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Soldiers

The armed forces are formed of soldiers.

The armed forces need young men and women with ambition, energy, and desire.

When a civilian person joins the military, he/she becomes a trainee. He/she starts his/her basic training.

The recruits must have a physical and medical examination before they enter the military.

Basic training is pretty tough. Trainees are learning to live their lives in the military.

During the basic training trainees will learn to follow instructions. They are supposed to do everything the training instructors tell them to do.

Drill instructors drill the new recruits. They give them physical training and teach them to guard the military base.

Trainees learn to stand at attention, fall in, march, run, jump, climb, crawl, etc. They wear battle dress uniforms.

When they graduate from the basic training, they can be posted to a unit.

Every soldier is assigned an appropriate rank. From time to time, he/she can be promoted.

Soldiers live in barracks, and they are subject to strict discipline.

They are responsible for keeping their rooms clean and tidy.

They have their meals at a mess hall.

When they are sick, they go to sick call.

Military personnel wear a uniform.

Their clothing must be in perfect order, and their boots must be clean and highly polished.

Their personal weapons must be in perfect order, too.

Soldiers must follow all orders, verbal as well as written. Officers and NCOs give orders.

It is soldiers' responsibility to be well informed and to know exactly what they are supposed to do.

All activities in barracks are carried out according to a routine.

Every activity has its exactly assigned place and time.

Daily activities of soldiers start with reveille and end with tattoo.

Their daily training tasks are specified in the orders of the day.

An inseparable part of the daily routine is physical training. Soldiers must be fit that is why they do exercises every day.

They train on the assault course and in simulated battle conditions as well.

The training of every soldier and every unit depends on assigned specialization.

They receive different kinds of training, do a lot of exercises, and they attend various courses according to their specialization.

For example, there is communication training, first aid training, weapon training, NBC training, training in map reading, etc.

Soldiers are tested in military skills such as shooting, attack and ambush drills, night patrolling, map reading, etc.

They must be excellent at shooting, so they spend a lot of time at a firing range.

Soldiers must have no obligations or convictions that will prevent their bearing arms and supporting and defending their country.