

California National Guard – Operations/Simulation Officer (O4)

MDAY

Vacancy Announcement

1 Position Available

Position Details

Announcement Number: MDAY-40ID-017
Opening Date: 23 February 2026
Closing Date: Open until filled
Position Title: 40th Infantry Division Operations/Simulation Officer
UIC: WTSATO
DMOS/Branch: 57A/Immaterial
Min/Max Grade: O3-O4
Duty Location: 11300 Lexington Drive, Building 1000, Los Alamitos, CA 90720
Eligibility Requirements: Branch Qualified
Selecting Official: 40ID Chief of Staff
Security Clearance: SECRET
Minimum Military Education Requirements: Professional Military Education (PME) complete for their current grade.

Conditions of Employment

- For M-day leaders outside of CA, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be developed with NG State for attachment

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

The FA57A Simulation Operations Officer is the Division's architect of readiness, responsible for translating the Commanding General's training objectives into the digital battlespace. They are the subject matter expert who designs, plans, and executes complex, simulation-driven exercises that replicate the rigors of Multi-Domain, Large-Scale Combat Operations. By integrating live, virtual, and constructive (LVC) simulations, they create realistic and demanding training environments that are impossible to achieve through other means. As a key advisor, the FA57A provides the Commanding General with critical insights on how to leverage simulation technology not only to build readiness but also to validate warfighting concepts and drive modernization efforts across the force.

Their specific duties include:

- Exercise Planning and Execution: They lead the planning and execution of various training events, including mission rehearsal exercises, wargames, and command post exercises. This involves developing scenarios, managing simulation training enablers, and integrating live, virtual, and constructive simulations.
- Technical Integration: FA 57s are responsible for the integration of battle command systems and simulations to create a seamless environment for commanders to conduct operations and mission rehearsals. They manage and support simulation training technologies at Mission Training Centers (MTCs).
- Advising Senior Leaders: FA 57s provide subject matter expertise to senior leaders on the use of simulations to accomplish Army missions and functions. They translate complex technical material and ideas into operationally relevant language for commanders and staffs.

In essence, a 57A officer at the division level is a master trainer and enabler for the command and staff, leveraging technology to prepare the unit for a wide range of operational challenges.

Special Requirement

- The Simulation Operations Course (SOC) is the foundational, entry-level training that qualifies an Army officer for Functional Area 57. It is designed to equip them with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to plan and execute simulation-supported training events.
- The Simulation Operations Course (SOC), held at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, is approximately 8 weeks long.

Instructions for Submitting Applications

Interested applicants

- Soldier Talent Profile or Selection Board Record Brief (SBRB)
- Submit applications to 40ID SGS group email: ng.ca.caarng.list.40id-sgs@army.mil

Remarks

The California National Guard is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will be protected under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender or national origin.