

IOWA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
M-DAY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION VACANCY NUMBER: MDV #26-037 **CLOSING DATE:** 30 SEP 2026

UNIT/DUTY LOCATION: HHC 168th Infantry Battalion / Council Bluffs

MINIMUM RANK TO APPLY: SPC **DUTY MOS:** 25H20

DUTY POSITION: Network Communication Systems Specialist

FULL-TIME STAFF POC: SFC Jamie Bricker **PHONE:** (515) 331-5552

LEADERSHIP POSITION/TYPE: No / N/A

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Not currently "Flagged from Favorable Personnel Actions" or under a "Bar to Reenlistment."
2. Must be or be able to complete **25H** MOSQ within 12 months of assignment.
3. Must be able to meet the required service obligation (minimum of 12 months from course completion).
4. A Soldier who has a remaining contractual service obligation due to an incentive contract for a specific MOS or UIC may apply for M-Day vacancies but will lose remaining incentive payments with the possibility of recoupment, as applicable.
5. Soldiers command removed or self-removed from promotion consideration are not eligible to apply.

MOS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. A physical demands rating of Moderate (Gold).
2. PULHES: 212221.
3. Normal color vision.
4. A minimum score of 100 in aptitude area EL and 102 in aptitude area ST (Effective 202406).
5. A minimum OPAT score of Long Jump (LJ) - 0120 cm, Seated Power Throw (PT) - 0350 cm, Strength Deadlift (SD) - 0120 lbs., and Interval Aerobic Run (IR) - 0036 shuttles in Physical Demand Category of "Moderate" (Gold).
6. Be able to work at heights up to 40 feet for extended periods.
7. Be able to work underground in low light conditions for extended periods.
8. Ability to read, comprehend and clearly enunciate English.
9. Ability to work for extended periods in a confined area.
10. A security clearance of SECRET.
11. A U.S. citizen.
12. Formal training (completion of the MOS 25H Course) conducted under the auspices of the US Army Signal School is mandatory or waiver may be granted by Commandant, U.S. Army Signal School, ATTN: ATSO-CD, Ft Eisenhower, GA 30905-5300.

TRAINING:

1. Phase 1: 3 Week Resident Training Course
2. Phase 2: 3 Week Resident Training Course
3. Phase 3: 3 Week Resident Training Course
4. Phase 4: 3 Week Resident Training Course

SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

The Network Communication Systems Specialist supervises, installs, operates and performs limited field level maintenance on commercial and tactical fiber, cabling and wiring, IP based high speed electronic nodal systems, integrated network control centers, network management facilities, associated multiplexing and subscriber interface equipment, multichannel line-of-site systems and associated relays, tropospheric scatter communications systems, tactical terrestrial satellite communication systems, anti-jam reliable tactical terminals, communications security (COMSEC) devices, and associated equipment. Performs network management functions in support of maintaining, troubleshooting, and reengineering of associated network assets in support of operational requirements. Installs, operates, perform strapping/re-strapping, Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS), and field level maintenance on COMSEC devices. Operates and performs PMCS on assigned vehicles, power generators and equipment.

1. Supervises and performs as team leader or team member, in the installation, operation, employment, and limited field level maintenance on commercial and tactical fiber, cabling and wiring, coordinates remote trunking operations, updates line route maps and overlays, IP based high speed electronic nodal systems, integrated network control centers, network management facilities, associated multiplexing and subscriber interface equipment, multichannel line-of-site systems and associated relays, tropospheric scatter communications systems, tactical terrestrial satellite communication systems, anti-jam reliable tactical terminals, COMSEC devices, and associated equipment. Interprets orders and compiles system statistics for the shift and node. Assists in reconfiguration of IP based nodal systems equipment as needed. Requests logistical support for teams or shifts. Implements network operations center generated changes to support operational requirements.

Application Documentation:

A complete application packet consists of the following documents:
(Packets will be in the following order)

1. Vacancy Announcement
2. Soldier Selection Board Record Brief
3. Last 3 NCOERs (if applicable)
4. AFT/ACFT and Weigh Control History (ATIS History Report Printout)
5. MedPros Printout
6. Memo of Non-Flagging Actions (Must be signed by the 1SG or Commander)
7. Incentives Counseling
8. ACASP supporting documentation (if applicable)

Application Instructions:

Documents need to be scanned as **one PDF labeled as Vacancy# Last name i.e. MDV 26-001 Snuffy**. Do not scan documents individually.

Where to forward application:

Mail: The Adjutant General of Iowa, ATTN: NGIA-PER-EPM, 7105 NW 70th Ave, Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824

E-Mail (Preferred method): Applications can be emailed to ng.ia.iaarng.list.per-epm@army.mil.

The subject line of the email will be marked as "Application Packet for M-Day Vacancy #____."

Applications must be received and stamped into this office no later than 1630 on the closing date of announcement. Incomplete or late packets will not be accepted.

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Packets not scanned as one document will be returned without action.

Notification Instructions:

Notifications of selection/non-selection will be sent to the Soldier's Enterprise e-mail address via MSC PSNCO.

Questions concerning the contents of this notice may be directed to the Full Time Support POC listed on the front of this announcement.