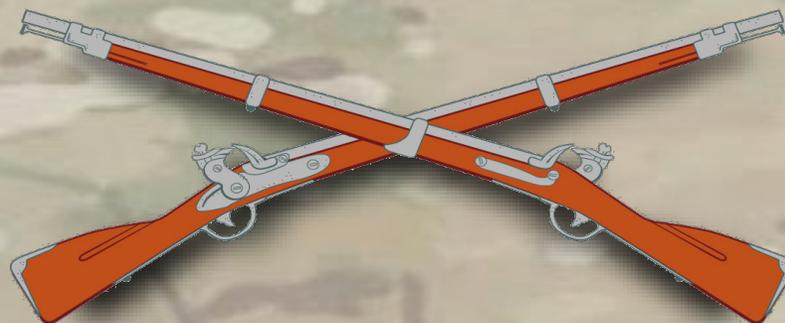


U.S. ARMY INFANTRY



Branch Brief | *A guide to the first 4 years*

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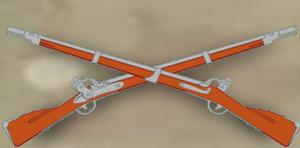




THE INFANTRY

“Of all branches in the U.S. Army, the Infantry is unique because its core competency is founded on the **individual soldier** – the Infantry Rifleman. While other branches tend to focus on weapon systems and platforms to accomplish their mission, the Infantry alone relies almost exclusively on the human dimension of **the individual rifleman** to close with and destroy the enemy.”





RIFLE INFANTRY PLATOON

PLT HQ



TOTAL PERSONNEL = 41

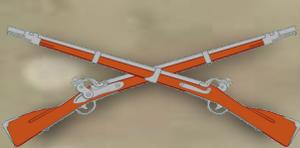
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WPN SQD



* ATTACHED



MECHANIZED INFANTRY PLATOON



PL | GNR DRV ALT
GNR



MG GNR DVR



BC GNR DVR



PSG GNR DVR



FO

3x IN SQDs



SL TL AR GRN RFLM TL AR GRN RFLM

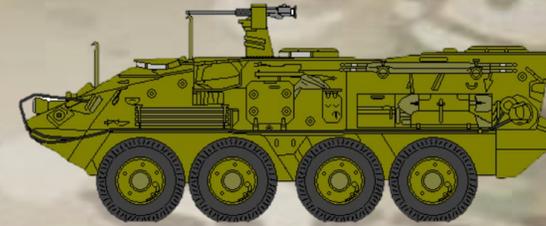
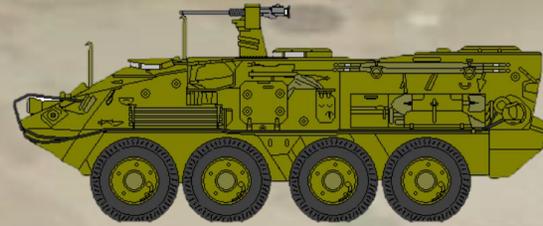
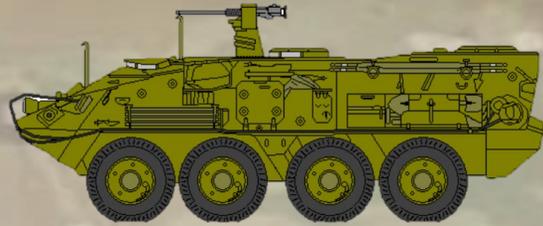
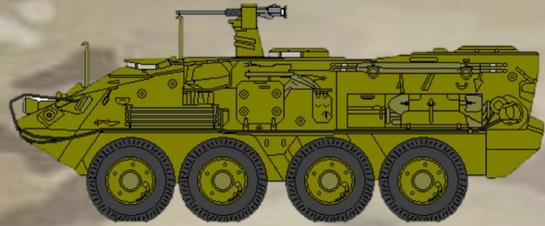
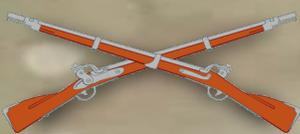


MEDIC

TOTAL
PERSONNEL = 43

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STRYKER INFANTRY PLATOON



PLT HQ

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VEH CREW X 4



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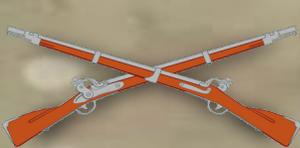
TOTAL PERSONNEL = 45

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FY 21 AC Operating Force Units



FY 19: 11 ABCT, 14 IBCT, 6 SBCT
FY 20: 11 ABCT, 13 IBCT, 7 SBCT
FY 21: 11 ABCT, 13 IBCT, 7 SBCT



INFANTRY LIEUTENANT TIMELINE

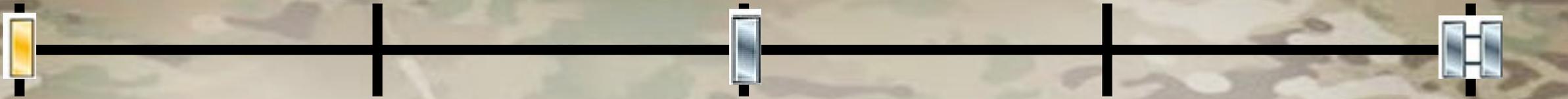
COMMISSION

12 MONTHS

24 MONTHS

36 MONTHS

48 MONTHS



INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING

LIEUTENANT ASSIGNMENTS

MCCC

- Required Training**
- IBOLC
 - ABN / SLC / BLC
 - Ranger Course



- Key Developmental Assignment**
- Rifle Platoon Leader (9-18 months)



