

## **MILPER Number: 17-022**

### **Correction of Promotion Points Awarded for the Driver and Mechanic Badge for Semi-Centralized Promotions ...Issued:[18-Jan-2017]...**

A. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-19 (Enlisted Promotions and Reductions), 14 September 2016.

B. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards), 25 June 2015.

C. AR 600-8-105 (Military Orders), 28 October 1994.

1. This MILPER Message will expire no later than NLT 31 December 2017 or when superseded.

2. This MILPER Message applies to semi-centralized promotions for Active Army Soldiers processed in the Electronic Military Personnel Office (eMILPO).

3. During a routine promotion point audit of the Promotion Point Worksheet (PPW), it was discovered that additional promotion points are being awarded for subsequent awarding of an associated component bar(s) for the Driver and Mechanic (DRV/MECH) badge. In accordance with (IAW) AR 600-8-19, paragraph 3-17b and Table 3-12, the DRV/MECH badge is authorized a one-time award of 10 promotion points. Points are not cumulative regardless of the number of additional component bars associated with a Soldier's DRV/MECH badge.

4. No later than 1 February 2017, the process for computing promotion points for the DRV/MECH badge with component bars will be modified in eMILPO to reflect the award of the basic DRV/MECH badge (10 points) with no additional promotion points for component bars on the PPW. This change will be effective 1 March 2017 and will not affect 1 February 2017 promotions.

5. Commanders (CDRs), Brigade (BDE)/Battalion (BN) S1s, and Military Personnel Divisions (MPDs) must correctly update eMILPO to reflect one entry of the DRV/MECH badge and at least one type of authorized component bar in order for a Soldier to receive 10 promotion points on their PPW.

6. To facilitate removal of duplicate awards, a list of Soldiers who have duplicate awards of the DRV/MECH badge will be published to the Personnel Automation Section community directing them to update, correct, and remove duplicate award entries from

Soldiers' eMILPO records. Moving forward, human resources personnel will ensure when updating Soldiers' records that there is one entry of the DRV/MECH badge and only one of each type of authorized component bar earned. The following entries will be used when updating eMILPO:

AWARD CATEGORY	AWARD TYPE	PPW PTS
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGE	DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE	10
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGE	DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE WITH DRIVER AMPHIBIOUS (*)	0
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGE	DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE WITH MECHANIC (*)	0
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGE	DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE WITH DRIVER MOTORCYCLE (*)	0
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGE	DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE WITH DRIVER TRACKED VEHICLES (*)	0
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGE	DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE WITH DRIVER WHEELED VEHICLES (*)	0
COMBAT AND SPECIAL SKILL BADGE	DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE WITH OPERATOR (*)	0

(\*) Denotes component bar.

7. Point of contact for this message is HRC, Junior Enlisted Promotions, AHRC-PDV-PE, 502- 613-9013, DSN 983-9013, or email at [usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd.jr-enlisted-promotions@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd.jr-enlisted-promotions@mail.mil).

8. Point of contact for military awards is HRC, Awards and Decorations Branch, AHRC-PDP-A, 502-613-9126, DSN 983-9126, or email at [usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil).