

Basic Branches of the United States Army

Basic Branch Information

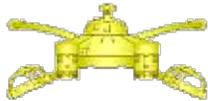
After graduation from ROTC Advanced Camp and before commissioning, cadets make the most important decision of their emerging Army career - which branch to serve in. The reasons for choosing a branch are varied and personal. The choice can be based on the desire to use the academic credentials gained while at school or simply a desire to do something exciting. The 16 basic branches available to cadets are all important to the total Army force and each cannot function without the other.



Adjutant General - To plan, develop, and direct systems for managing the Army's personnel, administrative, and Army band systems. These systems impact on unit readiness, morale, and soldier career satisfaction, and cover the life cycle management of all Army personnel.



Air Defense Artillery - The primary mission will be to protect the force and critical tactical and geopolitical assets. This important task is made especially challenging by the evolution of modern tactical ballistic missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles and aircraft.



Armor/Cavalry - The heritage and spirit of the United States Cavalry lives today in Armor. And although the horse has been replaced by 60 tons of steel driven by 1,500HP engine, the dash and daring of the Horse Cavalry still reside in Armor. Today, the Armor branch of the Army (which includes Armored Cavalry), is one of the Army's most versatile combat arms. It's continually evolving to meet worldwide challenges and potential threats.



Aviation- One of the most exciting and capable elements of the Combined Arms Team. As the only branch of the Army that operates in the third dimension of the battlefield, Aviation plays a key role by performing a wide range of missions under diverse conditions. With more than 80 percent of the Aviation positions open to men and women, you'll be provided with opportunities for assignments with professional growth and challenging advancement.



Chemical Corps - Tomorrow's lethal battlefields will demand officers who possess expertise in nuclear, biological, chemical, smoke, flame, and environmental operations. The chemical officer fills this role. You must become an expert in all facets of combat operations, logistics, training,

intelligence, personnel management, research, development, and analysis.



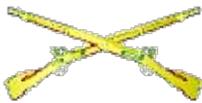
Engineers - Combat Engineers have been a vital and inseparable element of the combined arms team since the battle of Bunker Hill. They are the first in and the last to leave a battle. Virtually all engineer officers receive troop leading experience in combat, construction, or topographic engineering units before branching out into such fields as civil works, military construction, environmental engineering and other specialties.



Field Artillery - As the "King of Battle," the Field Artillery provides the massive firepower necessary for our Army to win on the modern battlefield. Field Artillery officers lead soldiers and command guns and rockets -- they "Fight with Fires." And they integrate all fires -- Field Artillery, tactical air, naval gunfire, Army aviation and mortar fires -- into combined arms operations.



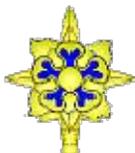
Finance - The ultimate mission of the Finance Corps is to sustain the combat soldier and commanders in the field with timely and accurate finance and accounting support. This support includes military and civilian pay, the preparation and payment of travel and commercial vendors, vouchers, and accounting for the disbursement of public funds.



Infantry - The Infantry forms the nucleus of the Army's fighting strength. Its mission: To maintain a state of readiness in preparation for combat worldwide. He must know his men, their problems, their needs -- and get them all working together. First and foremost, he must be a leader.



Medical Services - The Army Health Care Team represents one of the largest comprehensive systems of health care in the world. And its officers are involved in a wide variety of vital, interesting and personally rewarding assignments ranging from direct patient care to administrative management.



Military Intelligence - Determining an enemy's plans, intentions, and capabilities before they're set into motion is of critical value to military leaders. This is the job of Military Intelligence (MI). With more than 30,000 members, MI is one of the largest branches of the Army. Duties include all aspects of planning, organization, training, and operations of tactical intelligence, counter-intelligence, signal

intelligence and electronic warfare, security, interrogation, and aerial reconnaissance and surveillance.



Military Police - Today's military police officer enjoys the distinction of a truly unique role in the Army by having two diverse and challenging missions. First is the ever-present need to prepare for war by leading and training combat ready military police forces that can conduct combat operations against enemy forces in the rear area, and expedite battlefield movement of critical resources. Second is the peacetime garrison environment for law enforcement, criminal investigation, terrorism counter-action, physical security, corrections, and crime prevention. Just as the Infantry is trained to conduct combat operations on the front lines, the military police corps is trained to detect and deter the enemy in the rear area, protecting command posts, communication centers, and vital resources.



Ordnance - The mission of the Ordnance Corps is to Arm and Fix the Force. As an Army Ordnance Corps officer, you will be an important part of the support structure that assures our combat units are prepared during peace and war. A modern Army is dependent upon its ability to shoot, move, and communicate.



Quartermaster - The Quartermaster Corps plans and directs an activity which provides soldiers with food, water, petroleum, repair parts, weapon systems, and a multitude of field services. You'll make use of the most modern equipment and technology to solve the logistical problems of today and tomorrow. With these tools, you'll create the most effective method of providing soldiers with the right items, at the right place, at the right time.



Signal Corps - Signal officers are vital members of the combined arms team responsible for ensuring communications support for Army, Joint and Combined Forces operations. Signal support is the collective, integrated and synchronized use of information technology in the form of systems, services and resources. You are responsible for planning, employing and operating, state-of-the-art voice, imagery and data distribution systems and networks -- from combat net radios, local area networks and satellite communications systems, and wide area networks that span the globe.



Transportation - You will be responsible for moving equipment, troops and supplies throughout the world. In the process, you will lead highly trained and motivated soldiers in accomplishing our primary mission of "Moving the Army." You will not only master primary tactical skills, the skills that keep you and your soldiers alive in combat, but also develop proficiency in terminal, rail, tactical truck and marine operations.