

\$20,000 Bonus for CID Special Agents Continued

The Department of Defense (DOD) recently approved the continuation of a \$20,000 lump sum critical skills accession bonus (CSAB) for active duty enlisted Soldiers who successfully complete the military occupational specialty (MOS) 311A (CID Special Agent) Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC). The CSAB targets the 31-series MOS for Military Police Corps noncommissioned officers selected for appointment to warrant officer positions in MOS 311A. As outlined in Military Personnel (MILPER) Message 08-242, the program has been extended through 30 September 2010.

Active duty enlisted U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC [commonly referred to as the "CID"]) special agents who have at least twenty-four months of CID investigative experience, have sixty college credit hours, and are no longer on apprentice status are eligible to receive the bonus. According to the MILPER message, active and mobilized reserve component Soldiers are not authorized to participate in the CSAB program.

The CID is currently below its target goal for warrant officer strength and is at strength in the enlisted CID special-agent series. According to Colonel Bill Macken, CID Deputy Chief of Staff for Support, the bonus is intended to encourage qualified Soldiers—especially staff sergeants—to apply to become warrant officers. It is also intended to help meet the ever-present demand for CID special agents.

Spokesperson Mr. Chris Grey indicated that the CID is actively recruiting qualified and experienced 31-series MOS Soldiers to fill 311A positions worldwide. "We will consider, on a case-by-case basis, Soldiers serving in the 31B and 31E series and junior officers with law enforcement experience and/or a college degree in criminal justice," he said.

"Our CID special-agent authorizations will increase in Fiscal Year 2009 in order to fill several newly authorized CID detachments," Colonel Macken said. "With the approval of the \$20,000 bonus and our need for warrant officers, now is a prime opportunity for qualified Soldiers to apply to become CID warrant officer special agents."

"Upon selection for warrant officer, candidates will attend the Warrant Officer Candidate School and the CID WOBC," said Warrant Officer Career Development Program Manager, Special Agent Jennifer Redfern. "After successfully completing the WOBC, newly appointed 311As will sign an agreement to serve six years as a CID special agent, qualifying them for the \$20,000 lump sum bonus," she said.

Qualified CID enlisted Soldiers who are interested in becoming warrant officers are encouraged to contact their team chiefs, special agents in charge, and battalion operations officers for letters of recommendation. All qualified individuals outside the CID should visit or contact the nearest CID field office, where personnel can answer questions about the warrant officer program and help Soldiers prepare warrant officer applications.

The application process is described in detail and checklist forms are available on the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Warrant Office Recruiting Information Web site at <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/>.

Interested applicants should visit the Web site, review and become familiar with the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Procurement Program *Sample Application and Guide*, and prepare a *Warrant Officer Application Checklist*.

Applicants should also review the *Most Common Errors on Applications* (which includes sections on Department of the Army [DA] Form 61, *Application for Appointment*; DA Form 160-R, *Application for Active Duty*; Request for Moral Waiver; Statement of Understanding; Security Memorandum; and Other Common Faults) and any other applicable documents to avoid mistakes during the application process.

For more information about the CID, visit <http://www.cid.army.mil/>.

Reference:

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