

MILITARY CAREERS



FAQs about the Military:

- * How old/young do you have to be to join? **17 (with parental consent) up to 42 years old.**
- * Do you need to have a high school diploma? **Yes. A high school diploma is required.**
- * What is the base pay? **From \$1295/mo (<4 months of service) to \$18,061/mo (38+ years of service). 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 be a U.S. Citizen or an immigrant alien legally admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence with immigration and naturalization documents.**
- * Does the military provide a place to live? **Yes, the military provides you with 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/
- * **Army:** www.army.mil/
- * **Marines:** www.usmc.mil/
- * **National Guard:** www.ng.mil/
- * **Navy:** www.navy.mil/
- * **Coast Guard:** www.uscg.mil/

Other Interesting Links:

- * **Military Recruiting:** secure.military.com/Recruiting/page1.do?ESRC=ggf_rec_genrec.kw&nipkw=military%20recruiting
- * **U.S. Department of Defense:** www.defense.gov/
- * **Air Force Q&A:** www.airforce.com/contact-us/faq/
- * **Profile of the Average Soldier:** armycomrel.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/armycomrel.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=UZZZplnj
- * **National Guard FAQs:** <http://www.ng.mil/resources/faqs.aspx#benefits>
- * **U.S. Dept of Defense:** [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Live Blog](#)
- * **Explore 12 weeks in the USMC:** www.marines.com
- * **Navy FAQs:** www.navy.mil/navydata/faq.asp
- * **Coast Guard Careers:** www.uscg.mil/top/careers.asp
- * **Military.com:** www.military.com
- * **OSD Regular Military Compensation Calculator:** militarypay.defense.gov/mpcalcs/Calculators/RMC.aspx
- * **2009 Military Average Annual Salary:** usmilitary.about.com/od/fy2009paycharts/a/salenlless.-uXb.htm



Virginia Career VIEW www.vacareerview.org

Virginia Tech, School of Education
1-800-542-5870 info@vaview.org