Regimental Staff and guidelines for affiliation of soldiers with an appropriate regiment. It provides a means for every KSARNG officer and soldier to affiliate with a regiment.

2. REFERENCES. Required and related publications are listed in Annex A.

3. GENERAL.

a. Background. See Annex B.

b. Combat Arms Regiments will include Armor, Aviation, Field Artillery and Infantry. The Corps of Engineers, although a combat arm, is organized as a whole branch regiment. Annex C lists the Kansas Army National Guard regiments eligible to participate in USARS-ARNG.

c. Regiments within the combat support, combat service support and special branches are implemented under the USARS as follows: Adjutant General's Corps, Army Medical Department, Chaplain's Corps, Chemical Corps, Finance Corps, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Military Intelligence Corps, Military Police Corps, Ordnance Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps and Transportation Corps. Appendix C of NGR 600-82 lists combat support, combat service support and special branch regimental/corps headquarters.

4. HONORARY REGIMENTAL STAFF.

a. An honorary regimental staff will be appointed for each combat arms regiment listed in Annex C. The honorary regimental staff consists of an Honorary Colonel, a Regimental Adjutant, an Historian and an Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major.

b. The Honorary Colonel will be a retired general officer, colonel or lieutenant colonel who has served in the regiment in which appointed. The appointment will be for three years and will be made by The Adjutant General. The Honorary Colonel will have the following duties.

(1) As the symbolic head of the regiment, is the custodian of regimental heritage and traditions.

(2) Provides the link between all elements of the regimental family, including regimental veterans organizations, to promote esprit de corps throughout the regiment via correspondence and personal visits.

(3) May serve as president of the regimental association.

(4) As ceremonial head of the regiment, represents the regiment at military and civic functions.

(5) Chairs regimental committees.

(6) Although not in the chain of command, can assist battalion commanders with history, customs, esprit de corps and public affairs matters affecting the regiment.

(7) Directs the activities of the Regimental Adjutant, Historian and Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major.

(8) Serves without pay but may be reimbursed for official travel when authorized by The Adjutant General and when sufficient funds are available.

c. The Regimental Adjutant will be a retired officer who has served in the regiment in which appointed. The appointment will be for three years and will be made by The Adjutant General. The Regimental Adjutant will have the following duties.

(1) Maintain the regimental roster listing each individual's assignments to the regiment.

(2) Coordinate activities with the battalion adjutants of the regiment.

(3) Is encouraged to publish a regimental newsletter.

d. The Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major will be retired command sergeant major or a sergeant major who has served in the regiment in which appointed. The appointment will be for three years and will be made by The Adjutant General. He will have the following duties.

(1) Assist the Honorary Colonel in matters concerning esprit de corps, traditions and enlisted affairs.

(2) Coordinate activities with the Honorary Colonel and the command sergeants major of the battalions.

e. The Regimental Historian will be appointed by the Honorary Colonel. Normally, the Regimental Historian will be a

retired officer who has served in the regiment in which appointed and has expertise or interest in military history. He has the following duties.

(1) Maintain information pertaining to Lineage and Honors Certificates, Traditional Designation Certificate, Unit Day Certificates and other historical matters.

(2) Operate the regimental museum if one is established.

(3) Prepare and publish a regimental history to help indoctrinate new members of the regiment and document the history of the regiment in peacetime and wartime.

(4) Help the Adjutant publish the regimental newsletter.

(5) Serve as custodian of all regimental property such as colors, uniforms, portraits, books, prints, photos, artifacts and other historical properties.

(6) Ensure that all regimental property is inventoried annually and that it is properly maintained.

f. Certificates of appointment will be issued by The Adjutant General.

g. When vacancies in the staff occur, the Honorary Colonel, in coordination with current battalion commanders and retired members of the regiment, will nominate replacements to The Adjutant General.

5. DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT. Each regiment may appoint Distinguished Members of the Regiment (DMOR). Former members of the regiment who have distinguished themselves in military or civilian pursuits, and individuals who were in the chain of command above the regiment, are eligible for appointment as DMORs. DMOR certificates are available from AGKS-DOP.

6. HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT. Each regiment may appoint Honorary Members of the Regiment (HMOR). Honorary members may be military personnel who are not affiliated with the regiment or civilians who have assisted or supported activities of the regiment in areas such as recruiting, employer support, community relations, etc. HMOR certificates are available from AGKS-DOP.

