

## **Medical Examinations for Judge Advocate Candidates United States Army Reserve**

*Overview.* In order to be commissioned as a United States Army Reserve (USAR) Officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC), you must undergo a medical examination to determine if you are medically qualified for military service. These examinations are conducted by a civilian medical provider under contract with the Army to conduct Initial Military Medical Examinations. This is a critical step in the accessions process. If you are not certified as medically qualified, you cannot be commissioned and enter the JAGC.

*Procedures.* You should start the medical examination process as soon as you have made a decision to apply for an appointment in the United States Army Reserve. The process can take up to 45 days to complete, especially if the examination indicates a medical condition that requires a waiver. *Note: Candidates for the National Guard should consult their state accessions manager for information on medical examinations.*

Submit your request for an examination by email to Mr. Tony Woods in the Judge Advocate Recruiting Office (JARO) at [tony.woods@hqda.army.mil](mailto:tony.woods@hqda.army.mil). Place "Army Reserve Accessions Physical" in the subject line and include the following information: Last Name, First Name, Address, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Email Address, and Telephone Number. *Privacy Act Notice:* This information will be used by the Department of Defense to schedule you for a Military Medical Examination. Submission of the information is voluntary but failure to submit the information may delay or preclude your medical examination.

Mr. Woods will submit your information to Mr. Larry Mullen, Deputy Director, Department of Defense, Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB). Mr. Mullen will contact you via email with final instructions on scheduling your Physical Examination. Your physical will be done at a local treatment facility. If at any time during this process you encounter any problems you are to contact Mr. Woods at 703-696-2815 or via email at [tony.woods@hqda.army.mil](mailto:tony.woods@hqda.army.mil).

*Applicants with Current Military Service.* If you are currently on active duty in the Armed Forces or in the Active Reserves, you can request a commissioning physical at the nearest Military Medical Treatment Facility that services your unit. This facility may or may not honor your request based on their operational requirements. You should ensure that the physical is an "**accession**" or "**commissioning**" physical in accordance with Army Regulation 40-501. This type of physical is very comprehensive, and the medical personnel must conduct tests not normally performed in a standard military retention or separation physical (such as drug, HIV, urine, pregnancy, and alcohol tests). **If all required tests are not performed, the physical will be returned as incomplete, and your entrance into the JAGC may be delayed.** Please contact Mr. Woods if you have any questions on these issues.

Note: commissioned officers currently serving in the Active Army or Army Reserve may, under certain circumstances, be able to submit a recent "Retention physical" that is not more than two years old. Please contact Mr. Woods for more details.

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*Significant Medical Conditions.* If you have suffered a major illness or significant surgery during your life, you should obtain a copy of the medical records relating to these illnesses or injuries and bring it to your examination to avoid delays with your medical qualification. This is especially important if you have experienced any of the following conditions:

- Asthma
- Lasik, PRK, or other corrective eyesight surgery
- Any visit to a mental health care provider
- Significant orthopedic or lumbar injury or surgery
- Cancer

*Questions?* For assistance with medical examinations, contact Mr. Tony Woods at (703) 696-2815 or [tony.woods@hqda.army.mil](mailto:tony.woods@hqda.army.mil).