

BRANCHES

ADJUTANT GENERAL (AG) is the personnel branch for the Army. AG officers manage all personnel systems within the Army that impact unit readiness, morale, and career patterns.

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY (ADA) is the branch that protects and defends the third dimension, AIRSPACE, against aircraft and missiles.

ARMOR (AR) is the branch known as the heritage of the US Horse Cavalry. This is the Mounted Arm of Decision and the proponent for Scouts and Reconnaissance.

AVIATION (AV) is the branch with the largest air force in our nation. This includes transport, utility, scout, and attack helicopters. Aviation officers serve in all aspects associated with flight operations.

CHEMICAL (CM) is the branch that includes assignments in operations, logistics, training, intelligence, research, and analysis.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS (EN) is the branch that includes fields such as combat, construction, topographic, civil works, environmental engineering, and other specialties.

CYBER (ARCYBER) is the branch that conducts global operations 24/7 to protect the electronic assets of the United States, including the Department of Defense information network.

FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) is the fire support branch of cannons, rockets, and missiles. This branch also coordinates all supporting fires of artillery, air power, and naval gunfire.

FINANCE (FC) is the money and pay branch. All aspects of pay, allowances, accounting, and contracting involve Finance officers. This branch requires a degree in accounting, business, or computer science.

INFANTRY (IN) is the branch that forms the nucleus of the Army's fighting strength. The mission is to maintain a state of readiness in preparation for combat worldwide.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (MI) is one of the largest branches. It involves specialties in tactical intelligence, counter-intelligence, signals and electronic intelligence security, surveillance, and aerial reconnaissance.

MILITARY POLICE (MP) is the law enforcement branch. MP Officers must be prepared to conduct wartime rear area operations as well as peacetime law enforcement, criminal investigation, counter-terrorism, physical security, and corrections.

ORDNANCE (OD) is the largest branch that develops, produces, acquires, and supports the Army's weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, in addition to wheeled and tracked vehicles. Branch specialties are Tank/Automotive, Missile/Electronics, and Munitions Material Management as well as Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD).

QUARTERMASTER (QM) is the "Sustainers of the Army" branch. This branch plans and direct all activities which provide food, water, petroleum, repair parts, weapon systems, and field services (laundry, telephone, parachute rigging, etc.)

SIGNAL (SC) is the communication branch. The Army uses all types of radio and cellular phone technology as well as satellites, lasers, and computer systems. Assignments range from the tactical level to the White House Communications Agency.

TRANSPORTATION (TC) is the branch that moves people, equipment, and supplies. This includes transportation via land, sea, and air.

BACCALAUREATE SPECIALTY BRANCHES

ARMY NURSE CORPS (ANC) is a medical branch of the Army. An Officer in this role must have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. All ANC Officers are trained in clinical specialties such as Intensive Care, Operating Room Nursing, Community Health and Environmental Science, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Psychiatric Nursing. Most Army Nurses who choose to remain in the Service after their initial obligation go on to earn advanced degrees in Nurse Anesthesia, Nurse Midwifery, Healthcare Administration, and other Masters' Degree programs, as well as Doctoral study in Nursing Science, Education, or Administration.

MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS (MEDSERVE) is the supply and administration branch. This branch includes positions at all medical facilities in supply and

administration as well as tactical assignments. Medical Air Evacuation pilots are a subcategory of this branch.

MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS (MSC) is the branch of the Army's dietitians, physical therapists, and occupational therapists.

ADVANCED DEGREE BRANCHES

MEDICAL CORPS is the branch of doctors that come from medical schools all across the nation including the military's own Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine.

DENTAL CORPS is the dental care branch. An Officer must have a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery or Doctor of Dental Medicine.

MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS is the branch that includes pharmacy, optometry, and podiatry.

VETERINARY CORPS is the branch that manages and cares for laboratory animals, biomedical research, food hygiene and nutritional quality, and preventive medicine.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL (JAG) is the branch that provides legal services for the Army and its Soldiers. JAG officers serve as prosecutors and defense attorneys in military, state, and federal courts. An Officer must be a graduate of an accredited law school.