

Fall In

Enlisted selection board system

The ESBS eliminates the need for hardcopy promotion board files on Soldiers and presents the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), photo, Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) and memorandum to the board president (if submitted) to the voting members as an electronic file.

NCOs can review their electronic board file via the EREC Web site at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>, click on HRC Indianapolis (EREC), and then click on "Promotion File".

Within the promotion file there are several tabs (OMPF, Photo, ERB and Statements).



NCOs eligible for a board should check the OMPF for missing or incorrect documents, review the photo to ensure it is current and represents their present appearance and screen the ERB to ensure the data is correct. Also, NCOs eligible to be considered for command sergeant major must process an acceptance or declination statement.

Soldiers who do not want to be considered for promotion to sergeant major or attendance at the Sergeants Major Course can sign a declination statement.

Memorandums written to the board president are scanned into the electronic board files for presentation to board members.

Building the perfect rack

Soldiers in need of assistance to ensure their Army awards are in the proper order of precedence will find digital assistance just a mouse click away at the Army National Guard Web site's "Ribbon Rack Builder" located at <http://www.arnng.army.mil/tools/ribbonrack>.

The Web-based tool allows Soldiers to click on the color pictures of each of their ribbons. After selecting the appropriate ribbons, click on the "Build My Rack" button at the bottom of the page. The site will then display the selected ribbons in their order of precedence. The site also features an acronym finder and the Army Physical Fitness Test worksheet.



CID looking for new recruits

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

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 investigation field.

With more than 120 offices, CID provides the Army with worldwide support.

To qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 21 years old, a sergeant or below with at least two years of service and not more than 10.

Soldiers interested in becoming CID Special Agents are encouraged to contact their closest CID office or

visit CID's Web site for more information at <http://www.cid.army.mil>.

Changes to NCOES

Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) has directed the elimination of the Advanced NCO Course (ANCOC) Common Core Phase I and the implementation of a revised Basic NCO Course Common (BNCOC) Core Phase I effective Oct. 1. TRADOC also directed that the NCO Education System be redesigned to accommodate the current combat operating environment.

This redesign will redirect five current ANCOC Common Core lessons and add new lessons developed from lessons learned from the Iraqi and Afghani battlefields to the Basic NCO Course. The projected implementation dates are Oct. 1 for the active force and Jan. 1 for the Reserve forces.

For questions contact, Sgt. Maj. Agnes Bennett-Green, at agnes.bennett-green@bliss.army.mil.

Officials warn against diploma mills

Expect to get promotion points for a college degree that requires no class work or tests? Think again, warn Department of Defense education specialists.

A diploma mill, a college or university that operates primarily to make money, often offers college credit for life experiences rather than any formal education. Diploma mills prey on people who are often too busy to attend classes. The schools often aren't properly accredited and issue degrees without ensuring the student is educated in the degree areas. Army Education Centers can verify a school's accreditation.

The Army will not recognize a degree from a non-accredited school. For more information on school accreditation, visit <http://www.ed.gov>.

