

# INFANTRY CAREER NOTES



## NOTES FROM INFANTRY BRANCH, PERSCOM

Our mission at Infantry Branch, Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) is to manage the assignments and professional development of Infantry officers in order to provide the best-trained Infantry leaders at the right time and in the best place for our Army.

In addition, we believe it is critical that we educate all Infantry officers on emerging trends and changes in personnel policy, especially as we implement Officer Personnel Management System (OPMS) XXI.

Thanks to advanced technology, there are now several ways Infantrymen can stay informed and involved in managing their future assignments and careers. Many Infantry officers have already discovered the

Infantry home page. We have published the site in a new format and continuously update it with new information. Because your assignment officer spends a great deal of time keeping the information current, many of your questions can be answered by a visit to this website: <http://www.perscom.army.mil/Opinf/innews.htm>.

For senior Infantry leaders, we also communicate through a "commander's shotgun," delivered by e-mail approximately every other month. These e-mails summarize upcoming and current events, along with any changes to or trends in assignment policies. They focus on issues that affect infantrymen in the rank of lieutenant through lieutenant colonel and provide tips and reminders to senior leaders about events or issues that will affect their subordinates.

They are intended to supplement what is on the home page, and many commanders also share them with their subordinates. All colonels and lieutenant colonels on Command Select Lists are on the distribution list to receive these e-mail summaries, and other senior Infantrymen can be added as well. Just call or e-mail your request to us.

Finally, we are equipped to communicate through e-mail, telephone, regular mail, and even personal interviews should you have time when in the Washington, D.C., area. If you plan to drop by PERSCOM, please call and make an appointment at least a day in advance so that we can increase the value of your visit by having a current copy of your officer record brief and microfiche record on hand. If you want to get a DA photo made during the visit, we sit across the hallway from a photo studio and can coordinate an appointment for you.

Upcoming DA promotion and school boards are shown here. (The Career Field Designation board will convene immediately following the Majors promotion board in April 2001.)

To help yourself or others get ready for a board, take a look at the board preparation portion of our home page, and then follow these tips:

**Microfiche:** Order early, ensure accuracy and completeness (all OER/AERs, award certificates, badge orders, and school diplomas). You can order your microfiche online from the home page.

**DA Photo:** Update within a year of the board or upon PCS or promotion (3/4 length, color, digital).

**ORB:** Go to your Personnel Services Branch and ensure accuracy and completeness (special attention to correcting current and past duty titles and the dates of your most recent physical examination and photo).

It is a good idea to update your microfiche and ORB during your birth month each year. This means you will have less to do in preparing for a board.

One Infantry!

Lieutenant Colonel Brian Baldy  
Chief  
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## UPCOMING DA PROMOTION AND SCHOOL BOARDS

DATES	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
01-23 Aug 2000	AZ-YG78; PZ-YG79; BZ-80	Colonels Board
22 Aug - 22 Sep 22	1st look - YG90; 2d look YG89	CGSC Board
October 2000	YGs 81-84	LTC Command Board
October 2000		ROTC PMS Board
November 2000	AZ-YG97; PZ-YG96	Captains Board
December 2000		SMU Board
January 2001		Colonel Command Board
March 2001	AZ-YG84; PZ-YG85; BZ-YG86	Lieutenant Colonels Board
April 2001		Senior Service College Board
April 2001	AZ-YG90; PZ-YG91; BZ-YG92	Majors Board

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