

Thunderbolt Blast

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MOS 19C UPDATE **(194TH ARMORED BRIGADE)**

194th Armor Brigade is preparing to train the new 19C Military Occupational Specialty. The 19C MOS (Fighting Vehicle Crewmember, Bradley) increases the lethality and expertise of the Fighting Vehicle Crew. Establishing a dedicated crewmember with the associated Professional Military Education and career glide path enables the US Army to prepare for Large Scale Combat Operations (LSCO).

Critical to the establishment of the MOS is the establishment of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps (NCO) leadership. 194th Armor Brigade is currently developing a transition course, with the associated program of instruction (POI), that will transition 20-40 level NCOs into the new MOS. Our initial curriculum requires 45 days of training to produce a "proficient" NCO able to shoot, move, communicate, and maintain the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

The 19C Transition Course will occur in four distinct phases: Maintenance, Drive, Shoot (Gunnery), and Communicate. Soldiers will learn to maintain the hull, turret, and weapons systems. Additionally, they will leave the course with the ability to read, complete, and file the DA 5988-E. Training will consist of Driving under usual, unusual conditions and night driving. All Soldiers will graduate the course licensed to drive the Bradley. The Gunnery phase will take students through all the Gunnery Skills Tasks, Conduct of Fire Trainer. Our goal is to shoot through Gunnery Table VI. Communication training will include all individual and crew tasks required to put all systems into operation.

With the ever-changing composition of the Army, the 19C MOS provides commanders with a valuable way to create more lethal and proficient crews. The 19C transition and OSUT courses fit in the armor community as we continue our tradition of excellence in teaching the basics of mounted maneuver warfare.

CHIEF OF ARMOR COMMENTS

Happy Holidays from Fort Benning! Your Armor School continues delivering readiness to the force by providing world-class 19 Series Leaders and Troopers, through challenging functional training, and the synchronizing of new DOTMLPF-P solutions.



The new MTOE (Modified Table of Organization and Equipment) for Bradley Crewman to 19C has been authorized and implemented for FY-25 and the 194th Armor Brigade has already done a tremendous amount of work in preparation for the transition. The final Bradley Leader Course will take place during the 2nd quarter of FY-24. Simultaneously we will expand the Commander's Course which serves as our bridging strategy for 19C leader development. We are currently planning for the 19C OSUT pilot to commence in the 3rd quarter FY-24. The recruitment process will begin with the request for Forces Command (FORSCOM) to identify any Soldiers who might be interested in switching from their present branch to 19C. Precedence will be given to Bradley Master Gunnery (J3 Qualified) and other current operators.

Recruiting and retention are still among our top priorities, and CSM Jackson and I continue to meet with the CMF19 enlisted managers to tackle this issue. Accessions is only part of the equation, although it currently has the biggest impact. Fortunately, there are new bonuses applicable to 19K currently available. This MOS is now in the 1st - Tier of the Critical Skills Bonus scheme (up to \$50,000 for 6-year enlistment) as well as the Tier-1 Loan Repayment Program (up to \$65,000 for 4-6-year enlistment). Both rewards can be combined, thus

DOCTRINE

MCOE's Directorate of Training and Doctrine (DOTD) continues to prepare multiple products and publications for Army-wide implementation, or review, by the maneuver force during this past quarter.

Doctrine and Collective Training Division's (DCTD) ABCT Doctrine Branch has completed the development of ATP 3-90.1, *Armor and Mechanized Infantry Company Team*. This ATP will go through an update as required, based off the publication of FM 3-90 *Tactics*. The ABCT Branch is also developing ATP 3-21.71, *Mechanized Infantry Platoon and Squad* and anticipate the Army-wide staffing of the Initial Draft in 2nd Quarter, FY23. The Cavalry Doctrine Branch gained approval of FM 3-98, *Reconnaissance and Security Operations* from the new CAC commander after some final revisions and expect the manual to be published on APD after the new year. We anticipate the Army-wide Initial Draft staffing of ATP 3-20.97, *Cavalry Troop* in early 2nd Quarter, FY23 immediately following publication of the FM 3-98. This provides the Cavalry community a chance to become familiar with the latest revisions in the FM 3-98, which elements will be reflected in the ATP 3-20.97.

Collective Training Branch has completed updating the Combined Arms Training Strategy (CATS) for the ABCT and should be available 2nd QTR FY23 on DTMS. This incorporates updated Unit Task Lists (UTL), collective tasks, and drills. The Branch is currently developing the drill "React to Aircraft" to assist the mounted and dismounted force in reacting to fixed-wing, rotary-wing, and UAS.

DOTD remains dedicated to updating the force via the Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL) newsletter, the Thunderbolt Chapter of United States Cavalry, and Armor Association Facebook page and our Twitter page (@MastersManeuver). For questions or concerns, please contact the Doctrine and Collective Training Division at usarmy.benning.mcoe.mbx.doctrine@army.mil or through our Masters of Maneuver Twitter page.

