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What is the Air National Guard and how is it different than the Air Force and Air Reserve?

1. Members of the Air Guard are dynamic individuals who lead purpose-driven lives.
2. Most attend school or maintain a full-time career in addition to training one weekend a month and two weeks a year in the Air Guard.
3. They typically train close to their homes, often alongside neighbors and friends, and they take immense pride in serving their local communities.
4. They are proud to be a part of the Air Guard family – a community of people dedicated to supporting each other and improving the lives of others.
5. Air Guard carries out both a federal and state mission.
6. Offers members a unique opportunity to serve their local community as well as their country.
7. The Air Guard may be called upon by the President to support the Active Duty Air Force.
8. When a regional or local disaster strikes, Air Guard units may be activated by a state governor to protect the lives of American citizens.



Air National Guard

- A Reserve Component of the Air Force that requires members to attend drill weekend once a month and active duty training two weeks each year. Air Guard units perform both state and federal missions, so members receive both state and federal benefits

Active Duty Air Force

- The Air Force performs its federal mission around the clock, which means members of the Active Duty Air Force serve full time. Active Duty Airmen serve on bases around the world and do not receive state specific benefits in addition to military pay

Air Force Reserve Command

- A Reserve Component of the Air Force that requires members to attend drill one weekend a month and active duty training two weeks a year. The Air Force Reserve strictly supports the federal mission of the Active Duty Air Force, and so Reservists do not receive state specific benefits

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REQUIREMENTS

You must meet certain enlistment criteria to qualify for membership in the Air National Guard. These criteria ensure that those who join have the right mental, physical, and moral aptitudes to perform the tasks required for military service. General requirements include:

Age

Must be between the age 17 and 39. Consent from a parent or legal guardian is required if 17.

Education

Must be a high school senior, or have a high school diploma or a GED.

Citizenship

Must be a U.S. citizen or naturalized citizen.

Moral Character

Must meet standards which cover arrests, convictions and drug usage.

Tattoo Consideration

Certain body art may not be allowed based on size, location, and content. Your recruiter will make the final decision.

Mental Aptitude

Must achieve a minimum score of 31 on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. Must also qualify in a specific area of the ASVAB depending on occupational choice.

Physical Condition

Must be able to pass an initial military entrance physical exam, be in good health and meet minimum height and weight standards. Certain illnesses, past injuries or diseases may disqualify an individual for enlistment.

Term of Enlistment

An enlistment contract is for a total of eight (8) years. As few as four (4) years can be served in a drill status, with the remainder served in an inactive status. ***NOTE: You must enlist for six (6) years to receive educational or incentive benefits.***

Procedures

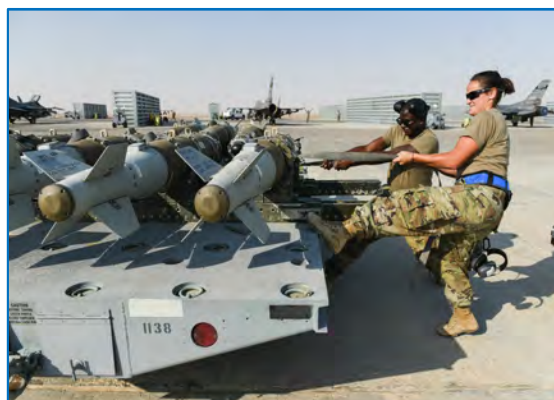
1. Testing is conducted by civilians at the Military Entrance Processing Station.
The Chief Medical Officer qualifies or disqualifies processors, not your recruiter.
2. Using the results from both the ASVAB and physical exam, your recruiter reviews available positions available to the applicant.
3. Once a job is selected, they can enlist and actually join the Air Guard.
4. Everything prior to swearing in is preliminary processing and does not obligate anyone to join.

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169th Fighter Wing Mission

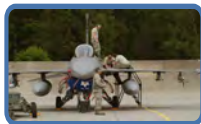


- The mission of the 169th Fighter Wing is to provide world class combat capability to meet our nation's needs for contingency and general war requirements.
- The F-16 Fighting Falcon is a compact, multirole fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack.

