

part 725. This amendment provides notice that the Judge Advocate General of the Navy has made administrative corrections to the General Litigation regulations found in Chapter VI of the JAGMAN. It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment would be impractical and unnecessary, and is therefore not required under the public rule-making provisions of 32 CFR parts 336 and 701. However, interested persons are invited to comment in writing on this amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR part 725, or the instructions on which they are based. It has been determined that this final rule is not a major rule within the criteria specified in Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258, and does not have substantial impact on the public. This submission is a statement of policy and as such can be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

#### Matters of Regulatory Procedure

##### *Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review*

This rule does not meet the definition of "significant regulatory action" for purposes of Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258.

##### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

##### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

#### List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 725

Authority to determine and respond.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 725 to read as follows:

#### **PART 725—RELEASE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION FOR LITIGATION PURPOSES AND TESTIMONY BY DEPARTMENT OF NAVY PERSONNEL**

■ 1. Section 725.6 is amended by revising paragraph (c)(i) to read as follows:

##### **§ 725.6 Authority to determine and respond**

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(c) \* \* \*

(1) Litigation requests regarding matters assigned to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy under Navy Regulations, article 0331 (1990), shall be referred to the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General for General Litigation, Office of the Navy Judge Advocate General (Washington Navy Yard), 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE., Suite 3000, Washington, DC, 20374-5066, who will respond for the Judge Advocate General or transmit the request to the appropriate Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General for response.

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Dated: April 5, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### 32 CFR Part 727

RIN 0703-AA73

#### Legal Assistance

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is amending its regulations concerning the provision of legal assistance to military members and other persons eligible for legal assistance to reflect recent changes to Chapter VII of the Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN).

**DATES:** Effective April 16, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LCDR Jason Baltimore, Personnel Law Branch, Administrative Law Division (Code 13), Office of the Judge Advocate General, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066, (703) 604-8208.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority cited below, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 727. This amendment provides notice that the Judge Advocate General of the Navy has made administrative corrections to the Legal Assistance regulations found in Chapter XII of the JAGMAN. It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment would be impractical and unnecessary, and is therefore not required under the public rule-making provisions of 32 CFR parts 336 and 701. However, interested persons are invited to comment in writing on this

amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR part 727, or the instructions on which they are based. It has been determined that this final rule is not a major rule within the criteria specified in Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258, and does not have substantial impact on the public. This submission is a statement of policy and as such can be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

#### Matters of Regulatory Procedure

##### *Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review*

This rule does not meet the definition of "significant regulatory action" for purposes of Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258.

##### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

##### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

#### List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 727

Legal Assistance.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 727 to read as follows:

#### **PART 727—LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

■ 1. Section 727.5 is revised to read as follows:

##### **§ 727.5 Persons eligible for assistance.**

Legal assistance shall be available to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents, and military personnel of allied nations serving in the United States, its territories or possessions. Legal assistance is intended primarily for the benefit of active duty personnel during active service, including reservists (and members of the National Guard) on active duty for 30 days or more. As resources permit, legal assistance may be extended to retired military personnel, their dependents, survivors of members of the Armed Forces who would be eligible were the service member alive, reservists on active duty for single periods of 29 days or less, members of Reserve Components following release from active duty under

a call or order to active duty for more than 30 days issued under a mobilization authority (as determined by the Secretary of Defense), for a period of time that begins on the date of the release and is not less than twice the length of the period served on active duty under that call or order to active duty, and in overseas areas, civilians, other than local-hire employees, who are in the employ of, serving with, or accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces, and their dependents, when and if the workload of the office renders such service feasible, and other persons authorized by the Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### 32 CFR Part 752

RIN 0703-AA72

#### Admiralty Claims

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is amending its regulations concerning the limit on the Secretary of the Navy's settlement authority on admiralty claims to reflect recent changes to Chapter XII of the Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN).

**DATES:** Effective April 16, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

LCDR Jason Baltimore, Personnel Law Branch, Administrative Law Division (Code 13), Office of the Judge Advocate General, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066, (703) 604-8208.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority cited below, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 752. This amendment provides notice that the Judge Advocate General of the Navy has made administrative corrections to the Admiralty Claims regulations found in Chapter XII of the JAGMAN. It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment would be impractical and unnecessary, and is therefore not required under the public rule-making provisions of 32 CFR parts 336 and 701. However, interested persons are invited to comment in writing on this

amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR part 752, or the instructions on which they are based. It has been determined that this final rule is not a major rule within the criteria specified in Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258, and does not have substantial impact on the public. This submission is a statement of policy and as such can be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

#### Matters of Regulatory Procedure

##### *Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review*

This rule does not meet the definition of "significant regulatory action" for purposes of Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13258.

##### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

##### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

#### List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 752

Admiralty Claims.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 752 to read as follows:

#### PART 752—ADMIRALTY CLAIMS

##### **§ 752.2 [Amended]**

■ 1. Section 752.2, paragraph (a), is amended by removing the date "(1994)" following all citations to the United States Code.

##### **§ 752.3 [Amended]**

■ 2. Section 752.3, paragraph (a), is amended by removing the date "(1994)" following the citation to the United States Code and by removing the amount "\$1,000,000" and adding in its place the amount "\$15,000,000" wherever it occurs.

##### **§ 752.4 [Amended]**

■ 3. Section 752.4, paragraphs (a) and (c), are amended by removing the date "(1994)" following all citations to the United States Code.

##### **§ 752.5 [Amended]**

■ 4. Section 752.5, paragraph (b), is amended by removing the date "(1994)"

following all citations to the United States Code.

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## SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

### 32 CFR Parts 1602, 1605, 1609, and 1656

RIN 3240-AA01

#### Alternative Service Worker Appeals of Denied Job Reassignments

**AGENCY:** Selective Service System

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Selective Service System (SSS) amends its regulations regarding the procedures for conscientious objectors, who have been placed in the Alternative Service Program as Alternative Service Workers (ASW), to appeal denied requests for job reassignments during a military draft. Civilian Review Boards (CRB), whose sole responsibility is to decide ASW appeals of denied job reassignments, are abolished with their responsibilities transferred to District Appeal Boards (DAB). This organizational change is necessary to ensure a more efficient and economical administration of the SSS. Its primary intended effect is to eliminate the administrative costs of maintaining separate appeal boards for ASWs without adversely impacting on the Agency's ability to expeditiously decide appeals of denied job reassignments or appeals of local board classification decisions. A secondary intended effect is to improve customer service to ASWs during a military draft.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 16, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rudy G. Sanchez, Jr., Office of the General Counsel, Selective Service System, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209-2425. 703-605-4012.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Proposed Rule and Public Comment

The proposed amendments to Selective Service Regulations were published for public comment in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2004 (69 FR 5797). No comments were received. The proposed amendments to Selective Service regulations will become a final rule.