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A Message from The Judge Advocate General



Colonel Selective Early Retirement Board

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As our Army begins to take the steps necessary to drawdown to a 490,000 active component (AC) end strength, the JAGC must rebalance appropriately and be postured for the future. Historically high promotion and retention rates in recent years have created an excess of Judge Advocate colonels. Deliberate steps, taken in a thoughtful manner, will maintain our ability to support the Army and the Joint Force. To do so, I have requested authority to conduct a Selective Early Retirement Board (SERB) for a portion of our AC Judge Advocate colonels.

We will execute the SERB with precision, care, and compassion toward our transitioning personnel knowing that the Army will retire some great Soldiers who have honorably served our nation.

Pending Secretary of the Army approval, the proposed considered population includes officers with dates of rank between 9 December 2006 and 1 April 2010, inclusive. All considered officers will be retirement eligible with at least four years time in grade. If approved, Army Human Resources Command will publish a military personnel message, outlining the details of the SERB.

We have a talented, committed, experienced, well-led, and professional force—the best in our Army's history—and our Judge Advocates have distinguished themselves around the globe with great proficiency and courage under the most challenging of circumstances. Many of you have learned from their leadership examples firsthand. For their sake and that of their families, I do not want our senior-most JAs to be surprised by efforts to right-size our Corps.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dana K. Chipman".

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The Judge Advocate General