

“THE FUTURE OF ARMOR LETHALITY” M1A1/M1A2 MASTER GUNNER

-The mission of the Master Gunner is to train the unit for combat and act as subject matter expert for all weapon system platforms in the HBCT



-The Master Gunner advises commanders at all echelons, and assists with the planning, development, execution, and evaluation of all combat and gunnery-related training (individual, crew, and collective)



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INTRODUCTION:

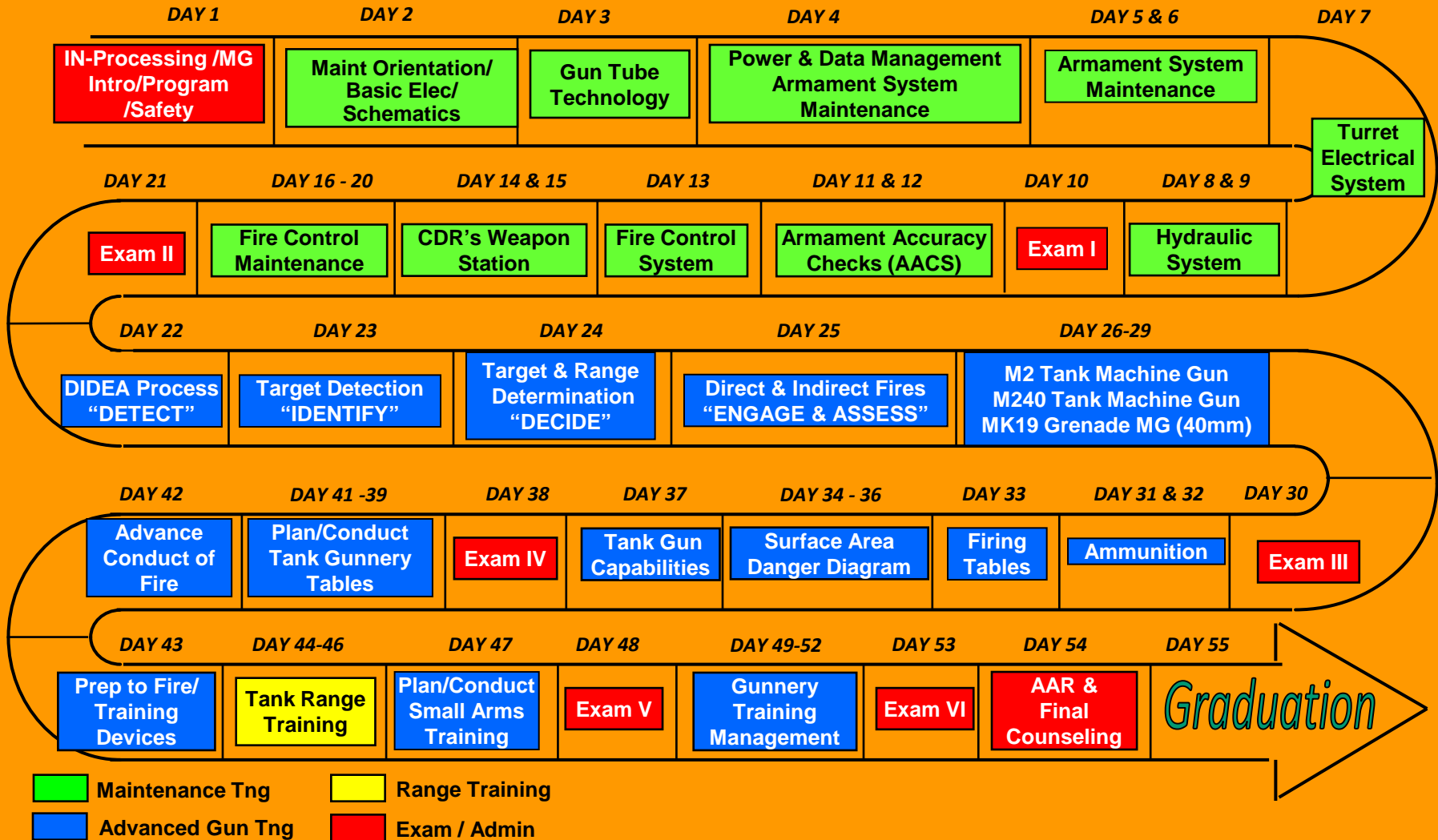


The graduate from the Master Gunner Course at Fort Benning is an accomplished Armor Noncommissioned Officer trained in advanced gunnery methodology, turret weapons systems maintenance, and training management. This acquired skill and knowledge will allow him to function as the unit's Master of Gunnery, the tank commander's mentor and the commander's training and gunnery technical advisor.

The graduate can conduct maintenance procedures used to identify and troubleshoot complex malfunctions that occur in the tanks turret electrical, hydraulic, armament, and fire control systems. In addition, the graduate has mastered tank gunnery doctrinal and technical procedures needed to assess crew proficiency, identify crew procedural errors that cause a tank not to hit a target, and provide training for crews to operate the tank to its designed capabilities. The MG Course graduate is trained on Training Management, Gunnery Training, Integration of Training Devices, Assessment of Units, and the development of an annual gunnery program to sustain and improve the unit's tank gunnery proficiency.

