

# MILITARY CAREERS



## FAQs about the Military:

- \* How old do you have to be to join? **17 years old (with parental consent), 18 (without)**
- \* Do you need to have a high school diploma? **Yes. A high school diploma is required (GED not sufficient).**
- \* What is the base pay? **From \$1467/mo and up. Pay is determined by length of service and position/rank.**
- \* Do you have to take a test? **You must pass the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), a medical exam, and undergo a moral character standards review.**
- \* Do you have to be a U.S. Citizen? **You must either be a US citizen, or you must be a legal permanent immigrant, physically living in the United States, with a green card.**
- \* Does the military provide a place to live? **Yes, the military provides a place to live or a housing allowance, food or a food allowance, and base pay.**
- \* How long is the commitment? **There is an 8 year commitment. No more than six years of active duty is required. The remaining time is spent in Reserves or IRR (Individual Ready Reserves).**
- \* If you take the ASVAB are you committed to the Military? **No, you must actually sign a contract to be committed.**
- \* What careers does the Military offer? **There are hundreds of career options in the Military. Check out the websites for each branch of the Military for more information.**

## For more information:

- \* Air Force: [www.af.mil/](http://www.af.mil/)
- \* Army: [www.army.mil/](http://www.army.mil/)
- \* Marines: [www.usmc.mil/](http://www.usmc.mil/)
- \* National Guard: [www.ng.mil/](http://www.ng.mil/)
- \* Navy: [www.navy.mil/](http://www.navy.mil/)
- \* Coast Guard: [www.uscg.mil/](http://www.uscg.mil/)

## Other Interesting Links:

- \* Military Recruiting: [secure.military.com/Recruiting/page1.do?ESRC=ggl\\_rec\\_genrec.kw&nipkw=military%20recruiting](http://secure.military.com/Recruiting/page1.do?ESRC=ggl_rec_genrec.kw&nipkw=military%20recruiting)
- \* U.S. Department of Defense: [www.defense.gov/](http://www.defense.gov/)
- \* Air Force Q&A: [www.airforce.com/contact-us/faq/](http://www.airforce.com/contact-us/faq/)
- \* Profile of the Average Soldier: <http://forums.military.com/eve/forums/a/tpc/f/65819558/m/3710032762001>
- \* National Guard FAQs: <http://www.ng.mil/resources/faqs.aspx#benefits>
- \* Explore 12 weeks in the USMC: [www.marines.com](http://www.marines.com)
- \* Navy FAQs: [www.navy.mil/navydata/faq.asp](http://www.navy.mil/navydata/faq.asp)
- \* Coast Guard Careers: [www.uscg.mil/top/careers.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/top/careers.asp)
- \* Military.com: [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)
- \* OSD Regular Military Compensation Calculator: <http://militarypay.defense.gov/pay/calc/index.html>
- \* 2011 Military Pay Overview: <http://www.military.com/benefits/military-pay/military-pay-overview>



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