



Broadcast Journalist (46R)

Broadcast television and radio programs are an important source of general information about people and events in the Army. Army Broadcast Journalists are involved in creating, filming, reporting, hosting and editing news and entertainment radio and television programs.

Broadcast Journalists are primarily responsible for participating in and supervising the operation of radio or television broadcast teams or Armed Forces Radio Television Service (AFRTS). Some of your duties as a Broadcast Journalist may include:

- Preparing scripts and news copy for live and taped news and entertainment programs

- Researching, preparing, and disseminating news releases, radio and television products and Web-based products

- Performing as a radio DJ or television anchor

- Developing ideas for stories, conducting interviews and shooting video

- Working with the civilian media as an escort, liaison or spokesperson

TRAINING

Job training for Broadcast Journalists consist of nine weeks of Basic Training, where you'll learn basic Soldiering skills, and 11 weeks, two days of Advanced Individual Training at the Defense Information School at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Part of this time is spent in the classroom and part learning hands-on how to operate a video camera and program a 30 minute disc jockey show. You'll also put on a live to tape television newscast where you'll work as anchor, control room operator, director and cameraperson. Some of the skills you'll learn are:

- Videography and video editing

- Voice skills for anchoring television news and performing as a disc jockey

- Writing news, feature and sports copy for radio and television

- Radio and television programming and production

- Public speaking

HELPFUL SKILLS

Helpful attributes include:

An interest in English, journalism, speech and communications

An interest in video, television and radio

An ability to meet deadlines

An ability to speak clearly in front of audiences

An interest in researching facts and issues for news stories

An ability to write clearly and concisely

ADVANCED RESPONSIBILITIES

Advanced level Broadcast Journalists supervise and train other Soldiers within the same job. They also manage radio/television stations and work within the entire media spectrum of broadcast and print journalism.

RELATED CIVILIAN JOBS

The skills you learn as a Broadcast Journalist will help prepare you for a future with newspapers, magazines, wire services and radio and television stations. You'll be qualified to pursue a career as a newscaster, disc jockey, writer, director, producer, editor or correspondent.

RELATED ARMY POSITIONS

Public Affairs Specialist (46Q)

Combat Documentation/Production Specialist (25V)

Civil Affairs Specialist (38B)

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