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Command Policy Letter CG 09-13

SUBJECT: VDF Battalion Command Tour Policy

1. Appointment of Battalion Commanders within the VDF will be made from a centralized order of merit (OML) list maintained at Division Headquarters.

- a.. Brigade Commanders with an actual or projected battalion command vacancy will request the current OML list from Division. With the exception of specialty battalions (i.e. medical, signal, aviation, etc), commands will be offered in descending order to the current OML. OML members may decline the offered command, in which case it will be offered to the next OML member.
 - b. Battalion Command tour length is to be no less than 3 years nor more than 5 years, unless sooner relieved. Battalion Command tours will not be extended beyond five years unless no member of the current OML is willing to accept said command.
 - c. Former Battalion Commanders will be assigned to positions to utilize their enhanced experience. Final approval of the first follow-on assignment of former Battalion Commanders remains with the CG, VDF. Priority of fill by former battalion Commanders will be Brigade XOs, BDE S-3s, primary Division G staff positions, Deputy Division G-3, Division Inspector General, and Division Deputy Chief of Staff..
 - d. Command of special troop battalions will be offered to an abridged OML list to those officers having the requisite technical skill, license or certification.
2. POC is the Chief of Staff, (540)760-3603.

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