



## Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist (68R)

Soldiers of Veterinary Command inspect more than 22 million dollars of subsistence daily. As an important member of the veterinary servicing team, the Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist, under the direction of a Veterinary Corps Officer, inspects food designed for human consumption, while also supervising food inspection and combined veterinary service activities.

Some of your duties as a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist may include:

- Assisting in the inspection of food designed for human consumption.

- Conducting subsistence quality assurance inspections in food handling establishments.

- Conducting sanitary inspections in military and commercial facilities.

- Collecting, preparing, and transmitting samples to the laboratory for testing.

### **TRAINING**

Job training for a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist consists of nine weeks of Basic Training, where you'll learn basic Soldiering skills, and nine weeks of Advanced Individual Training, including food safety/protection and quality assurance. Part of this time is spent in the classroom and part in the field. Some of the skills you learn are:

- Inspection of red meats, poultry, water foods, eggs, dairy products, and fresh fruit and vegetables.

- Inspection of operational rations (Meals Ready to Eat, Heat and Serve Rations)

- Identify unsanitary conditions in food storage facilities.

### **HELPFUL SKILLS**

Helpful attributes include:

- An interest in food safety, health, mathematics, chemistry and biology

- An interest in cooking

- An interest in working with one's hands

### **ADVANCED RESPONSIBILITIES**

Advanced level Veterinary Food Inspection Specialists perform, supervise and train other Soldiers within the same discipline. As an advanced level Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist, you may be involved in inspecting food designated for human consumption.

#### **RELATED CIVILIAN JOBS**

The skills you learn as a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist will help prepare you for a future with the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, and the US Department of Commerce. Depending on which specialty you pursue, you'll be able to pursue a career as a city health inspector, a quality assurance auditor at a manufacturing plant, a seafood inspector, a poultry and shell eggs inspector and a fresh fruits and vegetable grader. Because you'll be working with members of the Veterinary Corps, you'll gain valuable experience that will enable you to pursue a career as a food inspector/auditor or sanitarian with various government agencies and civilian food producers.

#### **RELATED ARMY POSITIONS**

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[Health Care Specialist \(68W\)](#)

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