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COURSE PREREQUISITES:

- Must be a member of **Marine Corps, Active Army, National Guard, or Reserve Component**
- Must possess the **19K MOS** prior to attending the course and have received M1A1/M1A2 SEP base line training
- Possess the rank of **SGT(P) to SFC**
- Must **volunteer** for the course
- Must be personally **interviewed and recommended by the units Battalion Commander**
- Must have **one year experience as a Vehicle Commander**, with at least 6 months experience as an M1A1/M1A2 SEP Vehicle Commander, reflected on your ERB (Waiverable)

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COURSE PREREQUISITES:

- Upon completion of the course, the Soldier must have **ten months remaining service commitment.** (unit may request tour of duty in present unit be extended for up to 24 months)
- Must be certified by the Battalion Commander that the Soldier/Marine has passed the **Vehicle Commander's GST as stated verbatim** in FM 3-20.21 within three months or 90 days prior to attending the M1A1/M1A2 SEP Abrams Master Gunner Course

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

- **Active Component:** Must have qualified as an M1A1/M1A2 SEP Vehicle commander on Gun Table VI within the preceding 12 months.
- **National Guard Component:** Must have qualified as an M1A1 Vehicle commander on Gun Table V or VI within the preceding 24 months.



WAIVERS:

- Must have a GT score of 105 (**Waiverable**) and a CO (CMBT) score of 110 (**Waiverable**). **Either the GT score or the CO (CMBT) score may be waived by up to 5 points. Only one of the two may be waived but not both.**
- **12 Months Tank Commanders Time (Waiverable)**
- **Must qualify Table VI within 6 months of attending the course (Waiverable)**

(AKO access is require for example waiver, all waivers in MS Office format and editable)
(See additional information next page)

- [Example Tank Commanders Time Wavier](#)
- [Example Table VI Wavier](#)
- [Example CO \(CMBT\) Score Waiver](#)
- [Example GT Score Waiver](#)

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WAIVERS PROCESS:

- If a student requires a waiver please download the example from the previous page and fill it out with the student's information on the memorandum and send it to the Master Gunner School via e-mail.
- Waivers will be received by the school and processed. Within 3 duty days you will receive an e-mail with a signed copy of the waiver; it will be either approved or disapproved.
- Unit Commanders cannot approve waivers for the Master Gunner School; the only approving authority for waivers is the Commandant of the Master Gunner School.
- For any questions please contact the Master Gunner Course at 706-626-7911

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

You must have these items in your possession at in-processing

ALL SERVICES:

- GST score sheet, valid within the last 90 days prior to start of class signed by the Master Gunner
- Any waiver request signed by Master Gunner Commandant only ([waivers link](#))
- Orders (DA-4187) or DTS orders
- Pre-execution Checklist ([TASS Checklist link](#))

****REGULAR ARMY ONLY****

- ERB (Enlisted Records Brief) 

*******Failure to bring the required paperwork may result in the Student not being admitted to the course*******

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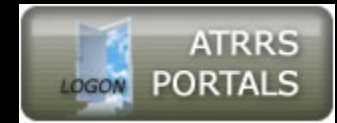
- It is highly recommended that the Soldier/Marine attend a Unit Level **Sabot Academy** before attending the Master Gunner Course and have an understanding of:
 - FM 3-20.21 Heavy Brigade Combat Team
 - TM 9-2350-388-10 VOL I-III (M1A2 SEP course)
 - TM 9-2350-264-10 VOL I, II with changes (M1A1 course)



COURSE SCHEDULE:

- The course dates are listed on ATRRS.

School Code: 171B



<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Code</u>	Lookup
M1A1 Master Gunner	020-ASIA8	Lookup
M1A2 SEP Master Gunner	020-ASIK8	Lookup
MGS Master Gunner Transition	020-ASIR8 (19K)	Lookup

- If you do not meet the prerequisites for the course you must have an approved waiver prior to receiving a ATRRS reservation



PACKING LIST:

- There is no need to bring any TA 50 equipment, CVC's or nomex. These items will be temporarily issued here at Fort Benning. Currently, Fort Benning CIF will not issue students sweat bands for their ACH, ACH pads, nor Mechanics Coveralls. We strongly suggest you bring your own.
- Fort Benning safety regulations require ballistic eye protection, hearing protection, and gloves on all ranges. Students must bring their own.
- Bring civilian clothes, as you deem necessary.
- Training here will require you to bring your ACUs (Gortex and gloves in the winter) and complete Army Physical Fitness uniform to include a reflective vest/belt

MASTER GUNNER BRANCH CONTACT:

The Master Gunner Branch is located in Bldg 5210,
Harmony Church, Fort Benning Ga.

- **Commandant** 706-626-7917
- **Branch Chief** 706-626-7915
- **Master Gunner Operations** 706-626-7911
- **USMC Liaison** 706-626-7911
- **Maintenance Team Chief** 706-626-7910
- **Gunnery Team Chief** 706-626-7009

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MASTER GUNNER BRANCH CONTACT:

8th Infantry
Access point
from 520

Road from
main post



Master Gunner School: Bldg 5210, Harmony Church
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