

Jobs at BMT

In addition to the regular activities all trainees do, most, if not all trainees will be given additional responsibilities at sometime throughout their time at BMT. Some of these responsibilities include the following:

KP (Kitchen Patrol): These trainees are responsible for helping the civilian contractors that run the dining hall (chow hall). They could be doing anything from cleaning the floors, scrubbing and washing down dishes to working on the dock area.

Chaplain Guide: These trainees are responsible for marching the "Baby" Flights (New to BMT) to their church location and help the Chaplain with their service as needed. They often do this as a 'white' rope at Tech School also.

Traffic/Crowd Control: Trainees may be assigned to assist with traffic and crowd control duties for the graduation ceremonies.

Laundry: These trainees are responsible for gathering everyone's dirty clothes, washing them and then returning them to their owners.

House Mouse: Schedules people for Dorm Guard (standing at the door and not letting anyone without proper ID in.)

Latrine Queen: In charge of making sure the bathroom is spotless.

Bowling Team: Cleans the bathroom, led by the Latrine Queen.

Bed Aligners: Makes sure each row of beds is in perfect alignment

Shoe/Chair Aligners: Aligns ALL the shoes (which are under the beds) to make sure they are in a perfect line and makes sure all chairs line up with the edge of the wall lockers.

End of Bed Display: These trainees will align the towel, to make sure the laundry mark is visible and properly displayed, and that the edges are aligned and flush with each other. The towel is positioned on the footboard (nearest to the wall locker), all the way to the left, so that it's touching that left bed post. The right side is where your laundry bag will hang. It's a small cotton bag with a white drawstring at the top and a zipper along the bottom. The drawstring top is wrapped and tied around the footboard. The EOB trainees will ensure this knot is tight and that the strings hang straight down (and don't cross over each other).

EC Monitor: Control access in and out of an entry point.

Laundry: Consists of two to four trainees that are in charge of doing all laundry for the flight.

Fire Monitor: Primary concern as the Fire Monitor is to take the trash out as soon as it's full, and dispose of it in the dumpsters. The Fire Monitor is also responsible for cleaning and dusting the fire escape.

Utility Crew: Your dorm will have a closet in it where all of the cleaning items and laundry bags are stored. *No one* is allowed in the utility closet except a student leader or a member of the utility crew, and even we always tried to respect their space as well. If someone needs something from the utility closet, the utility crew must hand it to them - they cannot help themselves.

Day Room Crew: Each dorm has a "day room." It sounds like it may be a comfortable place to entertain visitors (ha!) but it's not. The day room is primarily used for instructional purposes, when your MTI needs to address the flight. The day room crew is responsible for keeping this area clean, including polishing and dusting everything.

Hallway/Chrome Crew: The hallway crew will sweep and clean the hallway, which includes a few bulletin boards, the Entry Controller (EC) stand, and most importantly, the chrome stripes on the ground as you step into each of the bays.

Academic Monitor: The Academic Monitor is tasked with the responsibility of making sure everyone passes the EOC (End of Course) exam. While in formation, your Academic Monitor will be quizzing you, as well as during mandatory study time in your dorm

PT Monitor: The PT Monitor's job is to ensure that all of the trainees in the flight meet the PT standards and pass the final PT evaluation. Think personal trainer - a motivater, an encourager, someone who provides constructive feedback for others on their progress in physical training.

Water Monitor: The Water Monitor job/duty can be assigned to anyone in addition to their normal details, as it's not a time consuming detail. The Water Monitor, if your MTI chooses to assign one, is the trainee who'll remind everyone to keep up with the hydration schedule. You're required to drink 1/2 to 3/4 of a canteen every hour, which will seem like a *ridiculous* amount of water, especially if you're not used to hydrating all of the time. If the Water Monitor yells "hydrate," everyone needs to take a sip.

Electrician: The Electrician is responsible for checking all of the fluorescent lighting fixtures in the dorm and ensure they were all functional. If one burns out, the Electrician informs the MTI, or goes down to PT supply and get the replacements themselves.

Chow Runner: Gets to announce that your flight is ready to enter the dining hall. This in my opinion is probably one of the worst jobs you can have. This is a very high visibility job since you will be doing it in front of other MTI's and trainees.

Road Guards: Road Guards wear safety vests, carry colored flashlights, and have the job of stopping traffic every time the flight crosses an intersection. If you're selected as a "Road Guard," you'll get plenty of exercise running from the rear of the flight back to the front after each intersection. If you're having trouble with your physical fitness, MTI's find this an ideal position to help you get into shape.

Pad Crew: The Pad Crew cleans the pads in the squadron. The pads are the areas right outside of the dorm stairwells and chow halls, which are covered by the overhang. On the concrete pad there are a number of painted dots to help element leaders line up.

Dorm Guard Monitor: Makes and maintains the dorm guard schedule. You may be accused of playing favorites and will be hounded to change schedules around for people so they have better shifts.

Dorm Chief and Element Leaders: The MTI's will organize their flight within the first couple of days of the start of BMT. If you have shown any degree of leadership, or military knowledge you may select be selected to become the "Dorm Chief," or an "Element Leader." The MTI has full authority to select the

Dorm Chief and Element Leaders using whatever criteria they wish. Quite often the original people selected will get fired for one reason or another and replaced with someone else. The Dorm Chief is the top "trainee-leader" in the flight. He/she is responsible to make sure that all orders, standard ops, and instructions are carried out correctly when the MTI's aren't around. The Element Leaders are responsible for assisting the Dorm Chief. The bad news is that being a Dorm Chief or an Element Leader means that in addition to getting chewed out for things you do wrong, you get the added pleasure of getting chewed out for things that members of the flight (or your element) do wrong as well.

Flight Guideon: The MTI will also choose a flight Guideon. While not exactly a leadership position, in that the Guideon doesn't get to tell people what to do, it's a very important position none the less. The Guideon carries the flight flag and marches in front of the flight. When the MTI commands the flight to maneuver, it's the Guideon who maneuvers first and the other members of the flight align themselves on the Guideon. The bad thing about being the Guideon is that you have to carry the unit flag, every time your flight marches somewhere (which is most of the time). The good news is that the Guideon really stands out from the crowd. Your parents, friends and loved ones will have no problem picking you out during the Airman's Run or graduation parade.

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