7. REGIMENTAL AFFILIATION.

a. Each officer and soldier will affiliate with a regiment based on military occupational specialty (MOS) or branch.

(1) Combat arms officers and soldiers will affiliate with one of the regiments listed in Annex C.

(2) Engineer officers and soldiers will affiliate with the Corps of Engineers regiment.

(3) Special Forces officers and soldiers will affiliate with the 1st Special Forces.

(4) Combat support, combat service support and special branch officers and soldiers will affiliate with their Corps regiments.

b. Record regimental affiliation with a pencil entry in DA Form 2-1, item 4, such as "Affiliation Regiment--137th Infantry" or "Affiliated Regiment--Ordnance Corps". No orders or other documents are required.

c. Regimental affiliation may be changed. Officers or soldiers who change their branch or MOS will affiliate with the regiment or corps of their new branch or MOS. ARNG combat arms personnel who transfer to another state or Army component normally will not remain affiliated to their regiment unless authorized by The Adjutant General.

8. INSIGNIA OF AFFILIATED PERSONNEL.

a. Affiliated personnel will wear the regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) over the right pocket of the Army green, white and blue uniforms and on the right lapel of the Army white and blue mess and evening blue mess uniforms IAW AR 670-1. Members of the honorary regimental staff are authorized to wear the regimental DUI and all other authorized regimental accoutrements.

b. Each regimental soldier will be issued a regimental DUI on a one-time basis. Officers will purchase theirs.

c. All members of combat arms regiments will wear regimental branch of service insignia IAW AR 670-1. The regimental adjutant will coordinate the purchase of regimental branch insignia for the officers of the regiment. Federal funds will not be used for the purchase of officer branch of service insignia. Enlisted regimental branch of service insignia (one for each soldier) will be ordered from the USPFO. The USPFO will order insignia from certified manufacturers who will use Government dies available from the Institute of Heraldry.

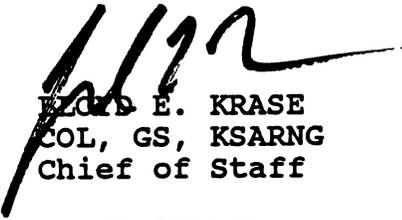
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9. REGIMENTAL COLORS. Each regimental headquarters is authorized a regimental color which will be ordered through the USPFO.

10. COMMENTS. Comments and suggested improvements should be sent to The Adjutant General of Kansas, ATTN: AGKS-DOP, PO Box C-300, Topeka, Kansas, 66601-0300.

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REFERENCES

Section I
Required Publications

AR 670-1 Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia
NGR 600-82 U.S. Army Regimental System (Army National Guard)
NGR 870-20 Army National Guard Museums and Historical
 Properties