SAVE THE DATE: 2ND QTR FY23 CAVALRY COUNCIL (316TH CAVALRY BRIGADE)

316 Cavalry Brigade will host the 1st Cavalry Council of FY 23 on 08 February 2023 at 1200. Reconnaissance and Surveillance within Multi Domain Operations will be the focus of the topic. COL (R) J. Chesney, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command Peterson AFB will present on "Space Domain and its effects on R&S Operations" and CPT Joshua Perkins will discuss his article "Multi-Domain Operations in Large-Scale Combat: A Cavalry Perspective" For the personnel on Ft. Benning it will be held in the Thurman Room in Patton Hall, BLDG 5145 and all other personnel the meeting will also be held on Microsoft Teams. Formal invites were sent out via email in mid-December. If you did not receive an invite or would like to attend, please reach out the POC MAJ Christopher A Moffett at christopher.a.moffett.mil@army.mil to be added to the distribution list for future Cavalry Councils. Also, if you would like to present or have topic to facilitate discussion, please feel free to reach out the MAJ Moffett as well.

STANDARDIZED ARMOR BASE OF TRAINING (SABOT)/ READINESS LEVEL (RL) PROGRESSION TRAIN THE TRAINER

3-16 Cavalry Squadron Maverick Troop (Abrams Master Gunner, Maneuver Leaders Maintenance Course) and Phantom Troop (Scout Leaders Course and Cavalry Leaders Course) instructors will execute the SABOT/RL Progression Train the Trainer for III Corps Master Gunners assigned to 1/1 AD and 1/1 ID. The Train the Trainer course will be executed from 09-13 JAN 23 to prepare the MGs for the execution of the upcoming SABOT/RL Progression Pilot Program which starts in 2nd QTR FY 23. MGs will learn the overall RL strategy, be provided with the tools essential to successfully execute evaluations, certifications, and inputting the data into both DTMS and the Soldier Unit Leaders Tool (SULT). The outcome of the course is the establishment of an executable unit training plan (UTP) based on the unit specific Long Range Training Calendar to support the execution of SABOT/RL Progression. The RL Progression Model revises and links USAARMS PME to unit training management with a system that standardizes individual, platform, and unit training competencies to increase lethality and expertise for all Armor branch personnel. Certification tasks are arrayed across the four fundamentals of mounted maneuver: shoot, move, communicate, and maintain. SABOT/RL Progression is a major component of AR 2030.

offering up to \$115,000 for a 6-year enlistment (non-prior service). This is the highest financial incentive for any MOS. 19K is now up to Tier 6 for SL10 (up to \$26,400 for a 5-year re-enlistment as a SPC) and still at Tier 4 for SGT (up to \$14,200 for a 5-year enlistment). Our Team will continue working with the Army to address this challenge.

The 316th Cavalry Brigade is keeping up the pace for the RL-Progression Pilot. In the second week of January, they will be bringing the Master Gunners and key personnel from III-Corps to Fort Benning to take part in the "train the trainer" initiative. This will give the Team the necessary tools to carry out the pilot according to the necessary standards.

Finally, congratulations to the officers who have been chosen to lead battalions! A large percentage of the commands (43%) will be held by armor officers, which is almost half of all battalion-level commands that the Army has available.

CSM Jackson and I hope that you all have a very Happy Holiday Season. Take this time to check-in with those Soldiers who you haven't talked to in a while and focus on your family. Thanks for all you do!

Forge the Thunderbolt!
BG Thomas Feltey, U.S. Army
53rd Chief of Armor

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 EXCELLENCE IN ARMOR RECIPIENTS

The purpose of the Excellence in Armor (EIA) Program is to identify outstanding CMF 19 Soldiers in the ranks of Private through Sergeant who have demonstrated performance and leadership potential, either in One Station Unit Training (OSUT) or in Armor and Cavalry units. EIA also applies to CMF 19 Soldiers serving in non-Armor units, Active, Reserve, and the National Guard.

The goals for the EIA program are to:

- Increase combat readiness across Armor and Cavalry units.
- Identification and promotion of highly qualified Armor and Cavalry Soldiers, and NCOs for assignment to key positions for follow up assignment (i.e., Gunner, Team Leader).
- Encourage and facilitate Armor and Cavalry Soldiers' career progression and Leadership growth.
- Provide quantitative data that will assist Commanders in identifying Soldiers for accelerated promotion and retention of highly qualified Soldiers, and NCOs.
- Provide Commanders with guidance to implement their EIA program to run concurrently with the Expert Soldier Badge (ESB) program.

Selection requires Soldiers in Armor and Cavalry units to meet the following minimum standards:


- ACFT 540 or above (90 points in each event)
- Weapons Qualification – Expert
- Pass all tasks on their vehicle platform's Gunnery Skills Test (GST) with a GO
- No current UCMJ actions pending, or punishment completed
- 12 mile ruck march (35lbs/3 hours)
- Dismounted Land Navigation 3/4 points successfully found
- 4 mile run (36 minutes or less)

Completion of additional tasks specific to their MOS and Brigade Combat Team (BCT) of assignment. EIA Soldiers should be strongly considered for accelerated promotions to SPC, SGT, and SSG. It is essential that Commanders look carefully at EIA Soldiers and give them significant consideration for early promotion. The Armor force benefits by recognizing superior performance and potential, and the unit benefits by increased Soldier motivation. Selection for EIA sends a message to other Soldiers that demonstrated performance and potential receives greater promotion consideration over time in grade.


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