

FOR: Brigade Commanders and Professors of Military of Science

SUBJECT: FA, AD, CM, OD Early Branch Selection Pilot for MS 05

**Action Required:** PMS must contact and counsel their entire FY 05 Cohort who are scheduled to be boarded by the Oct 04 OML Validation Board scheduled for 4-22 Oct 04.

**Background:** Mission Set 05 ROTC Cadets who desire FA, AD, CM, or OD may volunteer to do so on a first come, first served basis. Opportunity closes at 2359 hours, EST, 3 Sep 04 or when allocations are exhausted. **Cadets who do NOT volunteer by the suspense date or who request a branch after the allocations are exhausted will be branched with the remaining FY 05 Cohort in accordance with the guidance in the FY 05 ROTC Accession – Info Memo dated 12 Apr 04.**

Additionally, any cadets who volunteer for Ordnance with branch detail option to another branch will be guaranteed both the Ordnance Branch selection and the branch detail of choice (subject to availability and qualification).

Allocations for the Command, by branch, are as follows: FA = 250; AD = 150; CM = 100; and OD = 200.

**Procedures:**

1. To allow all MS 05 cadets the opportunity to consider this option, there will be a two-week window to apply: Monday, 23 August 2004 through Friday, 3 September 2004. **No extensions will be granted.**
2. Battalions will submit names of individuals volunteering for this program on an ongoing basis using the attached spreadsheet. Once the allocations are gone, no other will be accepted. Submit your request as soon as the cadet decides. Waiting to the last minute risks the slots being taken before your request arrives. All requests must be submitted by email to Ms. Aurie Carroll (carrollja@monroe.army.mil), Accessions Branch, **2359 hours, EST, 3 September 2004.** Confirm receipt of your actions. By providing complete information on the attached spreadsheet, cadets acknowledge they will receive their requested branch and active duty in accordance with the above guidelines. Cadets receiving one of these branches and active duty in accordance with this program must still submit an accession packet and be included in the FY 05 OML process; however, they will not be considered during the FY 05 DA Selection and Branching Board process.
3. All GRFD revocations must be submitted and approved by Cadet Command (CG, Cadet Command) prior to 23 August 2004 to be eligible for consideration for the guaranteed branching pilot test. POCs for GRFD revocations are CPT Daniels (USAR) @ Ext 4551 and CPT Trotter (NG) @ Ext 2782.
4. Post pilot-survey instructions will follow. Those cadets with a GRFD contract and nurse cadets are not required to complete the post pilot-survey.
5. It is imperative that you use the attached spreadsheet for your submissions. **DO NOT** attempt to alter the formatting of the spreadsheet in any way. **DO NOT** create your own spreadsheet.