- Developmental Assignment**
- Company Executive Officer
 - Specialty Platoon Leader
 - Scout / Mortar PL
 - Battalion Staff Officer
 - OSUT Platoon Leader / XO



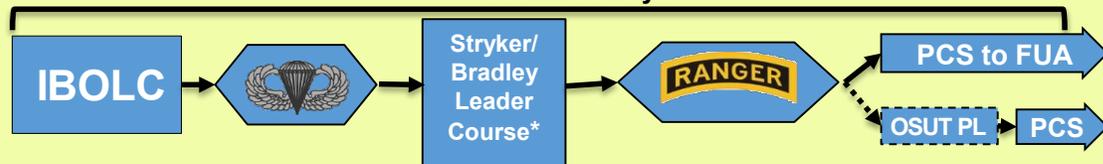
- Additional Functional Training**
- Air Assault
 - Pathfinder
 - Jumpmaster
 - Maneuver Leaders Maintenance Course (MLMC)
 - Infantry Mortar Leader Course (IMLC)
 - Reconnaissance & Surveillance Leaders Course (RSLC)

- Nominative Assignment**
- 75th Ranger Regiment
 - Aide de Camp
 - Old Guard
 - OC-T

IBOLC POI 5.0

IMT Strategy

Goal: 280 Days



Revised IN LT Initial Military Training Strategy

- Airborne / SLC / BLC prior to Ranger Course
- Only 1 opportunity at Ranger Course FY 18 (43% pass rate) FY 19 (46% pass rate)
- Additional courses only at request of gaining unit and at discretion of 2-11 IN Commander
- Opportunity to serve as OSUT PL in 198th IN BDE for 8 months prior to First Unit of Assignment

INDIV / TM	WK 1	In Processing	
	WK 2	Doctrinal Foundations	
	WK 3	BRM 1 (BUIS Zero & CCO Fam)	
	WK 4	M4 Qual	BRM 2 & TM LFX (Day / Night)
	WK 5	Land Navigation	
SMALL UNIT	WK 6	Enablers (EN / LOG / MED / CEMA / Space)	HPDTs
	WK 7	Infantry Platoon Weapons	
	WK 8	Squad Operations	
	WK 9	SQD LFX and Fires Integration	
	WK 10	Basic Troop Leading Procedures	
PLATOON	WK 11	Intro to PLT Operations (Teach / Coach)	
	WK 12	Platoon Operations (Mentor / Evaluate)	
	WK 13	12mi FM	Advanced Troop Leading Procedures
	WK 14	Defensive Operations	
	WK 15	5MR	Mounted Operations
	WK 16	Urban Operations	
	WK 17	APFT	Platoon LFX
	WK 18	Leader Forge	
	WK 19	Comp Exam	Counseling & Graduation

Implementation of POI 5.0

- Renewed emphasis on Battle Drills (ATP 3-21.8, App. J)
- Execute culminating training event LEADER FORGE FTX
- Classroom instruction and field scenarios reflect LSCO
- Integration of ACFT (Iron Leader Competition)
- Implementation of TAP-C

Update to Course Critical Events

- Qualify with M4 using CCO (TC 3-20.40 as of 30 JUL 19)
- Pass Day, Night, & Transition Land Navigation
- Complete 12 mile individual foot march in 3 hours
- Pass Comprehensive doctrine exam
- Pass Final APFT
- Complete 5 mile run in 40 minutes
- Complete High Physical Demands Test

- Move over 2m wall
- Move under direct fire
- Employ hand grenades

- Drag a casualty to safety
- Remove casualty from vehicle
- Prepare 2-person fighting position



RANGER COURSE OVERVIEW

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

**4th BN
Rogers
&
Darby**

(Benning)



RANGER ASSESSMENT PHASE



TECHNIQUES



GRADED SQUAD OPERATIONS

Patrols

Peers

Spots



**5th BN
Merrill**

(Mountain)



LOWER MT YONAH



TECHNIQUES



GRADED PLATOON OPERATIONS

Patrols

Peers

Spots



**6th BN
Rudder**

(Swamp)



TECHNIQUES



GRADED PLATOON OPERATIONS



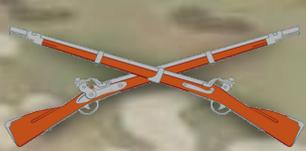
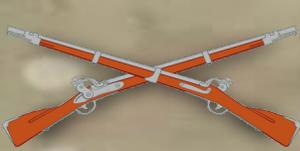
RECOVERY/GRADUATION PREP

