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**SAPPER SCHOOL**

To wear the Sapper Tab, a Soldier must complete the *Sapper Leader Course* (SLC) which is operated by the U.S. Army Engineer School at [Fort Leonard Wood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Leonard_Wood_%28military_base%29), [Missouri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Missouri) . The Sapper Leader Course is a 28-day course designed to train joint-service leaders in small unit tactics, leadership skills, and tactics required to perform as part of a combined arms team. The course is open to enlisted Soldiers in the grades of E-4 (in the Army, specialist) and above, cadets, and officers O-3 (Army, captain) and below. As students can come from any combat or combat support branch of the service, female soldiers are permitted to attend, but priority is given to engineering, cavalry, and infantry soldiers.

The training consists of two phases:

* **Phase I** lasts 14 days and covers general subjects including [medical](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical), [navigation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navigation), [demolitions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demolitions), air and water operations, [mountaineering](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mountaineering), and [landmines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landmines) and weapons used by enemy forces.
* **Phase II** is the remaining 14 days. It covers basic patrolling techniques and battle drills that emphasize leadership. The subjects include [urban operations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_operations), breaching, [patrol](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrol) organization and movement, and [reconnaissance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reconnaissance), [raid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raid_%28military%29) and [ambush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambush) tactics. It concludes with a three-day situation training exercise, and five-day field training exercise. These missions are a 60/40 mix of engineer and infantry missions. Each training event is graded and scored. To graduate, a sapper must earn 700 out of 1000 points in order to wear the sapper tab.

For more information see your MS Instructor, the ROTC Recruitment Officer, or go to:

http://www.wood.army.mil/sapper/