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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP

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Section I. NATIONAL BOARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF RIFLE PRACTICE

1. General. Title 10, United States Code, sections 4307 through 4313, imposed an obligation upon the Secretary of the Army to promote marksmanship training with military-type individual small arms among able-bodied citizens of the United States and within the limits of available funds, to provide citizens outside the active services of the Armed Forces of the United States with means whereby they may become proficient in the use of such arms. This obligation is fulfilled on behalf of the Secretary of the Army by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP) and its implementing agency, the Office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. The Under Secretary of the Army is presently required by the Secretary of the Army to be president of the Board and in that capacity acts for the Secretary of the Army concerning the activities relating to the program of the NBPRP, including approval of expenditures by the NBPRP.

2. Mission. Under the authority set forth in paragraph 1, the principal mission of the National

Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice is to promote among able-bodied citizens, not reached through training programs of the active components of the Armed Forces of the United States, practice in the use of military-type individual small arms; to promote matches and competitions in the use of such arms; and to issue in connection therewith necessary arms, ammunition, targets, and other necessary supplies and appliances; and to procure and award to winning competitors trophies, medals, badges, and other insignia. In the execution of this mission the Board is charged with encouraging and supporting small arms target practice throughout the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the purpose of training the citizenry in the use of military-type individual small arms, particularly to the end that those individuals who may be called upon to serve in time of war will be qualified as finished instructors and marksmen, and to create a public sentiment which emphasizes the necessity of marksmanship training with military-type individual small arms as a means of national defense.

*This regulation supersedes AR 920-15, 16 July 1959, including C 1, 4 May 1961.

3. Composition. *a. Source of membership.* The National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice will consist of not less than 21 members nor more than 25 members, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Army from time to time from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserve Officers Association, National Guard Bureau, Selective Service, National Rifle Association, and the country at large.

b. Tenure of office. Effective 1 July 1964, the tenure of office for NBPRP members will be for 3 years, with one-third of the membership terminating annually.

c. Termination of appointments. Effective 1 July 1964, appointments of that one-third of the current Board members having the longest standing membership will be terminated. Appointments of the next third in length of membership will be terminated on 30 June 1964, and the last third on 30 June 1966.

d. Balanced membership. In order to preserve a proper balance in membership, Board membership will be considered as separate military and civilian categories, with both military and civilian members considered annually for appointment. Members may be appointed for successive terms.

e. Nominating agencies. Nominating agencies are privileged to nominate a new member at any time to fill the unexpired term of an outgoing member.

f. Representation. Representation of each agency will be by nomination from the agency itself in numbers to be designated from time to time by the President of the Board.

g. Civilian representation. The National Rifle Association is designated as the nominating agency for civilian members comprising the representation of the National Rifle Association and the country at large.

h. Review of nominations. All nominations to the Board will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Board for review and recommendation prior to submission to the President of the Board for final approval and appointment.

4. Members to serve without compensation. Members will serve without compensation as such, other than reimbursement of necessary authorized expenses.

5. Executive Committee. *a.* An Executive Committee consisting of not less than three members of the Board will be appointed by the President

of the NBPRP at the first meeting of the Board each year. This committee will serve for 1 year. The representative of the Office, Assistant Chief of Staff for Forces Development, Department of the Army, on the Board, normally will be chairman of the Executive Committee.

b. The Executive Committee will, during such times as the Board is not in session, act for the Board on all matters referred to it and its action, when approved by the President of the Board, will become binding on the Board.

6. Budget Committee. *a.* A Budget Committee, consisting of not less than three members of the Board will be appointed by the President of the Board at the first meeting each year.

b. The Budget Committee will advise the Executive Officer in the preparation and defense of budget requests for "National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, Army," and as otherwise required concerning budgetary matters pertaining to activities of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.

7. Expenditure projects. Expenditures of funds will be made only in accordance with expenditure projects prepared by the Executive Officer with the advice of the Budget Committee in accordance with law and regulations and approved by the President of the Board.

8. Executive Officer. *a.* The Executive Officer normally will be a commissioned officer of the Army selected by the president of the Board.

b. He will be recorder of the Board and, under the direction of the president of the Board, will—

- (1) Conduct its detailed business.
- (2) Make all contracts and agreements covering the expenditure of public funds in accordance with law and regulations.
- (3) With advice of the Budget Committee of the Board, prepare and defend the annual requests of the Board for appropriations which are necessary to accomplish the duties charged to the Board; appear before the Budget Advisory Committee of the Army; Comptroller, Department of Defense; Bureau of the Budget; and Congressional Committees on Appropriations.
- (4) Make recommendations to the President of the Board relating to policies of the Board.



- (5) Act as Chairman of the National Match Fund Council.
- (6) Arrange for award of trophies and medals in marksmanship competitions sponsored by the Board.
- (7) Coordinate National Match planning.

9. Logistical support. The active Army will provide, within the limits of available funds, logistical support for this program through supply and service activities and Department of the Army stocks in accordance with availability and the established supply and pricing policy. This program is funded for through separate appropriations, the budget estimates for which are prepared by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.

10. Meetings. The Board will hold two meetings annually for the transaction of such business

as may properly come before it. These meetings will be held at such times and places as may be directed by the President of the Board.

11. Government of the Board. *a.* Robert's Rules of Order will be authority for the governing and regulating of all meetings of the NBPRP.

b. Proxies will not be allowed in either meetings of the Board or meetings of regularly appointed committees of the Board.

c. The President of the Board and the Executive Officer will be ex-officio members of all committees of the Board. The Budget Officer will be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee.

d. In the absence of the President of the Board from a meeting, a Chairman pro tem will be elected from those members present to serve for that session only.

Section II. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP

12. Director of Civilian Marksmanship. *a.* Title 10, United States Code, section 4307, authorizes the President to detail an officer of the Army or Marine Corps as Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM). The Office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship is the implementing agency for the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. The DCM is responsible for implementing the policies established by the Board as approved by the President of the Board for the Secretary of the Army. The Executive Officer of the NBPRP may also be the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

b. Under the direction of the NBPRP, and as provided in pertinent Department of the Army regulations, the Director of Civilian Marksmanship is responsible for—

- (1) Initiating, developing, coordinating, and recommending appropriate actions on matters pertaining to—
 - (a) Organization of civilian rifle clubs.
 - (b) Procedure and policy governing the enrollment of civilian clubs and schools in the civilian marksmanship program fostered by the NBPRP and implemented by the DCM.
 - (c) Policies and procedures governing the issue or sale to civilians of rifles, ammunition, targets, and other supplies

and materials required in the conduct of small arms marksmanship training.

- (d) Bonding of clubs and schools to which Government property is issued on a loan basis.
- (e) Proper accountability of property issued to civilian rifle clubs and schools.
- (f) Policies and procedures governing award of marksmanship qualification badges, medals, and trophies provided by the NBPRP in execution of the programs of marksmanship training and competitions fostered by the Board.
- (g) Requests of schools and authorized civilian organizations to use government-owned rifle ranges at military installations throughout the United States.
- (2) Conducting a continuing review of major policies of the NBPRP as related to those of the National Rifle Association to insure proper correlation between the two organizations on matters pertaining to nationwide civilian marksmanship training program fostered by the NBPRP and executed in collaboration with the NRA.

13. Program of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. The program of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle

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Practice, subject to approval by the Secretary of the Army, and within the limits of available funds, will be implemented in accordance with AR 145-
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395, AR 672-5-1, AR 622-10, AR 700-100, AR 735-10, AR 735-38, AR 920-30, AR 920-20, and AR 920-35. See also paragraph 27, AR 640-203.

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