



# Field Artillery Basic Officer Leaders Course Overview













Course Overview

Combined Arms Division

- Fire Support Department
- Gunnery Department
- Platoon Leader Block

Project Athena



### **Course Overview**



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#### **Course Requirements**

- Land Navigation
- Rifle Qualification
- OPORD Brief
- Graded CFF
- Fire Support Block Exams I
- Gunnery Block Exams I, II, III, IV
- Gunnery Safety Test
- Fire Support Products and Brief
- Fire Direction Simulation

#### **Course Standards**

- Must achieve an overall 80% average with a minimum of 80% in FS and Gunnery (70% in CAD).
- Pass all Critical Events with an 80%.
- Maintain Height and Weight Standards.
- Pass AFT/H&W and 12 Mile Ruck March.
- Demonstrate leadership and character competencies IAW ADRP 6-22.

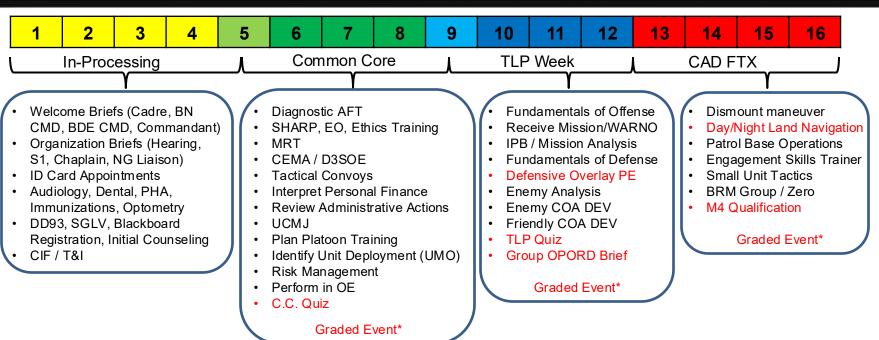
#### **Common Pitfalls**

- 8 to 12% of students fail the first time through the course.
- 95% of students who fail do so because of Gunnery Average or the Gunnery Safety Test.
- Students should plan to study three to five hours nightly.



## COMBINED ARMS DEPARTMENT (16 days)





Combined Arms Department							
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CAD Chief	04	AR	5K	MAJ KORNACKI			
SGL	O3	IN	5K	CPT SMITH			
SGL	O3	IN	5K	CPT BERBER			
SGL	O3	IN	5K	CPT MADRID			
SR Instructor	E7	IN	5K	SFC GARCIA			
SR Instructor	E7	IN	5K	SFC MURDOCK			
SR Instructor	E6	IN	5K	SSG SELLERS			

**Mission:** Combined Arms Department trains and educates US Army and International Field Artillery Lieutenants to support maneuver commanders with lethal fires during Large Scale Ground Combat Operations (LGSCO).

#### **Key Tasks:**

- 1. Build foundation for Officership through Common Core instruction
- 2. Understand how to integrate into Maneuver Operations
- 3. Physical Fitness (AFT) and Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM)
- 4. Care for Instructors and Students

**End state:** Produce competent officers with basic understanding of maneuver doctrine and operations. Establish foundational physical fitness for students to develop throughout the course and next assignment.

## Fire Support Department



- BLOCK I FIRE SUPPORT FOUNDATIONS
  - Classroom: 13 classes, 50 hrs.
  - Simulators: 5 sessions, 20 hrs.
  - Field Training: Observed Fire 1, 8 hrs.
  - Assessments: FS Written Test (200 pts), CFF x1 (50 pts), Quizes x3 (75 pts).
- Joint Fire Support
  - Classroom: 6 classes, 5 hrs.
  - Assessments: Quiz x1 (25 pts).
- BLOCK II FIRE SUPPORT PLANNING
  - Classroom: 7 classes, 45 hrs.
  - Simulators: 2 sessions, 16 hrs.
  - Field Training: Observe Fire 2 & 3, 16 hrs.
  - Assessments: FSO Products & Brief (200 pts)

## **Gunnery Department**



#### MODULE I – MANUAL GUNNERY THEORY

- Classroom: 10 classes, 46 hrs.
- Assessments: MOD I Written Test (80 pts), Homework (50 pts).

#### MODULE II – ADVANCED MANUAL GUNNERY THEORY

- Classroom: 8 classes, 48 hrs.
- Field Training: Live Fire 1, 8 hrs.
- Assessments: MOD II Written Test (80 pts), Safety Test (200 pts).

#### MODULE III – AUTOMATED OPERATIONS

- Classroom: 14 classes, 58 hrs.
- Simulators: 1 session, 8 hrs.
- Field Training: Live Fire 2, 8 hrs.
- Assessments: MOD III Written Test (80 pts),

#### MODULE IV - ADVANCED AUTOMATED OPERATIONS

- Classroom: 11 classes, 46 hrs.
- Simulators: 3 sessions, 24 hrs.
- Field Training: Live Fire 3, 8 hrs. RED LEG WAR, 36 hrs.
- Assessments: MOD IV Written Test (80 pts)

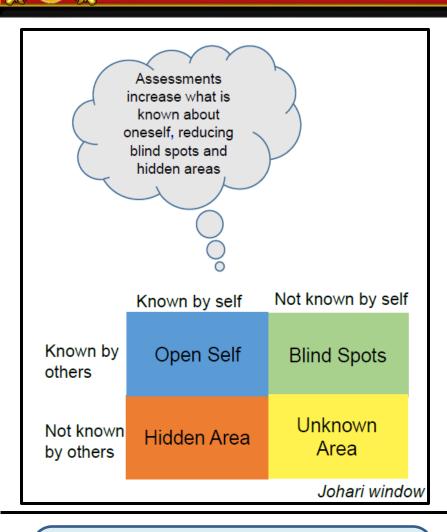
## Platoon Leader Training



- MLRS/HIMARS
  - Classroom: 8 classes, 16 hrs.
  - Field Training: 75<sup>th</sup> FA BDE Partnership
  - Assessments: Written Test (60 pts)
- FA Platoon Leader
  - Recon, Selection, Occupation of Position
  - Aiming Circle
  - Battery/Platoon Defense
  - Maintenance
  - Property Management
- Leadership positions in garrison and field environments

## Why Athena?





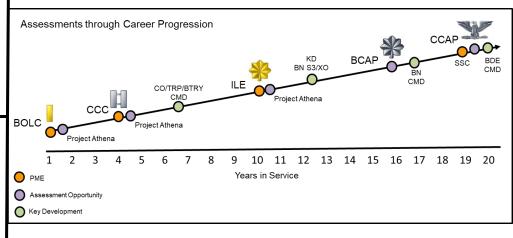
The big payoff - of assessments, insight, self-awareness and development – is changed ability and performance.

#### Why assessments

- Feedback confirms what leaders already know about themselves and helps them learn more
- Expands the Known-by-Self quadrant in the Johari window
- Greater self-awareness gives information to adjust how to act in the moment and identifies what to improve

#### Why these assessments

- Provides data-driven approach to development
- Incremental progression across career
- Emphasis on self-tracking, not Army tracking and monitoring





## **QUESTIONS?**