

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

PART-TIME BLUE, FULL-TIME YOU



Being in the Air Guard is about more than wearing the uniform – it's about serving your community and your country. When trouble strikes your state, your Governor can call out the Air Guard for a mission where you will help save lives, provide support and deliver critical supplies to communities that need you. Likewise, when The President calls, you will answer by delivering overseas humanitarian aid or support of our nation's homeland defense efforts. Plus, you serve near where you live, from one of the Air Guard's more than 140 units in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Air Guard Mission



The Air Guard's federal mission is to assist the federal government in defending the interests of the United States. The Air Guard maintains well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt utilization augmenting the United States Air Force if the federal government determines there is a need. The Air Guard's responsibilities include enforcing federal authority and defending the nation when called to federal service by The President.

Under state law, the Air Guard provides protection of life and property, and preserves peace, order, and public safety. As a critical resource in the community, the governor may call upon the Air Guard to respond to natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, or civil disturbances. This could mean completing an air rescue mission, providing emergency healthcare to the community, distributing supplies, or helping to maintain order during civil unrest.



Air Support Operations

During exercises, contingencies, or actual war, the Air Support Operations mission is to provide meteorological support and deploy with, advise, and assist the ground force commander in planning, requesting, coordinating and controlling close air support, tactical air reconnaissance, and tactical airlift.



Command and Control

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Tactical Air Control Party

The mission of the Tactical Air Control Party is to provide numerous critical functions on the modern battlefield including, advising ground forces on aircraft employment and capabilities, coordinating and controlling aerospace operations, and participating in battle planning.



Test Squadron

The Test Squadron mission is to perform operational and developmental testing and evaluation of new and emerging Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance technologies. Aircraft Control and Warning Squadrons serve in Test Squadron missions such as air battle management, refueling, early warning and homeland defense as well as protection of

the President of the United States and counter drug operations.



Fighter

The F-16 Fighting Falcon, the F-15 Eagle, the A-10 Thunderbolt, and the F-22 Raptor are the aircraft you will be flying, servicing and maintaining in a Fighter mission. These aircraft utilize the world's most advanced flight technology and each has unique features make them the most versatile, maneuverable, high-performance tactical fighters on earth.



B-2 Spirit

The B-2 Spirit is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions. A dramatic leap forward in technology, the bomber represents a major milestone in the U.S. bomber modernization program. The B-2 mission is to bring massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on the globe through previously impenetrable defenses.



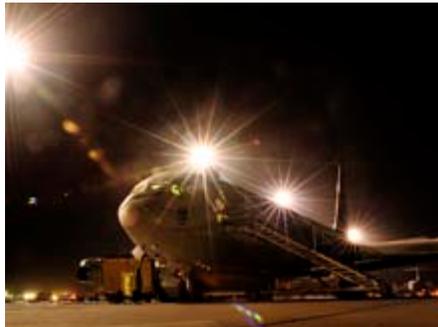
HH-60 Pave Hawk

The primary mission of the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter is to conduct day or night personnel recovery operations into hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war. The HH-60G is also tasked to perform military operations other than war, including civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, security cooperation/aviation advisory, NASA space flight support, and rescue command and control.



Airlift / Transport

As a part of an Air Life/Transport mission, you'll be flying, maintaining and supporting the C-17 Globemaster III, the C-21 A, the C-5 Galaxy, and the C-130 Hercules. These aircraft are known for their strength and versatility, performing operations such as cargo transportation, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, and tactical airlift and airdrop missions.



E-8

The E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or Joint STARS, is an airborne battle management, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform. Its primary mission is to provide theater ground and air commanders with ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting that contributes to the delay, disruption and destruction of enemy forces.



KC-135 Stratotanker

The KC-135 Stratotanker mission is to provide the core aerial refueling capability for the United States Air Force and the Air Guard. This unique aircraft enhances the Air Force's capability to accomplish its primary missions of Global Reach and Global Power. It also provides aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps and allied nation aircraft. The KC-135 is capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.



