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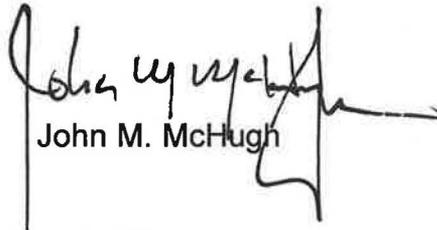
**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Army Directive 2015-08 (Expanding Positions in Open Occupations for the Assignment of Female Soldiers Within U.S. Army Special Operations Command)**

1. Reference Army Regulation (AR) 600-13 (Army Policy for the Assignment of Female Soldiers), 27 March 1992.
2. The Department of the Army is opening all positions in open occupations to women in the U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Army National Guard Special Forces Group (Airborne) Battalions, Military Information Support Operations Command Tactical Psychological Teams, and Special Forces Military Free Fall Operations Additional Skill Identifiers 4X (officers) and W8 (enlisted). This change to Army policy does not include currently closed occupations and positions with closed skill identifiers listed in the enclosure. Accordingly, this directive announces a limited modification to AR 600-13 to permit the assignment of female officers, warrant officers and enlisted Soldiers to the open positions.
3. The assignment of females into previously closed units will occur incrementally. Female leaders will be assigned first to provide a support network for junior female Soldiers and to offer advice to the unit's leadership.
4. Commanders at all levels are responsible for executing the provisions of this directive. U.S. Army Human Resources Command, as well as S-1s at the group and battalion levels, must actively manage the assignment of women to ensure the appropriate manning of female cadre role models.
5. The 30-day congressional notification process required by Title 10, U.S. Code, section 652 was completed on 18 November 2014. This directive is effective immediately.
6. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 is the proponent for this policy and will incorporate the guidance in this directive into the next revision of AR 600-13 as soon as possible. Where the guidance in this directive contradicts AR 600-13, this directive takes precedence. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 will issue additional guidance for personnel assignment and unit training requirements in military personnel messages as required.

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7. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised AR 600-13 or subsequent assignment policy.



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**OCCUPATIONS AND IDENTIFIERS CLOSED TO WOMEN  
AS OF 9 DECEMBER 2014**

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**OFFICERS**

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11A	Infantry
18A	Special Forces
19A	Armor, General
19B	Armor
19C	Cavalry

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**OFFICER SKILL IDENTIFIER**

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3J	M1A2 Abrams Tank
3X	M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle/M3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle
3Z	Mortar Unit Officer
4W	Underwater Special Operations
5R	Ranger
5S	Ranger-Parachutist

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**WARRANT OFFICER**

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180A	Special Forces Warrant Officer
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**WARRANT OFFICER ADDITIONAL SKILL IDENTIFIER (ASI)**

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4W	Underwater Special Forces
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**ENLISTED**

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11B	Infantryman
11C	Indirect Fire Infantryman
11Z	Infantry Senior Sergeant
12B	Combat Engineer
13B	Cannon Crewmember
13D	Field Artillery Automated Tactical Data System Specialist
13F	Fire Support Specialist
18B	Special Forces Weapons Sergeant
18C	Special Forces Engineer Sergeant
18D	Special Forces Medical Sergeant
18E	Special Forces Communications Sergeant
18F	Special Forces Assistant Operations and Intelligence Sergeant
18Z	Special Forces Senior Sergeant
19D	Cavalry Scout
19K	M1 Armor Crewman
19Z	Armor Senior Sergeant

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**ENLISTED ASI**

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A1	M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System/High Mobility Artillery Rocket System
A8	Master Gunnery M1/M1A1 Tank
B2	Light Leaders Course
B7	Bradley Transition Course

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**ENLISTED ASI (CONT)**

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B8	Anti-Armor Leaders Course
C2	Dragon Gunnery
D3	Bradley Fighting Vehicle Operations and Maintenance
E9	M901 Improved Tow Vehicle (ITV) Gunner/Crew Training
F9	Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System
J3	Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle (BIFV) System Master Gunner
K8	Master Gunnery M1A2 Tank
K9	Combat Engineer Mine Detection Dog Handler
Q5	Special Forces Combat Diving, Medical
R4	Stryker Armored Vehicle Operations/Maintenance
R8	Mobile Gun System Master Gunner
S6	Special Forces Combat Diving, Supervision
U6	Field Artillery Weapons Maintenance
W3	Special Forces Target Interdiction Operations
W7	Special Forces Underwater Operations
2C	Javelin Gunnery
6B	Long Range Surveillance Leaders Course

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**ENLISTED SKLL QUALIFICATIONS IDENTIFIER**

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G	Ranger
T	1st Special Forces Operational Detachment Delta Unit Operator (SFOD-D)
V	Ranger Parachutist
W	Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance, Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques

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