

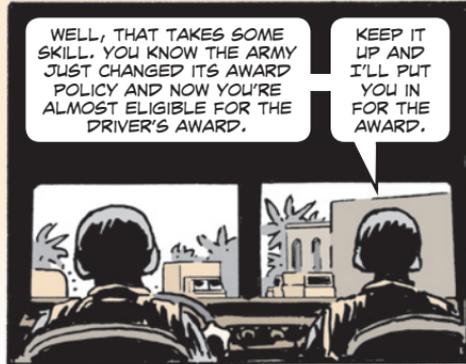
DRIVER'S BADGE REQUIREMENTS CHANGE



SPECIALIST JONES, YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED AS THE DRIVER FOR THIS VEHICLE EVER SINCE WE DEPLOYED, HAVEN'T YOU?



THAT'S RIGHT, SARGE. I'VE DRIVEN ALMOST EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST 11 MONTHS...AND **NO ACCIDENTS, EITHER!**



WELL, THAT TAKES SOME SKILL. YOU KNOW THE ARMY JUST CHANGED ITS AWARD POLICY AND NOW YOU'RE ALMOST ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRIVER'S AWARD.

KEEP IT UP AND I'LL PUT YOU IN FOR THE AWARD.



THAT'LL BE GREAT! THANKS A LOT!

Dear Half-Mast:

I need some help in clarifying the requirements for the Driver's Badge found in Para 8-28d(2) AR 600-8-22 (Feb 95). It states the driver must: *Occupy a duty position with the title of driver or assistant driver....*

Can you clarify "Occupy a duty position"?

Thanks,
CW3 F.S.

Dear CW3 F.S.,

The wording of the paragraph is restrictive to specific MOS or MTOE slots. However, Human Resources Command changed the policy in a 25 Oct 05 message titled "Army Awards Policy Clarification and Changes."

The new Para 8-28d says a soldier must **be assigned duties and responsibilities** as a driver or assistant driver of government vehicles....

Drivers need not have a specific MOS or hold a specific MTOE position. For example, a medic assigned as the assistant driver of an ambulance or a supply clerk assigned as the driver of a HMMWV is now eligible if he meets time or distance requirements as well as licensing qualifications.

Half-Mast