

JCS/OSD Internship Program

The Joint Chiefs of Staff / Office of the Secretary of Defense Internship is a three-phase, degree-producing program for officers with outstanding potential for future service in the Army.

Phase 1 is a Master's Degree in Policy Management from Georgetown University's prestigious Public Policy Institute. Interns study how to create, analyze, and manage domestic and foreign policy; and the practical application of navigating those policies through government institutions.

Phase 2 is a one-year internship within a single office on the Joint Staff or in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Each intern is fully integrated into the policy and operational activities of the Nation's senior military staffs to give them a broader perspective of operations within the military and our government. Staffs develop interns professionally by assigning them duties commensurate with an action officer within their assigned directorate. This training prepares officers to serve more effectively in future command and staff positions within the Joint Staff, the Services, or other Defense agencies.

Phase 3 is one-year internship on the Army Staff. Assignments to Army Staff positions are based upon unique skills acquired during both of the previous phases of the program. Like the Joint Staff and OSD Staff, the Army Staff places interns into demanding roles as lead action officers, calling upon their knowledge base to represent the Army within the Pentagon and throughout the Department of Defense.

Intern Professional Development

During Phase 2 of the program, while on the Joint Staff or OSD Staff, interns participate in an extensive professional development program. Interns travel around the world visiting each Combatant Command Headquarters, as well as other Major Commands within the Services, to gain an appreciation for their capabilities, organization, and operations. Additionally, Interns visit many different government agencies in the National Capital Region to understand the interagency process and the functions each agency provides the government.

During each event, the interns have candid, open discussions with senior officers and government officials on various relevant operational, strategic and national level issues; these leaders have included the Secretaries of State, Defense, and the Army, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of Staff of the Army, Combatant Commanders (or their senior staff members), and principle Joint and Army Staff leaders. Interns are offered a fully interactive and non-attributional environment, which allows for the best macro-level understanding of our military and the complexity of many current issues.



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Cohort 2007



CPT Michael S. Avey

- Infantry, YG98, USMA
- Current Job: J3
- Commanded: A/2-327 IN, Ft Campbell, KY
- Operational Experience: Bosnia, Iraq

MAJ Karst K. Brandsma

- Military Police, YG97, ROTC
- Current Job: Graduate Student, Georgetown U.
- Commanded: 258th MP Co, Ft Polk, LA
- Operational Experience: Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq

CPT Nicholas Bugajski

- Military Police, YG00, USMA
- Current Job: Junior Military Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy
- Commanded: 522nd Military Police Co, Pusan, Korea
- Operational Experience: Saudi Arabia

MAJ James Cogbill

- Military Intelligence, YG96, ROTC
- Current Job: OSD, Executive Secretariat
- Commanded: HHC 319th MI Bn, Ft Bragg, NC
- Operational Experience: Macedonia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq

CPT Brian Fleming

- Military Intelligence, YG98, ROTC
- Current Job: J5
- Commanded: B Co, 313th MI Bn and B Co, 325th STB, Fort Bragg, NC
- Operational Experience: Kosovo, Iraq

MAJ Raphael S. Heflin

- Quartermaster, YG97, ROTC
- Current Job: OCJCS/LA
- Commanded: 62nd Quartermaster Co, 13 SC(E), Ft Hood, TX
- Operational Experience: Iraq

MAJ Michael Jensik

- Military Police, YG97, OCS
- Current Job: OSD P&R
- Commanded: 230th MP Co Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Operational Experience: Kuwait, Bosnia, Iraq

MAJ Johnathon M. Kupka

- Special Forces, YG96, ROTC
- Current Job: Junior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense
- Commanded: ODA-192 and HSC, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Ft Lewis, WA
- Operational Experience: Afghanistan, Iraq

MAJ Jaimie E. Leonard

- Military Intelligence, YG97, USMA
- Current Job: OCJCS/PA
- Commanded: B Co, 101st MI Bn, Wurzburg, Germany
- Operational Experience: Bosnia, Turkey, Iraq

MAJ Eric McCoy

- Ordnance, YG97, ROTC
- Current Job: J4 Maintenance
- Commanded E Co, 702^d MSB, Camp Casey, Korea
- Operational Experience: Haiti

MAJ Jason B. Nicholson

- Field Artillery, YG97, ROTC
- Current Job: J5 Middle East Division
- Commanded: B/1-27 FA, Germany
- Operational Experience: Afghanistan

MAJ Billy Robinson

- Field Artillery, YG97, OCS
- Current Job: OSD, SOLIC & IC (SOCT)
- Commanded: HHS/6-32 FA (MLRS) and HHB, III Corps Artillery, Ft Sill, OK
- Operational Experience: Iraq

MAJ Robert Rochon

- Transportation, YG97, ROTC
- Current Job: J4
- Commanded: 96th Transportation Co, Ft Hood, TX
- Operational Experience: Iraq

CPT Jason K. Roundy

- Special Forces, YG98, ROTC
- Current Job: J3/DDSO
- Commanded: ODA -115, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Okinawa, Japan
- Operational Experience: Bosnia, OEF-P

MAJ Jonathan A. Shine

- Field Artillery, YG97, ROTC
- Current Job: Special Assistant to the CJCS
- Commanded: B/1-39 FA (MLRS), Ft Stewart, GA
- Operational Experience: Iraq

CPT Paul Voelke

- Infantry, YG98, USMA
- Current Job: J7
- Commanded: A/4-31 IN and HHC/4-31 IN, Ft Drum. NY
- Operational Experience: Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo

CPT Karla Wenninger

- Signal Corps, YG99, ROTC
- Current Job: J6
- Commanded: C Co, 327th SIG (ABN), Ft Bragg, NC
- Operational Experience: Saudi Arabia, Iraq

CPT Michelle Williams

- Finance, YG99, ROTC
- Current Job: J8
- Commanded C Co, 3d SSB, Ft Stewart, GA and A Det, 208th Finance BN, Germany
- Operational Experience: Bosnia, Iraq

MAJ Leo Wyszynski

- Armor, YG97, USMA
- Current Job: Junior Military Assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
- Commanded: C/10th Cavalry and HHT, 1st BDE, 1st Cavalry Division
- Operational Experience: Iraq

CPT Brenda Zollinger

- Military Intelligence, YG98, ROTC
- Current Job: J1/PRD
- Commanded: C Co, 309th MI (Counterintelligence), Ft Leavenworth, KS
- Operational Experience: Iraq