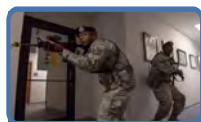


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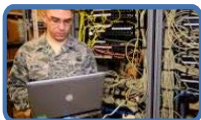
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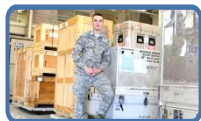
SECURITY FORCES



FIREFIGHTER



CYBER AND CLIENT SYSTEMS



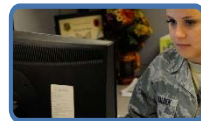
LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY



VEHICLE OPS AND MAINTENANCE



SERVICES AND MWR



PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION



MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH



CIVIL ENGINEERING

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COLLEGE BENEFITS

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Tuition costs for members of the Air National Guard at SC state funded schools.
- Up to \$4500 per semester for two years. Total Tuition Assistance of \$18,000.
- Reimburses a maximum of *130 CREDITS* for undergraduate programs ("C" or better), and 39 CREDITS for a Graduate Degrees ("B" or better).
- A passing fitness test must be accomplished before applying for tuition assistance.
- STATE TA WILL ONLY PAY FOR ONE DEGREE AT EACH LEVEL INPROGRESSION



MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL

- Non-prior service members are eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill (*UPON COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.*)
- Prior service personnel who enlist for a period of six years may become immediately eligible and the Montgomery G.I. Bill benefit is non-taxable

BENEFIT SCHEDULE

- FULL TIME (12 + credits) = \$392.00 per month for 36 months
- 3/4 TIME (9 - 11 credits) = \$293.00 per month for 48 months
- 1/2 TIME (6 - 8 credits) = \$195.00 per month for 72 months
- 1/4 TIME (3 - 5 credits) = \$98.00 per month for up to 144 months

G.I. BILL KICKER

- Full time students who enlist in jobs with the kicker will receive an additional \$350 a month, on top of tuition assistance and the Montgomery G.I. Bill

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Initial Enlistment Pay Chart

RANK/GRADE	TOUR OF DUTY	<2	2	3	4	6
STAFF SERGEANT/E5	WEEKEND	329.00	351.00	368.00	385.00	413.00
	15-DAYS	1234.00	1317.00	1380.50	1445.50	1547.50
	MONTHLY	2468.00	2634.00	2761.00	2891.00	3095.00
SENIOR AIRMAN/E4	WEEKEND	307.00	322.00	340.00	358.00	373.00
	15-DAYS	1131.50	1189.50	1253.50	1317.50	1373.50
	MONTHLY	2263.00	2379.00	2507.00	2635.00	2747.00
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS/E3	WEEKEND	272.00	289.00	307.00		
	15-DAYS	1021.50	1085.50	1151.50		
	MONTHLY	2043.00	2171.00	2303.00		
AIRMAN/E2	WEEKEND	259.00	HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH)			
	15-DAYS	971.00	GRADE	MONTH		MONTH
	MONTHLY	1942.00	No Dependents		Dependents	
			E-5	1200.00		1440.00
AIRMAN BASIC/E1	WEEKEND	231.00	E-4	1062.00		1362.00
	15-DAYS	866.50	E-3	1062.00		1362.00
	(OVER 4 MONTHS)	MONTHLY	1733.00	E-2	1062.00	
			E-1	1062.00		1362.00
AIRMAN BASIC/E1	WEEKEND	214.00	SUBSISTENCE (BAS)			
	15-DAYS	801.00		DAY	15 DAYS	MONTH
	(LESS THAN 4 MONTHS)	MONTHLY	1602.00		12.28	184.70

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INSURANCE

TRICARE RESERVE SELECT HEALTH INSURANCE

- Premium-based health plan that qualified National Guard and Reserve members may purchase. Key features of this program include:
- Must pay monthly premiums of \$42.83 for individual or \$218.01 for a family.
- Freedom to manage your own health care; no assigned primary care manager.
- Pay fewer out-of-pocket costs when choosing a provider in the TRICARE network.
- Offers comprehensive health care coverage including TRICARE's prescription drug coverage.

SERVICEMAN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (SGLI)

- Available in \$50,000 increments up to the maximum of \$400,000 and are currently \$.07 per \$1,000 of insurance, regardless of the member's age.

TRICARE DENTAL INSURANCE

- Dental coverage for members of the National Guard and Reserves is based on the member's military status.
- TRICARE Dental Program which is a voluntary, premium-based dental insurance plan available regardless of the sponsor's military status. When not on active duty orders, National Guard and Reserve members (and their family members) are eligible for the TRICARE Dental Program.
- This program is offered through METLIFE at a low monthly cost.

SGLI

Life insurance - <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/SGLI/SGLI.htm>

TRICARE RESERVE SELECT

Health insurance - <http://www.tricare.mil/select>

UNITED CONCORDIA

Dental insurance - <http://www.uccitdp.com>



**You are eligible after enlistment. You are not automatically enrolled.
You must enroll online.**

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ASSOCIATES DEGREE

Community College of the Air Force

- The Community College of the Air Force is the only college system solely for enlisted members.
- Programs are designed to provide students with knowledge, skills and theoretical background for enhanced performance as technicians and noncommissioned officers.



