

Ordnance

OVERVIEW

Ordnance officers are responsible for ensuring that weapons systems, vehicles and equipment are ready and available — and in perfect working order — at all times. They also manage the developing, testing, fielding, handling, storage and disposal of munitions.

JOB DUTIES

Commanding and controlling operations during land combat
Coordinate employment of ordnance Soldiers at all levels of command

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 ordnance officer requires completion of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, where you'll learn leadership skills, tactics, maintenance and operational aspects of weapons and vehicles used in an ordnance platoon. Your training will take place in classrooms and in the field.

HELPFUL SKILLS

Self-discipline
Physically fit
Perform under physical and mental pressures
Make decisions quickly and on your own

FUTURE CIVILIAN CAREERS

While there is no directly related job for an ordnance officer in the civilian world, the leadership skills you acquire as an Army officer will help you in many types of careers. An officer in the Army is most closely related to a key manager in a corporation.