

**Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison**

# **Army Congressional Fellowship Program**



**As of October 2012**



# Overview

## **References:**

MILPER 12-325

AR 1-202, Army Congressional Fellowship Program

DoDI 1322.06, Fellowships, Scholarships, Training With Industry (TWI), and Grants for DoD Personnel

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of this program is three fold: (1) provide outstanding officers and senior noncommissioned officers with strong promotion potential an opportunity to understand and appreciate the importance of the strategic relationships between the Army and Congress; (2) expose as many Congressional Members and staff to the outstanding quality of Army Officers, senior NCOs, and Civilians. Also, to help Congress learn about the Army as an institution through contact with Army fellows working in their office; and (3) develop a pool of Officers and senior NCOs from which some may be selected for future utilization in the field of congressional liaison.

## **Overview:**

The Army Congressional Fellowship is a three and a half year program, which includes pursuit of the Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs, service on the staff of a Member of Congress, and utilization on the Army or Joint Staff in a Congressionally related duty position

## **Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs:**

Army Congressional Fellows pursue a fully funded graduate degree from George Washington University (GWU).



# Requirements

## Eligibility Criteria:

### Military:

- Active Duty officers in Year Groups 1998-2008
- Army Reserve officers must have a BASD of 1 July 2000 or later
- Army National Guard officers must hold the rank of CPT or MAJ
- NCOs must be in the rank of E-8 or higher and completed the USASMA

### Civilians: GS-11 thru GS-14 (or equivalent)

All must have combat experience and a bachelors GPA of not less than 3.0 or have earned a Masters Degree

## Utilization Tours and ADSOs:

2 year utilization immediately following completion of Capitol Hill assignment and two 3 year ADSOs (one for the fully funded Master's Degree and one for the 12-month fellowship) served concurrently



# Timeline

**October 2012:** MILPER 12-325 Message Released

**31 January 2013:** DA 4187 due to HRC for RA and USAR Candidates

**15 February 2013:** Complete application due to HRC for RA and USAR Candidates

**15 March 2013:** ARNG packets due to NGB-LL

**01 April 2013:** DA Civilian packets due to the ACTEDS

**May 2013:** HRC Board convenes to review packets

**June 2013:** Army Congressional Fellowship Selection Phase II identifies the finalist and provides recommendation thru the Army G-1 and the ASA M&RA to OSD (P&R) for final approval

**Late Fall/Early Winter 2013:** FY 2015 Army Congressional Fellows Notified

**May-December 2014:** Fellows report to OCLL for an Orientation and start pursuit of the Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs at George Washington University

**January – December 2015:** Fellows serve in a Member's Office or on a Congressional Committee

**January 2016- January 2018:** Fellows complete utilization assignment