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**OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1500.53B**

**From:** Chief of Naval Operations  
**To:** All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees not having Navy personnel attached)

**Subj:** RESERVE ALLIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL (RAMP) PROGRAM

**Ref:** (a) BUPERSINST 1001.39A (NOTAL)

1. **Purpose.** To revise and reissue regulations for implementation and execution of the RAMP program. This is a complete revision and must be read in its entirety. Marginal annotations are eliminated.

2. **Cancellation.** OPNAVINST 1500.53A.

3. **Background.** The RAMP program satisfies the need for critical Naval Enlisted Classifications (NECs) in Reserve components that are not attainable through "A" school and not practical through "C" school because of course length or availability. The RAMP program is a cost-effective means of attaining required NECs for Hospital Corpsmen (HMs) and Dental Technicians (DTs). The Office of Surgeon General of the Navy (N093) is the resource sponsor for this program. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) is the major claimant.

4. **Policy.** The RAMP program is open to Selected Reservists (SELRES) in HM/DT ratings (including individuals accessed under the previous RAMP Program) who possess the NEC 0000/8404/8707 or a noncritical NEC; Navy veterans (NAVETs) in HM/DT ratings affiliating, with the Selected Reserve who possess the NEC 0000 or a non-critical NEC; and other service veterans (OSVETs) with medical or dental Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) or Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSCs). Selected Reservists selected for the RAMP program will execute an extension or reenlistment for a 6-year obligation after their acceptance by an approved institution in an approved curriculum. RAMP program students are subject to all participation requirements of reference (a). Personnel accessed under the previous RAMP program who have not yet

completed their course curriculum will be permitted to do so.

a. Personnel must be assigned to a medical unit in a drill pay status and perform drills and annual training (AT) with their Reserve unit.

b. Applicants must be an HM/DT in the permanent pay grade of E1 through E6, who have successfully completed HM/DT "A" school.

c. Quotas for RAMP program students will be established based upon critical NEC shortfalls in the Selected Reserve.

d. The Naval Health Sciences Education and Training Command (HSETC) will pay for tuition, books, and fees required by the training institution and costs for required equipment and specialized clothing required of all students in a particular course of instruction. Transportation costs, lodging, board, and miscellaneous fees (medical, student activity, etc.) will not be covered or reimbursed. Payment for tuition and fees will be made directly to the institution. Payment for books, equipment, and specialized clothing will also be made directly to institutions; however, reimbursement to individuals may be made under extenuating circumstances with prior approval by HSETC.

e. RAMP Program students are eligible for enlistment/reenlistment bonuses following current instructions in effect at time of their enlistment/reenlistment.

f. Upon successful completion of civilian training, HSETC will forward the NEC recommendation to the Naval Reserve Personnel Center, New Orleans. Failure to complete successfully civilian schooling will result in reverting to the NEC held at the time of acceptance into the program.

**5. Responsibilities**

a. N093 will act as the program sponsor and as the resource sponsor for tuition and fee costs.

b. Chief, BUMED will:

(1) Establish quotas by NEC.



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(2) Budget for training costs.

(3) Provide N093 with ongoing assessments of the status of the RAMP program.

(4) Authorize direct liaison between HSETC and Naval Reserve activities with RAMP program students.

c. Commanding Officer, HSETC will:

(1) Act as program manager for academic and administrative aspects of the RAMP program.

(2) Ensure training quality. Maintain lists and current publications of approved schools and required curricula that provide civilian equivalent training for the awarding of critical NECs.

(3) Establish procedures to effect payments to participating institutions (or individuals); make authorized payments for approved academic costs; manage budget execution for the RAMP program.

(4) Establish acceptance criteria for RAMP program personnel.

(5) Monitor academic programs to ensure they lead to attainment of desired NEC; monitor student performance and ensure that students continue on an approved academic course of instruction resulting in an approved NEC.

(6) Approve applications for enrollment in the RAMP program. Notify commander, Naval Reserve Force (COMNAVRESFOR) and appropriate Naval Reserve Activities of approval/disapproval of applicants.

(7) Disenroll RAMP students who fail academically or who fail to maintain an approved training path (schedule) which will result in obtaining an approved NEC. Redirect students to another approved NEC as circumstances warrant.

d. Director of Naval Reserve (N095) will provide ongoing assessments of success of the RAMP program.

e. Commander, Naval Reserve Force will:

(1) Ensure RAMP program students are assigned to billets requiring the NEC for which they are being trained.

(2) Provide Reserve Training Support System (RTSS) manning data (i.e., inventory vs. NEC requirements) for critical NECs to HSETC via BUMED annually.

(3) Authorize direct liaison between Naval Reserve activities with RAMP program students and HSETC.

f. Commanding officers and officers in charge of Naval Reserve activities will:

(1) Provide HSETC with the name and phone number of their point of contact for the RAMP program.

(2) Monitor drill status and notify COMNAVRESFOR and HSETC of any change in status (e.g., unsatisfactory participation, transfer to records review, not physically qualified).

(3) Liaison with HSETC on an as needed basis.

(4) Process applications and other paperwork associated with the RAMP program following program directives.

(5) Be responsible for personnel management of RAMP students.

(6) Assist RAMP students in processing paperwork for reimbursements for individual claims.

6. **Reports.** The reporting requirements contained in this instruction are exempt from reports controlled by SECNAVINST 5214. 2B.

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