Patrols

Peers

Spots





RANGER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

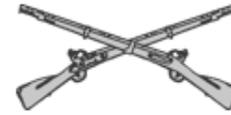
- **Ranger Physical Assessment**
 - 49 Push Ups
 - 59 Sit Ups
 - 5 Miles in 40 minutes
 - 6 Chin Ups
- **Combat Water Survival Assessment**
 - Slide for Life
 - Log walk/Rope Drop
 - Ditch & Swim
- **Land Navigation**
 - 4/5 Points in 5 hours
 - Night to Day
- **12 Mile Foot march**
 - 3 Hrs w/35lbs (Dry)
- **Darby Queen**
 - 23/26 Obstacles
 - Fail 3+ obstacles and receive a Major Minus
- **Darby Phase FTX**
 - Pass at least 1 graded patrol
 - 60% or better in Peers
 - Less than 3 Major Minus spot reports
- **Mountaineering**
 - Identify and Tie 5/7 knots (3 mandatory). Must pass the clove hitch, Munter hitch, and rerouted figure eight.
 - Conduct 1.8 mile foot march at MT Yonah in 45-65 minute pace (not a drop event and temperature dependent)
- **Mountain Phase FTX**
 - Pass at least 1 graded patrol
 - 60% or better in Peers
 - Less than 3 Major Minus spot reports
- **Florida Phase FTX**
 - Pass at least 1 graded patrol
 - 60% or better on Peers
 - Less than 3 Major Minus spot reports
- **Miss less than 72 Hours of Training**

“Ranger School is the best combat life insurance available for you and your men.”

-COL (R) Ralph Puckett



Infantry



Year Group 2022

INTELLIGENCES: Bodily-Kinesthetic, Interpersonal, Spatial

SKILLS: Infantry Officers must be able to operate in some of the most politically, economically, and environmentally adverse situations while at different threat levels. In order to operate in such environments, Infantry Officers must possess the highest levels of mental toughness, problem solving ability, and physical fitness. Using creativity and sound judgment, they must have the ability to devise and prioritize solution sets rapidly, motivate and employ Soldiers, and have an innate ability to adapt to fluid situations when facing any enemy across the entire threat spectrum. Additionally, Infantry Officers must have the ability to discriminate an action out of the norm and respond with the appropriate level of action. They must also demonstrate consistent command of these skills over extended periods of time.

KNOWLEDGE: The Infantry branch desires officers with academic backgrounds that span the entire spectrum of disciplines and majors offered at our nation's undergraduate institutions. Broad individual experiences contribute to the success of the branch.

➤ **RELEVANT TRAINING / EXPERIENCE:** Leadership role in athletics / student government; Cadet Troop Leading Time / Leader Development Time (CTLT / CLDT) with Infantry units. Overseas Academic Enrichment Program. Prior enlisted service in a Maneuver Branch. Contact Sports / Triathlons / Ultra Marathon Competitor; Coaching / Mentoring Experience (not all inclusive).

➤ **RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS / ACCREDITATIONS:** EMT / First Responder Training; Cross Fit Instructor; PADI Cert; Free Fall; highest level of scouting (not all inclusive).

BEHAVIORS: (In addition to foundational)

- ADAPTABLE
- ASSERTIVE
- CONFIDENT
- DILIGENT

- DISCIPLINED
- DUTIFUL
- ETHICAL / MORAL
- FIT (PHYS / MENT)

- HONORABLE
- INNOVATIVE
- INTEGRITY
- LOYAL

- MENTALLY AGILE
- PERSONAL COURAGE
- RESPECTFUL
- SELFLESS SERVICE

TALENT PRIORITIES:

1. **MENTALLY TOUGH:** Stress tolerant and emotionally mature. Performs well even under extreme psychological duress.
2. **PROBLEM SOLVER:** Able to choose between best practices and unorthodox approaches to reach a solution. Accomplishes the task.
3. **PHYSICALLY FIT:** Physically tough, gritty, and tenacious. Performs well even under extreme physiological duress. Committed to a lifestyle of fitness.
4. **COMMUNICATOR:** Precise, efficient, and compelling in both written and spoken word.
5. **INNOVATIVE:** Creative, inquisitive, and insightful. Easily identifies new solutions and catalyzes change.
6. **MULTI-TASKER:** Rapidly processes and prioritizes multiple demands simultaneously. Takes appropriate action.

Candidate
Branch
Score



HireVue

-  1. List your school, degree (major, minor, etc), GPA and expected graduation date.
-  2. List your major accomplishments from school, life, civilian or prior military occupation. This is your time to brag, don't be modest.
-  3. What separates you from your peers? Why should the Infantry prefer you?
-  4. Of the talent priorities listed, which three (3) priorities most appropriately describes you?
-  5. Considering the three (3) talent priorities you chose, explain why they describe you.
-  6. Provide a specific example of how you have demonstrated leadership skills during a time of hardship.
-  7. Anything else you would like to share with the Infantry Commandant?

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****Individual Interviews on a case
by case basis (ie preferred cadets)**



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