

## 6th BRIGADE

## Annual training

### ■ Command & General Staff Officers Course

The 9th Battalion (C&GS) conducts the Command & General Staff Officers Course.

Taught in four phases, CGSOC is the Army's senior tactical course and introduces officers to operational and strategic war fighting. In 2000, the 9th Battalion taught a total of 561 students.

The course is designed to prepare graduates to think, decide, communicate, and act as general staff officers and field grade commanders. Upon completion, graduates will be able to:

- Apply the principles and techniques of military operations at division and corps levels, with primary emphasis at corps
- Practice the principles and techniques of logistics support necessary to sustain tactical operations
- Relate the application of military power to national policy
- Employ the concepts of low intensity conflict
- Apply the lessons of military history to contemporary military problems
- Practice the principles of leadership in their professional life
- Apply the concepts of joint and combined operations to Army missions, worldwide
- Interrelate the components of officer education in meaningful combinations

To be eligible, the officer must be a

promotable captain or higher and have completed the Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3). Fifty percent completion of CGSOC is required for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

### ■ Combined Arms and Services Staff School

The 10th Battalion (CAS3) conducts the Combined Arms and Services Staff School. The mission of CAS3 is to train active component and reserve Army captains to function as staff officers in the field.

Staff groups conduct a series of scenarios with each student in the role of an officer dealing with realistic staff problems at the battalion, brigade or division level. The 10th Battalion graduated 713 students from CAS3 in training year 2001.

There are three options for completing CAS3: a) 8+2 format — requires eight weekend drill periods and a final 15 day active duty for training period; b) 2+2 format - requires one period of 16 days and a second period 15 days; c) distance learning format - students interact online for the first period and conclude with a 15 days of active duty.

The four major goals of CAS3 are:

- Improve an officer's ability to analyze and solve military problems
- Improve an officer's communication skills
- Improve an officer's ability to interact and coordinate as a member of a staff
- Improve an officer's understanding of Army's organizations, operations, and procedures

To be eligible, the officer must be

a captain and a graduate of a branch Officer Advanced Course.

### ■ Drill Sergeant School

The Drill Sergeant School is located at Fort Knox, Ky. Its mission is to produce qualified drill sergeants for the 100th Division to be used for various phases of training.

In June 2001, the Drill Sergeant School graduated 50 new drill sergeants.

Candidates have two options from which to choose to complete the drill sergeant course: a) 12 drill weekends and two weeks of annual training; b) 2 weeks annual training and four drill periods, then two weeks annual training.

Eligible drill sergeant candidates must be promotable specialists or corporals and be promoted to sergeant prior to graduation. The course is non-MOS specific.

### ■ Noncommissioned Officer Education System

The Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) Detachment provides certified instructors, and teaches Phase I of advanced and basic courses for non-commissioned officers.

## Changes

■ New Brigade Commander, December 2000 (Col. Skaggs).

■ Consolidation of office space to accommodate an element of the 81st Regional Support Command.

■ Recipient of the 2000 Army Community of Excellence Award.

■ Provisional alignment of the 8th Brigade for administrative and logistical support.