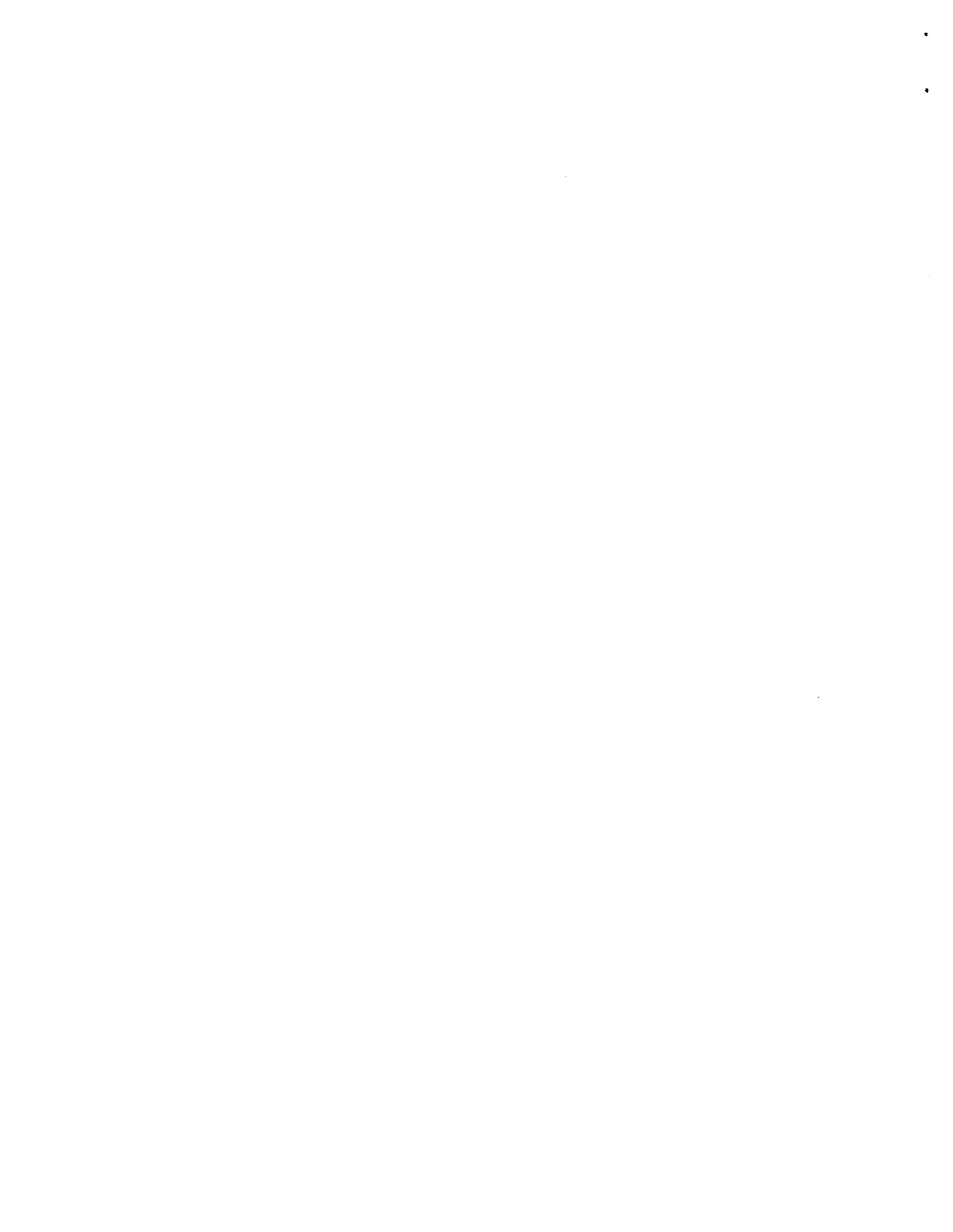
Section II

Related Publications

AR 220-5 Designation, Classification and Changes in Status
 of Units
AR 600-82 U.S. Army Regimental System
AR 672-5-1 Military Awards
AR 840-10 Flags, Guidons, Streamers, Tabards and Automobile
 and Aircraft Plates
AR 870-5 Military History: Responsibilities, Policies and
 Procedures
DA Pam 350-2 Developing and Maintaining Unit Cohesion
DA Pam 870-2 The Military Historian in the Field
CMH Pub 70-3 A Guide to the Study and Use of Military History
NGR 10-1 Organization and Federal Recognition of ARNG Units
NGR 340-1 Maintenance and Disposition of Records
NGR 870-5 Military History: Responsibilities, Policies and
 Procedures

BACKGROUND TO THE U.S. ARMY REGIMENTAL SYSTEM
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Unit esprit de corps and unit cohesion are essential characteristics of an effective fighting organization. Military history shows that units with esprit, a sense of tradition and pride in past achievements, perform well in combat. The regiment was the primary tactical unit in the National Guard from the organization of the North, South and East Regiments in 1636 until 1959. The regiment had its roots in a particular community or geographical area within the state. The regiment was not only the repository for history and tradition, it also served as the basic personnel organization. Before 1959, National Guard soldiers could spend their entire military careers in a particular regiment. In 1959 ARNG regiments were replaced by battle groups which were later replaced by battalions. The Combat Arms Regimental System (CARS) was created as a framework for battalions to continue their identity and their affiliation with their parent regiments without restricting changes in force structure. Under CARS the regiment continued to serve as the repository of lineage, honors, traditions and heraldry. Phase V of CARS, which was not implemented, provided for establishing regimental headquarters. The USAR-ARNG authorizes State Adjutants General to formally establish a regimental headquarters that will serve as the focal point for regimental affairs.



KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL COMBAT ARMS REGIMENTS
AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. ARMY REGIMENTAL SYSTEM
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137th Infantry Regiment

635th Armored Regiment

127th Field Artillery Regiment

130th Field Artillery Regiment

161st Field Artillery Regiment

108th Aviation Regiment

