

# INFANTRY CAREER NOTES



## U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS), Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, offers enlisted soldiers a unique opportunity to gain appointments to the academy and become officers.

The preparatory school's primary focus is on academics, with training in English and math skills making up most of the curriculum, along with a section on computer skills. But it also prepares the candidates for the rigors of cadet life.

The development of leadership traits and ethics is a large part of student life. Cadet candidates live within a student chain of command similar to that at West Point. Positions in the chain are rotated periodically to give each candidate some leadership experience. A carefully selected Army captain acts as the commander of each company of students to guide and counsel them on effective leadership.

Athletic activities serve the dual purpose of conditioning the candidates and providing them with welcome relief from the rigorous academic program. Each day, students are involved in either varsity or intramural sports that include football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, wrestling, and cross-country running.

To be eligible to attend USMAPS, a

soldier must meet the following requirements:

- U.S. citizen.
- At least 17 but not yet 21 years of age on 1 July of the year entering.
- Unmarried with no legal obligation to support dependents.
- In good health with no disqualifying physical defects.
- High school graduate or equivalent.
- Of high moral character, no felony conviction by a civilian or military court, and no history of venereal infection, habitual alcohol abuse, or narcotics addiction.

Interested soldiers who meet these qualifications should apply before the 1 May 1995 deadline. Those selected will report to Fort Monmouth in late July to begin the 10-month training session.

For further information, write to Commandant, USMAPS, ATTN: MAPS-ADM, Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703-5000; or call the Admissions Office at DSN 992-1807/0808 or commercial (908) 532-1807/1808.

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## NEW EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR RESERVISTS

The U.S. Army Reserve's new education benefits program, *Project World Class*, helps soldiers complete either associate or baccalaureate degrees at ap-

proved institutions. They will be able to complete many, if not all, of the required courses at home.

By calling (800) 852-5277, Reservists can access the following services:

**College degree planning.** Reservists may learn what credits they can earn for their military experience and have personalized two-year or four-year degree plans prepared. The planning service will survey all available external degree programs to find an approved school that offers maximum credit for military training and prior college education based upon a soldier's background and desired degree.

**Video CLEP/DSST preparation materials.** Home study preparation materials for many College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) will be provided free of charge to Army Reserve soldiers who want to earn credit through these examination programs.

**GED Test preparation materials.** Home study video courses in reading, mathematics, grammar, and writing are available free of charge to soldiers preparing for the GED (General Equivalency Diploma) Test. A study will be tailored to meet individual learning needs.

For additional information on the program, Reservists may call Abdul Ali, USAR Education Services Specialist at (800) 359-8483, extension 8579.

