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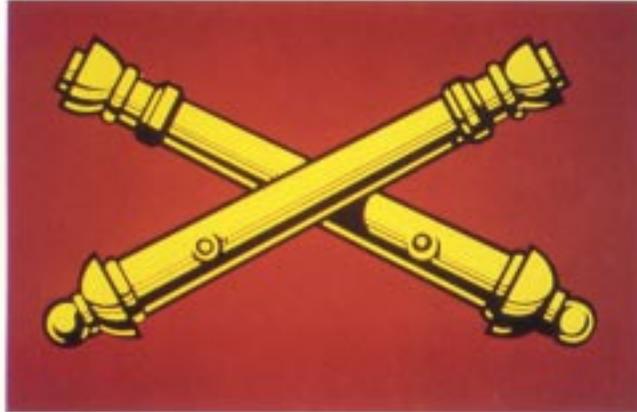
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# FIELD ARTILLERY



"The Field Artillery is the most important of our arms."

General Eisenhower

The mission of the Field Artillery is to destroy, neutralize, or suppress the enemy by cannon, rocket, and missile fires and to integrate all supporting fires into combined arms operations.

**THE FUTURE BELONGS  
TO  
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## 1. KING OF BATTLE

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Figure 2. "I do not have to tell you who won the war. You know, the Artillery did." General Patton

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Decisive use of the Field Artillery's awesome fire power has contributed significantly to the defense of our nation. From the era of horse-drawn cannons to today's modern rocket systems, the Field Artillery has a heritage steeped in tradition. When you choose to become a member of the Field Artillery, you join the men and women of the King of Battle. Field Artillery leaders control the world's most modern fire support weapons. They provide devastating fire power as part of the finest combined arms team ever assembled.

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Figure 3. "It's the Artillery of my guard that decides most of my battles." Napoleon

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## 2. THE KING OF BATTLE OFFERS YOU:

- A leadership career with advancement based on merit.
- An opportunity to exercise your leadership skills, executive talents, and technical capabilities.
- An opportunity to serve your country in challenging assignments around the world.



**Figure 4. In the Field Artillery You Can Make a Difference**

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### **3. NOT ALL ARE PRIVILEGED TO BE FIELD ARTILLERY PROFESSIONALS**

As a Field Artillery officer, you'll be challenged and rewarded. Your job will require responsiveness, flexibility, and an understanding of human nature as you lead highly motivated and talented men and women. An ever-changing technical world will challenge your creativity and imagination in determining the tactics needed to win on future battlefields. If you seek a true profession and an exciting career which leads to positions of increased responsibility and personal satisfaction, the Field Artillery is the place to be. Consider a career in the Field Artillery, and if you are up to a life of leadership, responsibility, and challenge, make a commitment to the KING OF BATTLE.

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**Figure 5. GOLD BARS TO SILVER STARS**

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**Figure 6.**

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General John W. Vassey, Jr., Former Field Artilleryman, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff 18 June 1982–30 September 1985

#### **4. WHAT IS FIELD ARTILLERY?**

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**Figure 7. Power!**

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Field Artillery officers employ and coordinate a tremendous variety of fire support means:

- Close air support.
- Naval gunfire.
- Attack helicopters.
- Infantry and Armor indirect fire support systems.
- Field Artillery weapons systems.

Among these resources are cannons, rockets, and missiles capable of placing nuclear and nonnuclear fires on enemy targets. But Field Artillery officers do even more by controlling target acquisition organizations which identify targets on the dynamic battlefield.

The primary job of an officer in the King of Battle is to be a leader in fire support organizations. As a Field Artillery officer you will:



**Figure 8.**

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- Command and control Field Artillery and combined arms organizations in training and in battle.



**Figure 9.**

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- Provide expertise on the employment of all fire support and target acquisition systems as well as coordinate the planning and actual use of these weapons.



**Figure 10.**

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- Serve as advisors to Army Reserve and National Guard elements and as members of Military Assistance Advisory Groups.



Figure 11.

- Serve in Field Artillery instructor positions at service schools, military colleges, and ROTC associated universities.

