

Army National Guard The Army School System (TASS) Training Institutions

What is it?

The Army National Guard (ARNG) TASS Institutions are made up of several different kinds of Training Institutions, all subject to TRADOC accreditation. ARNG TASS is currently comprised of 49 Regional Training Institutes (RTIs), 35 of which offer multiple class starts (Multi-Start Institutes) throughout the year (minimum 8 iterations). Five Multi-Functional Training Units (MFTU) in AK, HI, GU, PR and VI. Thirteen Regional Training Site-Maintenance located in CA, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, KS, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, and NJ. Four Regional Aviation Training Sites located in PA, AZ, WV and CO. One Professional Education Center (PEC) located in AR. Six Regional Non-Commissioned Officer Academies located in UT, NE, SC, MS, LA, PA. One Marksmanship Training Center located in AR. One Mountain Warfare School located in VT. One Language Training Center located in PR. One Information Operations School located in VT. One Warrior Training Center located in GA. Two Medical Battalion Training Sites located in PA and MS.

What has the ARNG done?

The ARNG TASS training regiments/battalions transformed in 2005 and approached training requirements on a national basis in support of ARFORGEN. Training battalions have been relocated or established geographically based on local density of MTOE structure. In 2005, ARNG TASS expanded its historical mission and now offers OCS, WOCS, MOS reclassification, NCOES, ASI and functional course in the leadership, CA, CS and CSS training lanes. Leadership, CS and CSS lanes are shared with USAR TASS schools. TASS divides the continental United States (CONUS) and territories into five regions based on geographic and demographic data (active and reserve force structure). Each region includes officer education (OCS, WOCS, OPD), enlisted education (RECLASS, NCOES), functional, ASI and SQL courses. TASS training battalions, subordinate to the regiments, align with the proponents for each of the 15 career management fields now offered. Battalions manage instructor groups. Each instructor group has multiple teaching sites that ensure the availability of decentralized instruction for all Soldiers. The ARNG TASS training regiments are aligned more closely with their respective States, but provide regional and national coverage for training of Soldiers in all components. All ARNG TASS Institutions have now been accredited by TRADOC, many of which have achieved Institution of Excellence accreditation ratings. ARNG TASS is now a full partner in the Army's One Army School System (OASS) initiative.

Why is this important to the ARNG?

As the ARNG assumes the Operational Force posture and training resources become limited, ARNG TASS provides the Units an in-state option to train many of their needs and a national capacity that can be missioned to train larger missions such as transformation. With the current OPTEMPO, ARNG TASS has the ability to take the

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training to the Unit or offer the commander more start dates that meet his/her training timelines. These options allow the ARNG to train Soldiers beyond the resourced level. Training active component soldiers has also provided ARNG TASS HQDA support in equipping our TDAs when supporting OASS compliant courses. This initiative reduces the need for ARNG. ARNG TASS is missioned to provide 63,800 ARNG, 12,400 USAR and 5,500 AC training seats in FY12.

What continued efforts does the ARNG have in the future?

Courseware Development/Revision: The ARNG TASS continues to work with TRADOC proponent schools to ensure that courses offered at RC institutions mirror the critical tasks trained at the AC institutions.

Equipping TDAs: The ARNG TASS Multi-Start Institutions continue to work with TRADOC proponent schools, ARNG-ILS, Net Fielding PMs and HQDA G-8 to ensure that courses offered are trained on current equipment that is assigned to the school TDA.

TASS Rebalance: The ARNG-TRI will continually review/rebalance ARNG TASS so that the structure and capacity best supports current ARNG force structure and warfight needs.