



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
A COMPANY, 1-145TH AVIATION REGIMENT
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Dear Future AVC3 Student,

The Cadre and Staff of A Company, 1-145th Aviation Regiment would like to welcome you and your family to Fort Rucker and the AVC3. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the course you are about to attend.

As dictated by AR 350-1, **successful completion of the APFT and height and weight screening are mandatory for course attendance and graduation.** You will receive height and weight screening on training day two and take a record APFT on training day three. Failure to pass the APFT or height and weight screening will result in a retest exactly seven days after your failure. Failure to pass any retest will result in several actions:

- Removal from the course.
- Service School Academic Evaluation Report stating "Failed to Achieve Course Standards." Soldiers who fail to achieve course standards are not eligible to enroll in any PME courses for six months after their dismissal.
- Soldiers in a permanent change of station (PCS) status will be attached to Fort Rucker pending clarification of assignment instructions.
- Suspension of Favorable Action IAW AR 600-8-2.

Officers with medical profiles (temporary or permanent) **due to operational deployment** may attend AVC3 within the guidelines of their profile. Officers must arrive at AVC3 with a copy of their current profile and a memorandum signed by their commander (first O-5 in their previous chain of command) stating the profile is a result of injuries sustained due to operational deployment. Officers with temporary profiles that are **not a result of operational deployment** and prevent full participation in the course **will not be** enrolled in AVC3.

AVC3 is a 21-week course designed to prepare you for future assignments as a captain. We will better equip you with the skills needed to excel as both a staff officer and a company or troop commander. An average week in AVC3 consists of daily PT from 0600-0715 and class from 0900-1700. Students are required to complete various reading, writing, and briefing assignments after duty hours. Students are evaluated on their ability to visualize company-level tactical operations and express that visualization orally and in writing, mastery of the Troop Leading Procedures, development of unit training plans performance as a battalion to brigade level staff officer in the Military Decision Making Process, and application of the fundamentals of battalion to brigade level operations. **To reflect the intensity of this course and prepare students for instruction, an entrance exam is administered in order to establish a base line of knowledge. See the attachment to this welcome letter for an approved study guide. This entrance exam will be administered on the first day of class and failure will result in a retest later in the week. Failure of the retest puts the student at risk for elimination from the course.**

The AVC3 centers on small group instruction. While you will learn a great deal from your Small Group Leader (SGL) and other external instructors, the true benefit of the course comes from the sharing of ideas and experiences between students. To be successful and to get the most from the course, participation with your small group is absolutely essential.

The course includes large and small group instruction on doctrinal subjects including Aviation Operations, Leadership (FM 6-22), Mission Command (ADRP 6-0), Training Management (ADRP 7-0), Unified Land Operations (ADP/ADRP 3-0), Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield (FM 2-01.3), and the Military Decision Making Process (ADRP/FM 6-0), to include, two Warfighter exercises executed on a simulation system, and Company Level Operations executed in the AVCATT and RCTD cockpit simulators. It is encouraged you begin to review these subject areas prior to arrival.

The AVC3 sponsors the Iron Aviator (a four event athletic competition for students and cadre), direct interaction with your assignment officer from HRC, and other various VIP speakers and briefings. At the conclusion of the course, there will be a class graduation ball, planned and executed by you and your peers with help from the cadre. This is a **mandatory** dress blue uniform event. There is also a **mandatory** graduation ceremony conducted in the Army Service Uniform (ASU).

You should hand-carry your uniforms (IPFU/APFU, ASU, ACUs) to the course. Do not send your uniforms in your unaccompanied baggage or household goods! The daily uniform standard for AVC3 is the ACU with the Fort Rucker unit patch (flying torch), and non-subdued American Flag on the right shoulder. **A2CUs and flight suits are not authorized for wear. You are not authorized to wear the green t-shirt.** The Army is currently transitioning combat and physical fitness uniforms. You are authorized to wear either the Universal Combat Pattern (UCP/ACU) or the Operational Combat Pattern (OCP). Also, you may wear the gray and black IPFU or gold and black APFU. Student officers will wear **blue reflective belts**. Your previous installations are required to ship your medical and dental records to your gaining installation, however, in the event they require you to hand carry yours, have them available for in processing. Your flight records should be in your possession and are required for in processing.

Upon ATRRS confirmation, you will be emailed a class-specific welcome letter and a Small Group Placement Roster that you **MUST** complete and return 21 days prior to arrival. You must also complete the commanders' safety course, accident avoidance course, and the risk management basic course through the Army Learning Management System (<https://www.dls.army.mil/ALMS.html>) before arrival and submit certificates on training day 1. **Please verify that your DoD Enterprise Email (DEE) account is deleted from your previous unit** or this will cause a delay in accessing the calendar and information for the course. Your information assurance and cyber awareness challenge must also be up to date and remain current throughout the course.

Please note that you should receive orders sending you to Fort Rucker 10 days before classes start to allow you and your family sufficient time to in-process through main post (BLDG 5700), Battalion (BLDG 5911) and the company (BLDG 5419). Please do not

schedule household goods, hold baggage, or flight physical appointments after the start date without coordination with AVC3 cadre as you may not be able to keep your appointments due to testable blocks of instruction. You must arrive ready and prepared for class day one with all of your PCS tasks complete. We understand the difficulties associated with a PCS and your SGL will work with you to facilitate the receipt of household goods and vehicles with minimal course impact.

Upon arrival to Fort Rucker, please report to the 1-145th BN SDO (Building 5911) to sign in from leave and get your orders stamped. Then proceed to Cribbins Soldier Service Center (Building 5700) to in-process garrison. Upon completion, return to 1-145 AVN (Building 5911) to finish in-processing BN and report to A Co, 1-145th AVN (Building 5419) to in-process AVC3. All students will report to Adams Hall at **0550 on Training Day 1** wearing the appropriate IPFU/APFU and blue reflective belt for the Commander's welcome run.

During the course you will only be allowed to take leave (to include emergency leave) on a case-by-case basis approved by the commander. Normal weekend passes are authorized up to a 250 mile radius from Fort Rucker and must be coordinated with your SGL and approved by the Commander. You should not plan to depart the classroom earlier than 1700 on the last duty day of the week.

If you or your family have any questions about the course or need assistance in any way, please contact the Company Orderly Room at 334-255-1880 or the Course Manager at 334-255-1227.

We look forward to your attendance at the AVC3.