

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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FULL TIME TRAINING AND EDUCATION

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. Objectives

The formal, full-time education and training programs of the Armed Forces are organized and function for the specific purpose of providing skilled officer and enlisted personnel for the management, operation, and support of the military forces established to defend the Nation.

2. Operation

The programs are largely direct Federal operations, with a small percentage accomplished under contract to other activities. The programs are conducted at Armed Forces schools, at schools operated by weapon systems and equipment contractors, and at civilian institutions of higher learning. Less than 2 percent of the annual production of trained personnel are derived from other than federally operated education and training facilities.

3. History

The formal individual education and training programs date from the establishment of the Military Academy founded in 1802 by act of Congress. The Naval Academy was founded in 1845 and the Air Force Academy in 1955. Enlisted skill training was formerly done within the operating units, but in more recent years, particularly since World War II, specialist and technical schooling has been provided.