



Commander's Line of Duty (LOD) Smart Card



AR 600-8-4 (Line of Duty Policy, Procedures, and Investigations), 12 November 2020

Required When: A Soldier's service is interrupted by death, or injury, illness, or disease for a period of more than 24 hours with lasting significance, permanent disability, or (RC only) requires follow on care (para 2-1, 2-2).

Note – Commands must initiate an LOD investigation within 5 calendar days of the incident (para 3-2, 3-10).

Delays in completing non-fatal and fatal Line of Duty investigations may impact benefits affected by the line of duty investigation, including financial benefits for eligible Survivors (para 2-3).

Who Initiates (para 1-15):

1. **RA** – Soldier's special court-martial convening authority (SPCMCA)
2. **USAR TPU/ARNG M-Day** – First Colonel/O-6 exercising UCMJ
3. **Individual mobilized USAR Soldier** – Current unit of assignment during mobilization
4. **Soldiers away from unit (leave, AWOL, etc.)** – SPCMCA aligned with the Incident Casualty Assistance Center (CAC)

Note – a Soldier's unit can assume responsibility of LODs for Soldiers away from home station (para 1-15a(3)(a))

Units must complete informal/formal LODs within 60/180 days, respectively, from date of incident and provide updates every 30 days to their Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) and ACOM/ASCC. (Army Directive 2022-04, para 5b(3)(d))

Investigation type (para 2-2c, 2-2d):

1. **Informal** – no intentional misconduct or gross negligence is suspected
2. **Formal (abridged)**
 - a. Drug or alcohol involvement
 - b. Strange or doubtful circumstances
 - c. Intentional misconduct or gross negligence is suspected
 - d. Self-inflicted injuries or death
 - e. Incurred while AWOL
 - f. (USAR/ARNG only) Incurred while participating or traveling to or from authorized training/duty (IDT/AT/etc.)
3. **Not Required** – HRC is the only approving authority for Presumptive ILD finding for enemy action or terrorism, natural causes, or a passenger in a common commercial carrier, or military aircraft or vehicle.

The Adjutant General takes final action on all fatal investigations and non-fatal investigations with a "Not-in-line-of duty" (NLD) determination from the approving authority. (Delegated from DCS, G1 (Para 1-7d(3) and 1-7d(4))

Contact the HRC LOD Section at usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-cmaod-lod@army.mil or CMAOD 24/7 line at 1-800-626-3317 with questions.