

Aviation

OVERVIEW

Aviation officers coordinate/lead operations using Army helicopters: OH-58 Kiowa, UH-60 Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook and the AH-64 Apache. These operations can haul troops and carry supplies, as well as provide quick-strike and long-range target engagement.

JOB DUTIES

Coordinate employment of aviation Soldiers and aircraft at all levels

Command and control aviation platoons

Provide aviation coordination

Instruct aviation skills at service schools and combat training centers

REQUIREMENTS

Those who want to serve must first take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a series of tests that helps you better understand your strengths and identify which Army jobs are best for you.

TRAINING

Job training for an aviation officer requires completing aviation school, where you study rotary-winged aircrafts and basic flying skills.

Some of the skills you'll learn are:

Basic flight physics and flight systems

Emergency procedures

Flight map drawing and reading

You will then begin Basic Combat Training in combat flight skills that are used by Army pilots, and eventually specialize in one of the following helicopters:

OH-58 Kiowa

UH-60 Black Hawk

AH-64 Apache

CH-47 Chinook

HELPFUL SKILLS

Self-discipline, confidence and intelligence

Physically and mentally fit to perform under pressure

Ability to make quick decisions

Capable of bearing numerous responsibilities

FUTURE CIVILIAN CAREERS

The skills you learn will help prepare you for a career in fields such as business management. An officer in the Army is closely related to managerial positions in corporations.