



# MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** What type of educational background will help an MI Officer?
- A:** There are no requirements or preferences for the academic major you select. We invite diversity in degrees to help the MI force overall. Select a major based on your strengths, interest, and zeal to complete the degree with thoroughness.
- Q:** Is branch-detail a good way to go? Are there advantages/disadvantages to being branch-detailed? If I branch-detail, will I be behind when I get to the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course (MICCC)?
- A:** The branch detail program accounts for half of the MI Captains in the Army. This program offers you a greater likelihood of serving as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer. As part of your branch detail you will learn how other organizations fight, what their doctrine is, and what they require from S2. The branch detail program also provides you with opportunities to gain a strong foundation in tactics.
- Q:** Will I get the opportunity to work with government organizations (CIA, FBI, etc.) while being an MI Officer?
- A:** It is possible, however, this kind of coordination typically occurs later in your career.



## Military Intelligence Soldier's Creed

*I am a Soldier first, but an Intelligence  
Professional second to none.*

*With pride in my heritage, but focused  
on the future, performing the first task  
of the Army: To find, know, and never  
lose the enemy.*

*With a sense of urgency and of  
tenacity, professional and physical  
fitness, and above all: INTEGRITY -  
for in truth lies victory.*

*Always at silent war while ready for a  
shooting war: the silent warrior  
of the Army team.*



For additional information about the Military Intelligence Corps,  
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## MI Branching Site

[www.ikn.army.mil/apps/  
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## **What is Military Intelligence (MI)?**

MI is a disciplined process of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting battlefield information to support the decision-making process of commanders in combat. The Military Intelligence process is conducted continuously before, during, and after hostilities from strategic to tactical levels. Military Intelligence is a critical underpinning for all Army operations.

Military Intelligence operations are currently conducted all around the world in contingency operations, theaters, and in strategic planning headquarters. The Military Intelligence Corps is always engaged in order to keep commanders up to date with timely, relevant, and precise information.

## **The Military Intelligence Officer**

The MI Officer is the key leader in any organization responsible for supervising the Military Intelligence process for unit commanders, either as the primary staff officer or as the leader of a military intelligence organization. The MI Officer works in a networked and collaborative environment to produce the most relevant information for unit commanders. When not engaged directly in hostilities, the MI Officer supervises the training of MI Soldiers and teams to ensure they are prepared to conduct Military Intelligence operations when needed.

## **The Branch Detail Program**

The MI Corps needs twice as many Captains as Lieutenants by design. The Branch Detail Program is an outstanding way to enter the MI Corps and accounts for half of the MI Captains in the Army. Selecting this program offers you a greater likelihood of serving as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer. As part of your branch detail you will learn how other organizations fight and what their doctrine is. This vital knowledge strengthens the MI Corps and its relevance for unit commanders. A Branch Detail MI Officer is an asset to the MI Corps!

## **Accessing into Military Intelligence**

Selection for service in the MI Corps is highly competitive. There is no single qualification or course of study which ensures selection for service within MI. We are looking for individuals who can work as part of a team, as well as lead the team. Individuals who are selected into MI come from a variety of backgrounds with talents to perform well in written and verbal communication, abilities to solve complex problems analytically, and the resilience to perform at the superior level regardless of the job. MI prepares Officers to work in all areas of the intelligence community.

## **Training**

The Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) is 16 weeks and 4 days of training at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. This course is designed to train new officers in the skills of Military Intelligence. Topics include: the Military Decision Making Process, Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield, Leadership, and much more.

## **The Military Intelligence Career**

The rewarding challenge of serving as an MI Officer allows each individual to expand and grow. In all operations, our mission remains steadfast: provide commanders timely and accurate intelligence. The MI Branch is continuing to grow to meet emerging challenges of the 21st Century and remains the most sought after and dynamic and branch within the U.S. Army. We encourage you to join our Corps!

## **Initial Branch Designation**

### **35A All-Source Intelligence Officers**

The 35A MI Officer is trained and proficient in leading and supervising the Military Intelligence Process. The 35A serves as a primary staff officer as the unit S2, or leads a functional or multi-functional team of MI Soldiers.

## **Key Development Positions**

### **Lieutenants -**

- Battalion Assistant Intelligence Officers (AS2)
- Platoon Leader
- Company Executive Officers (XO)

### **Captains -**

- Battalion Intelligence Officers (S2)
- Company/Detachment Commander
- Brigade/Regiment/Special Forces Group Assistant Intelligence Officers (AS2)

## **Additional Intelligence Capabilities Training**

A MI Officers' core proficiency as an All-Source Intelligence Officer can be supplemented with training in specialized capabilities following the MI Captain's Career Course (MICCC).

### **Skill Identifier 1D - Imagery**

Receives special training in the collection, production, analysis, exploitation and dissemination of optical, infrared and radar Imagery Intelligence (IMINT) from national, operational, and tactical sensors to support reconnaissance and surveillance operations at all echelons.

### **Skill Identifier 2E - Counterintelligence**

Receives special training in investigations and Counterintelligence operations with the specific focus of providing intelligence on foreign adversary intelligence capabilities; may lead specialized teams or units of MI Counterintelligence Agents.

### **Skill Identifier 2F - Human Intelligence**

Receives special training in intelligence collection and operations from human intelligence sources such as enemy prisoners of war, detainees, displaced persons, or sources created by humans such as documents and media.

### **Skill Identifier 2G - Signals Intelligence**

Receives special training in intelligence collection and operations from signals intelligence sources such as foreign adversary signals and communications; may lead specialized teams or units of MI Signals Intelligence professionals.