

Recruitment of Criminal Justice Students

Please forward to all Criminal Justice students.

Overview

Criminal Investigation Command special agents are primarily responsible for conducting criminal investigations in which the Army is, or may be, a party of interest. They handle felony-level crimes that involve Army property and Army personnel.

The mission of **Criminal Investigation Command (CID)** is to investigate and deter serious crimes in which the **Army** has an interest. **CID** collects, analyzes, processes and disseminates criminal intelligence; conducts protective service operations; provides forensic laboratory support to all DoD investigative agencies, and maintains **Army** criminal records.

CID Special Agents primarily investigate felony-level crime across the Army and provide investigative support to field commanders. They conduct a wide variety of investigations to include deaths, sexual assault, armed robbery, procurement fraud, computer crimes, counter-drug operations and war crimes. CID agents also provide counter-terrorism support, criminal intelligence support, force protection, forensic laboratory investigative support, and protective services for key Department of Defense and senior Army leadership.

CID is a worldwide command with fewer than 2000 Soldiers and civilians and approximately 900 special agents.

The [history](#) of criminal investigation in the Army can be traced back before the Civil War when private detectives like Alan Pinkerton were hired to investigate Army crimes. However, during World War I, General John Pershing ordered the creation of a separate Criminal Investigation Division (CID) within the MP Corps to prevent and detect crime among the American Expeditionary Forces in France. The acronym CID, as the Criminal Investigation Command is commonly referred to, retains the “D” today as a historical reminder of the first Criminal Investigation Division formed in 1918 during World War I. Criminal investigation activities were not centralized until 1971, when Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird directed the formation of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command. CID officially became a command on September 17, 1971.

<http://www.cid.army.mil/>

Job Duties

- Conducts independent felony-level criminal investigations; General and Economic Crimes, and Counter-Drug Operations
- Processes crime scenes and collects evidence
- Conducts interviews or interrogations of complainants, victims, witnesses and subject
- Provide forensic laboratory support

- Performs Protective Services operations

For more information about Army CID, visit www.cid.army.mil.

Requirements

CID Special Agents must have high moral standards and the utmost integrity. The training agents receive provide them with the technical skills that will permit them to execute any felony investigative mission with success. Due to the nature of work required of CID Special Agents, strict qualification must be met prior to application. Minimum eligibility requirements are listed below.

- In-service Soldiers only
- U.S. Citizen
- 21 or older
- Completed Basic Leader Course (formerly known as the Warrior Leader Course)
- SPC-SSG (SSG must have less than one year time in grade)
- Between 2-10 years of military service
- 60 semester hours or more from an accredited institution
- Skilled Technical (ST) score of 107 or higher
- General Technical (GT) score of 110 or higher
- Consistently meet the height and weight standards prescribed in AR 600-9 and consistently pass the Army Physical Fitness Test
- Ability to deploy worldwide, have no physical limitations and normal color vision
- Must possess a valid driver's license and favorable driving record
- Ability to speak and write clearly
- Favorable credit history
- Valid driver's license and favorable driving record
- At least one year of military police experience or two years civilian police experience (requirement for reserve soldiers only)

Visit www.cid.army.mil/militaryagents2.html for the complete list of requirements and instructions to begin your application.

Training

Job training for a CID Special Agent requires completing 15 weeks of a resident course, which is designated to train criminal investigation duties in field units for the Army.

Some of the skills you'll learn are:

- Civil and military laws
- Investigation procedures and techniques
- Crime scene processing

- Testimonial evidence
- Protective services
- Child abuse prevention
- Crisis/Hostage negotiations

Helpful Skills

- Interest in law enforcement
- Willingness to perform potentially dangerous work
- Ability to make quick decisions
- Remain calm under heavy duress
- Mental and physical fitness

Required ASVAB Score(s)

Skilled Technical (ST): 107, General Technical (GT): 110

[Learn more about the ASVAB](#) and see what jobs you could qualify for.

CID DIRECT ACCESSIONS PILOT PROGRAM FOR NEW RECRUITS

If you are a college graduate interested in joining the Army and having a career as a federal law enforcement officer, you may be interested in the CID Direct Accessions Program. Successful applicants must complete 31B Military Police One Station Unit Training (OSUT) and the CID Special Agent Course (CIDSAC). Due to the nature of work required of CID Special Agents, strict qualification must be met prior to enlistment:

Requirements:

- U.S. Citizenship
- 21 years of age or older
- Bachelor's degree or higher in: Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Computer Science, Computer Forensics, Digital Forensics, Legal Studies, Accounting, Finance, Psychology or Biology
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Normal color vision (no exception to policy authorized)
- No physical limitations and no history of mental or emotional disorders
- Speak and write clearly
- Favorable credit history
- Valid driver's license and favorable driving record
- No felony or court martial convictions
- Eligibility for Top Secret clearance

- Suitable character, integrity, reputation, sobriety, discretion, and stability as established by a Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI)

If you meet the requirements and are interested in the program, contact your [local recruiter](#). For more information about Army CID, visit www.cid.army.mil.

Compensation

Total compensation includes housing, medical, food, special pay, and vacation time. Learn more about [total compensation](#).

Earn Cash For In Demand Jobs

You could earn up to \$40,000 in cash bonuses just for enlisting under certain Military Occupational Specialties. Visit [Jobs in Demand](#) to see if this job qualifies for an enlistment bonus.

Education Benefits

In the Army, qualified students can earn full-tuition, merit-based scholarships, allowances for books and fees, plus an annual stipend for living expenses. Learn more about [education benefits](#).

Future Civilian Careers

The skills you learn will help prepare you for a career with federal, state and local law enforcement.

Attached are some videos about CID's Direct Accessions Program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZF5MA-ztc&t=15s>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uy_rdn2NRIE

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General Crimes

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