## 5. HOW CAN I BECOME A FIELD ARTILLERY PROFESSIONAL?

Field Artillery officers receive first-rate training in various areas of concentration (AOCs). The AOCs within the Field Artillery are:



Figure 12. General Field Artillery Plan, Coordinate and Direct



**Figure 13. Medium Missile and Rocket Artillery (Lance/MLRS)**

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**Figure 14. Heavy Missile artillery (Pershing)**

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Figure 15. Target Acquisition

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Figure 16. Cannon Field Artillery

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## 6. TRAIN HARD

Your initial training as a Field Artillery second lieutenant will occur at Fort Sill, Oklahoma – the home of the King of Battle. The patient and committed faculty of the Officer Basic Course will give you the skills you need to be a fire support leader.

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Figure 17. Cannon Field Artillery

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You'll learn about general military subjects as well as Field Artillery skills in such diverse areas as target acquisition, gunnery, communications, unit organization, and tactics.

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**Figure 18.**

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If your first assignment is to Lance, Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), Pershing or Target Acquisition units, you'll get even more advanced training.

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**Figure 19.**

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“Artillerymen have a love for their guns which is perhaps stronger than the feeling of any soldier for his weapon or any part of his equipment . . . that these guns will never be deserted simply because danger threatens is a point of honor around which the Artillery has largely built the solid discipline of its corps.” General S. L. A. Marshall



**Figure 20.**

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Airborne and Ranger training is also open to officers who qualify and desire to attend. Regardless of your initial training, a wide range of opportunities await you in the King of Battle.

### **7. WHERE DO FIELD ARTILLERY PROFESSIONALS WORK?**

Field Artillery lieutenants become leaders in a wide variety of units. There they use the basic leadership and tactical skills they learned at Fort Sill by leading highly motivated enlisted professionals. They plan, manage, and train to achieve standards of excellence in combat readiness.

As a Field Artillery second lieutenant, you may lead a:

- Cannon, rocket, or missile platoon.
- Fire Support Team (FIST) which coordinates and places devastating firepower on target for Infantry and Armor companies.
- Survey platoon which locates cannon, rocket, and missile firing units as well as radars and other observers.

Each of these units helps to place the Field Artillery's "Steel on Target." Wherever you serve in the Field Artillery, you're important!

Sound challenging? You bet it is! And you don't have to be a whiz in mathematics. Thousands have become proficient Field Artillery professionals with only a basic math background. Your initial training will provide you with all the tools you need to start climbing the Field Artillery ladder of success.

### **8. WHERE DO FIELD ARTILLERY PROFESSIONALS SERVE?**

EUROPE, KOREA, HAWAII, ALASKA, ITALY, TURKEY, OR THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES could be your initial assignment after schooling as a Field Artillery officer. But wherever you go, you'll serve with proud, capable professionals.

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**Figure 21. GERMANY**

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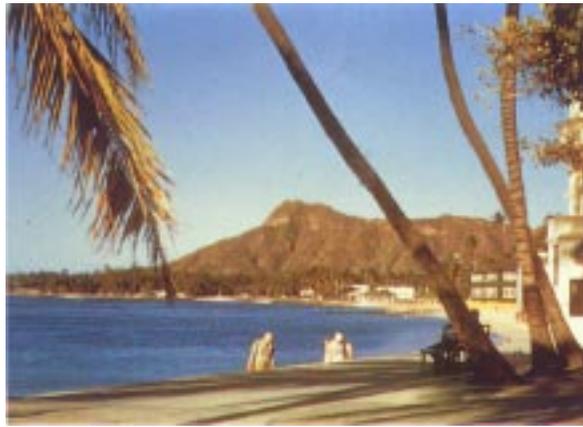


Figure 22. HAWAII

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Figure 23. GREECE

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## 9. THE FUTURE

The Field Artillery is a dynamic branch. It challenges professional officers to become competent, committed, and caring leaders of first-rate soldiers.

The Field Artillery officer faces and overcomes many challenges. He is a thoroughly capable warrior, who like the Kings of Baffle over the centuries, can put timely fires on target as part of a highly mobile, automated combined arms team.



**Figure 23. THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE FIELD ARTILLERY**

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