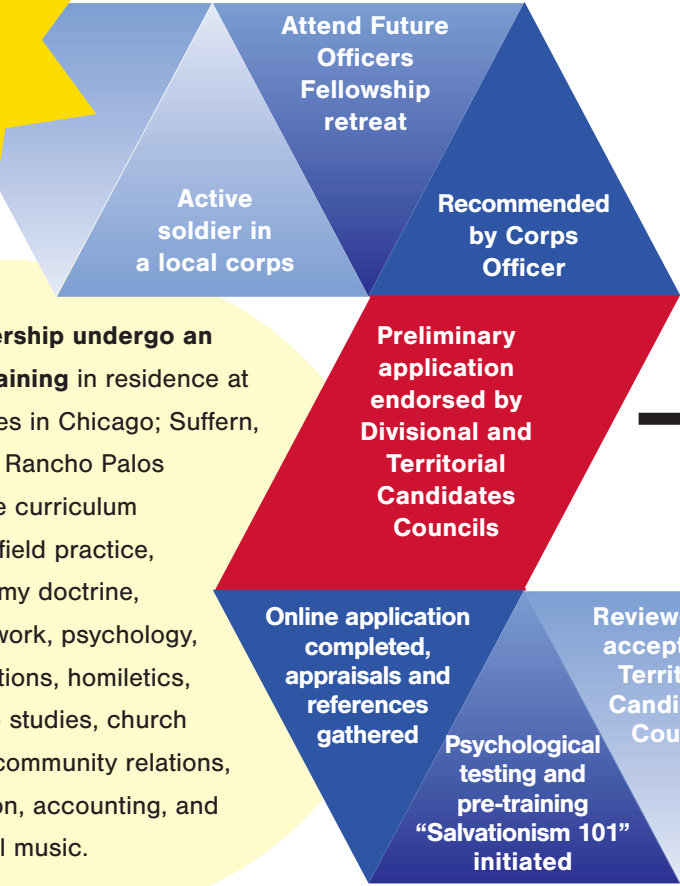


SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS

are trained and commissioned to oversee operations of The Salvation Army. They proclaim the Gospel and serve as administrators, teachers, social workers, counselors, youth leaders and musicians. These men and women have dedicated their lives, skills and service completely to God. Lay members who subscribe to the doctrines of The Salvation Army are called soldiers, and along with officers, they are known as Salvationists.

Called by God to full-time ministry, specifically officership

Below are the typical steps to becoming a commissioned officer.



Candidates for officership undergo an intensive two-year training in residence at Salvation Army colleges in Chicago; Suffern, New York; Atlanta; or Rancho Palos Verdes, California. The curriculum combines theory and field practice, including Salvation Army doctrine, sociology and social work, psychology, Salvation Army regulations, homiletics, public speaking, Bible studies, church history, composition, community relations, business administration, accounting, and vocal and instrumental music.

UNDERSTANDING SALVATION ARMY RANKS

ENVOY	A non-commissioned officer who holds a ministry position
CADET	A soldier undertaking training to become an officer
LIEUTENANT	A newly commissioned officer
AUXILLARY CAPTAIN	Serve as officers but never hold ranks of Cadet or Lieutenant
CAPTAIN	After 5 years of service, officers are eligible for promotion to Captain
MAJOR	After 15 years of service, officers are eligible for promotion to Major
LT. COLONEL	Rank bestowed on officers by the General based on merit
COLONEL	Rank reserved for territorial and international leaders
COMMISSIONER	Rank held by Chief of the Staff, Territorial Commanders and International Secretaries
GENERAL	International commander of The Salvation Army



THE SALVATION ARMY OFFICER'S COVENANT

MY COVENANT

CALLLED BY GOD

to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as an officer of The Salvation Army

I BIND MYSELF TO HIM IN THIS SOLEMN COVENANT to love and serve him supremely all my days,

to live to win souls and make their salvation the first purpose of my life,

to care for the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love the unlovable, and befriend those who have no friends,

to maintain the doctrines and principles of The Salvation Army, and, by God's grace to prove myself a worthy officer.

Done in the strength of my Lord and Savior, and in the presence of the Territorial Commander, training college officers and fellow cadets.

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After two successful years of training, cadets are commissioned as lieutenants, ordained as ministers, and assigned to active duty while continuing their education. Lieutenants are required to devote five years to additional studies.

CFOT MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of the College for Officer Training is to develop men and women in spiritual maturity, character, knowledge and capabilities who will be able to sustain and advance the mission of The Salvation Army in the salvation of the world.

“Spiritual leaders are not made by man, nor any combination of men. Neither conferences, nor synods, nor councils can make them, but only God.”

—SAMUEL LOGAN BRENGLE

QUIZ

How much did you learn about Salvation Army officers? Take our quiz to test your knowledge.

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