Predator

The Predator's primary missions are close air support, air interdiction, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or ISR. It acts as a Joint Forces Air Component Commander-owned theater asset for reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition in support of the Joint Forces Commander.



Reaper

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Surveillance

Surveillance involves monitoring enemy behavior and communications in order to gather information about enemy force plans, strategies and resources. Tracking and reporting the movements of enemy troops, capturing and decoding enemy communications.



Band

Air Guard bands support the global mission in war and peace by preserving our national heritage, providing professional musical products and services for the official military, and performing at recruiting and community relations events. Each band operates within its own geographic area of responsibility representing America's Airmen to their community. They also provide an essential element in maintaining troop morale, retention and

recruiting efforts.



Civil Engineering

The Civil Engineering mission is to build and maintain the buildings and utilities that make up the Air Force and Air Guard's infrastructure. Specializations include architectural, electrical and mechanical and environmental engineering and encompass the duties of programming, budgeting, project management, drafting, surveying, planning, feasibility studies, construction management and utilities

operations.



Combat Communications

The primary mission of the Air Guard Combat Communication is to deploy, operate, and maintain strategic dispersal of emergency communications anywhere in the world. The primary peacetime function is the provision of emergency communications and other needed assistance during state-declared emergencies.



Engineering Installation

The Engineering Installation mission is to provide for the engineering and installation of ground communication-electronics systems. This includes removal and relocation of old or outdated ground communication-electronics systems, and to provide for emergency and programmed, mobile, on-site, maintenance and modification of these systems.



Fire Fighting

The Fire Fighting mission is to prevent the loss of life and property from fire. Fire Fighting units are trained to fight building, aircraft, hazardous materials, wild land (grass, brush, forests, etc.) and miscellaneous fires (cars, dumpsters, etc.). They are also trained in alarm center operations, preventive and operator maintenance on firefighting apparatus and equipment, and the principles of fire

inspections and investigations.



Rescue

The primary mission of a Rescue unit is personnel recovery with emergency medical capabilities in humanitarian and combat environments. They deploy in any available manner, to include air-land-sea tactics, into restricted environments to authenticate, extract, treat, stabilize and evacuate injured personnel, while acting in an enemy-evading, recovery role. Rescue units perform search and rescue, combat search and

rescue, recovery support for NASA and conduct other operations as appropriate.



Security Forces

The Security Forces mission is to lead, manage, supervise, and perform security force activities, including installation, weapon system, and resource security, antiterrorism, law enforcement and investigations, military working dog function, air base defense, armament and equipment, training, pass and registration, information security, and combat arms.



Space

The Air Guard's Space mission involves work with a variety of satellites and systems to provide individuals in the field with real-time space situational awareness. This will involve working on a variety of missions, including:

- Missile warning and defense
- Space surveillance and satellite operations
- Theater integration and tactics development
- Intelligence preparation of the battlespace



Combat Control

The mission of a combat controller is to deploy undetected into combat and hostile environments to establish assault zones or airfields, while simultaneously conducting air traffic control, fire support, command and control, direct action, counter-terrorism, foreign internal defense, humanitarian assistance and special reconnaissance in the joint arena. Combat Controllers are Battlefield Airmen

assigned to special tactics squadrons. They are trained special operations forces and certified Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers.

Air Guard Commitment



For new Air Guard members, the commitment involves working one weekend a month and two weeks a year for a minimum period of 6 years. You must attend Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas for approximately 8 1/2 weeks, followed by Technical School for the career field you have chosen. Tech schools range in length from 6 to more than 50 weeks, depending on your career choice.

Where Will I Work?

One of the primary benefits of joining the Air Guard is that you can serve at a unit close to home, making you even more involved in the community you are already invested in. After the initial training, you'll serve one weekend a month and two weeks a year at a unit near your home, work, or school.

