

Infantry

OVERVIEW

The infantry officer is responsible for leading the infantry and combined armed forces during land combat.

JOB DUTIES

Coordinate the employment of Infantry Soldiers at all levels of command in U.S. and multinational operations

At increasing levels of leadership, an infantry captain's responsibilities may include:

Commanding and controlling the infantry and combined armed companies and company-sized units (200 - 300 Soldiers)

Developing doctrine, organizations and equipment for unique infantry missions

Instructing Infantry skills at service schools and combat training centers

Serving as an Infantry advisor to other units, including Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve organizations

REQUIREMENTS

Those who want to serve must first take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a series of tests that helps you better understand your strengths and identify which Army jobs are best for you.

TRAINING

Job training for an infantry officer requires completion of the Basic Officer Leadership Courses I, II & III. These courses will emphasize leadership, tactics and technical competence that are common to the infantry. Part of this time is spent in the classroom and part in the field.

Infantry officers can also volunteer for airborne and ranger school or for specific developmental assignments in airborne and ranger units.

HELPFUL SKILLS

Self-discipline, confidence and intelligence

Physically and mentally fit to perform under pressure

Ability to make quick decisions

Capable of bearing numerous responsibilities

FUTURE CIVILIAN CAREERS

The skills you learn will help prepare you for a career in fields such as business management. An officer in the Army is closely related to managerial positions in corporations.