



CID searches for qualified candidates

Army's premier law enforcement agency searches for soldiers to become criminal investigators

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) has an all-points bulletin out for qualified soldiers interested in becoming highly trained criminal investigators.

During peacetime and war, CID special agents investigate all felony crimes the Army has an interest in, provide protective services for Department of Defense and Army leadership and work closely with other Federal and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in a wide range of specialized investigative disciplines. Some specialties include polygraphs, counter-narcotics, economic-crime investigations, computer crime and many other specialties in the criminal investigative field. With more than 120 offices, CID provides the Army with worldwide support.

Investigators also have the opportunity to receive advanced law enforcement training at the FBI National Academy, the Canadian Police College and at Washington University where they can earn a master's degree in Forensic Science.



"It's a tremendous opportunity for soldiers to become one of the Department of Defense's premier law enforcement agents and receive some of the best training in the world," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Misianowycz, CID's senior noncommissioned officer.

Although many CID agents have some type of military or civilian police background, it's not a requirement to qualify and be accepted

into the program, said Master Sgt. Cynthia Fischer, the CID agent responsible for recruiting new agents. "We have soldiers from both Military Police and other [military occupational specialties]. CID benefits from the varied experience."

CID offers a local six-month internship program for soldiers without law-enforcement experience, said Marianne Black, chief of CID's accreditation branch.

Major installations such as Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Lewis, Wash., offer rewarding CID intern opportunities for dynamic and motivated soldiers.

"Enrollment in these initial internships helps develop the recruit's potential to complete the rigorous 15-week Basic Special Agent Course at the U.S. Army Military Police School," Black said. After these classroom studies, soldiers spend the first year as probationary agents under close observation of senior CID agents before becoming fully accredited.

"Our profession is an excellent opportunity for enlisted soldiers who aspire to become warrant officers," said Black. "In fact, given our current force structure and staffing, the CID agent warrant officer career field provides among the Army's best opportunities for diverse assignments and rapid advancement."

To apply and qualify for service as a CID Special Agent, applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 21 years old, sergeant or below with at least two and not more than 10 years of service, a general technical score of at least 110, no court martial convictions, possess 60 semester hours of college credit, a physical profile of 111221 or higher with normal color vision, 36 months obligated service upon completion of the Basic Special Agent Course and be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance.

"Regardless of background, applicants must possess excellent communication skills and be able to interact effectively with people from varied backgrounds," Black said.

Soldiers interested in becoming CID Special Agents are encouraged to contact their closest CID office or visit CID's Web site at www.cid.army.mil for more information. (CID News Release)