Entrance Requirements

Those interested in joining the Air Guard who have never served before must be between the ages of 17 and 40. They are required to pass a written examination called the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) as well as an Entrance Physical Examination. Using the results from the ASVAB test and physical, the local recruiter reviews positions available within the local unit to match the person with some areas of interest. Once a job is selected the applicant is then scheduled to enlist and actually join the Air Guard. Everything prior to swearing in is just preliminary processing and does not obligate a person to join.



Will I Be Deployed?

There is always the possibility of being tasked for deployment. When trouble strikes your state, your Governor may call up the Air Guard to do a number of things, including but not limited to performing air rescue or medical response missions, or assisting the local authorities during a natural disaster. Likewise, the President may call up the Air Guard to support our country's homeland defense mission. Every effort is made to use volunteers first, and in some cases you may be tasked to deploy when volunteers are not available to meet the mission's requirements.

Benefits

In the Air Guard, you'll receive a regular paycheck, tuition assistance, and more. Benefits include a combination of state and federal benefits to provide money for education through the Montgomery G.I. Bill, a military retirement plan, and affordable health and life insurance. You'll even have access to free space-available air travel. Check out what's available in your state by selecting your state in the EXPLORE area on this page. Be sure to ask your recruiter about how you can take advantage of these benefits in your state.



Federal Benefits

As a member of the Air Guard, you'll receive a solid paycheck along with educational and other military benefits, including:

- Money for College – the Montgomery G.I. Bill helps with educational expenses
- Career Skills – learn valuable, high-tech skills that can help launch your civilian career
- Serve Where You Live – with more than 140 Air Guard units in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, you can serve close to home
- Base Exchange (BX) and Commissary shopping privileges
- Eligibility for VA home loans
- Free space available air travel
- A military retirement plan
- May be eligible for an enlistment bonus. Additional benefits may be available depending on which state you live in. Ask your recruiter to learn more.

Insurance



As a member of the Air Guard, you'll be eligible for low-cost health insurance for you and your family, along with low-cost life insurance, so you know your loved ones are protected. These Insurances include:

- TRICARE Dental Insurance - The only dental plan sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) for National Guard/Reserve sponsors and their families. With the TDP, you will enjoy a nationwide network of more than 65,000

participating dentists, high-quality customer service and comprehensive dental coverage designed specifically with you in mind!

- TRICARE Medical Insurance - Medical Coverage is available in different options necessary to meet the needs of different individuals. From individuals to families insurance is available for those in full time or part time status to ensure coverage is available. Families and Part-time members coverage is offered through TRICARE Reserve Select and is a premium-based health plan available worldwide to Selected Reserve members of the Ready Reserve (and their families) who are not eligible for, or enrolled in the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) program.

Education and Training

As a member of the Air Guard, you're eligible to receive educational benefits through the Montgomery G.I. Bill where you could be eligible to receive money for college. This program is a free benefit for all individuals that join for 6 years.

Life Experience

As a new recruit in the Air Guard, you'll attend basic military training followed by specialized training in the career of your choice. After your initial training, you'll return to an Air Guard unit close to where you live, work, or go to school. You can continue life as it was before you joined, except that you will serve at your unit one weekend each month, earning a paycheck for your service. You'll also spend about two weeks a year learning new technologies and information related to your Air Guard career functions. Being a member of the Air Guard will complement your life.



Officer Benefits



The Air Guard values your honorable service in the United States military. After matching your skills with the needs of the local unit, it's easy to make a smooth transition into the Air Guard as an officer coming from the Air Force. You'll continue to receive generous military benefits, such as low-cost life insurance and health care. In the Air Guard all of your prior service time counts as you keep working towards earning a retirement – all while developing your civilian career. Your part-time service in the Air Guard will help you reach the 20-year service mark, allowing you to retire with benefits.

State Benefits

Each state provides a variety of benefits. Please visit <http://www.goang.com/Benefits> to find out more information.