CCAF Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree

The AAS degree is offered in the following broad career areas:

- Aircraft and Missile Maintenance
- Allied Health
- Electronics and Telecommunications
- Logistics and Resources
- Public and Support Services
- Many, Many, More

CREDITS NEEDED

CCAF DEGREE PROGRAM	CREDITS EARNED
TECHNICAL ED	24
LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND MILITARY STUDIES	6
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	4
GENERAL EDUCATION	15
WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATION	6
MATHEMATICS	3
SOCIAL SCIENCES	3
HUMANITIES	3
PROGRAM ELECTIVE	15
TOTAL	64

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ENLISTMENT PROCESS

Your path to the Air Guard will be unique to you. However, the process below should give you an idea of what's ahead based on your qualifications and experience.

APPLY

- PRE QUALIFY, MEET RECRUITER
- INITIAL PAPERWORK, SCHEDULE MEPS

QUALIFY

- MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION
- ASVAB TEST AND PHYSICAL EXAM

JOB SELECTION

- EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS
- JOB SHADOW AND CHOOSE YOUR CAREER

ENLIST

- SIGN YOUR CONTRACT
- BECOME A "HAPPY SWAMPFOX"

STUDENT FLIGHT

- TIME BETWEEN ENLISTMENT AND BASIC TRAINING
 - ATTEND DRILLS
 - TRAIN FOR BASIC

TRAINING

- OUTPROCESS TO BASIC MILITARY TRAINING (LACKLAND AFB)
- TECHNICAL SCHOOL (LOCATION AND LENGTH IS JOB DEPENDENT)
 - SEASONING TRAINING (ON THE JOB TRAINING)

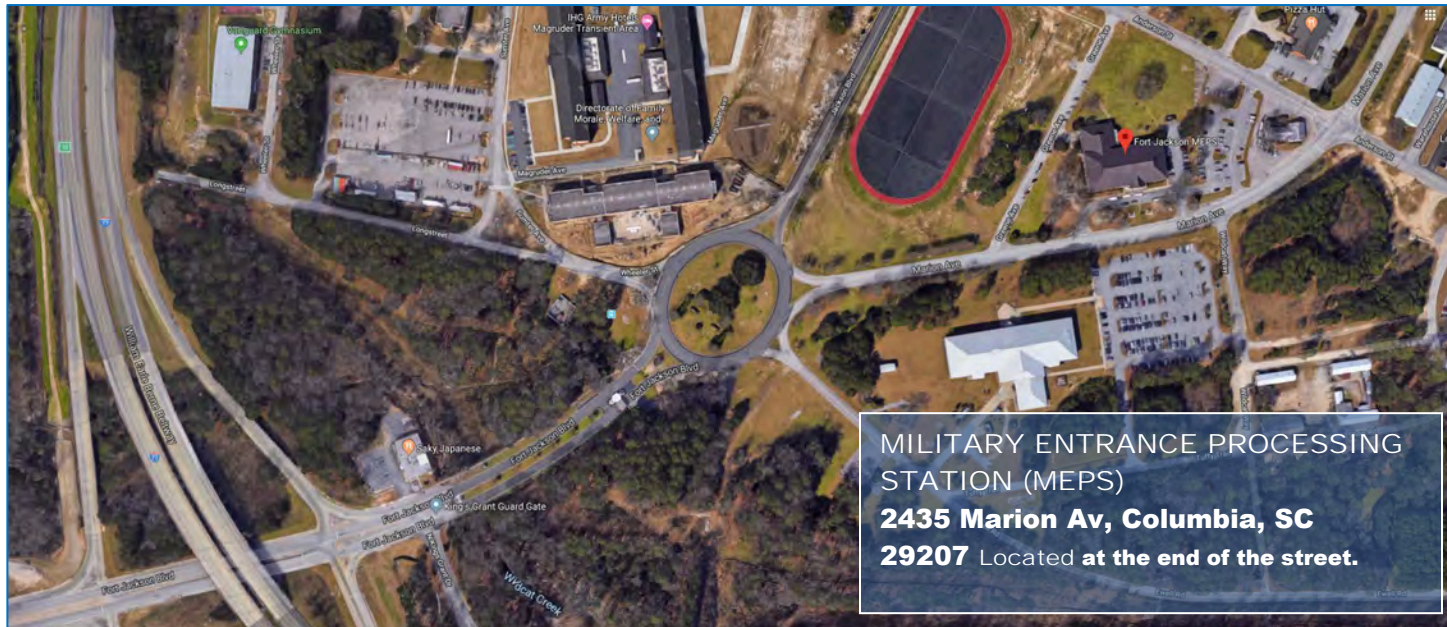
TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN

- COME BACK HOME
- 1 WEEKEND A MONTH
- RETURN TO WORK OR SCHOOL



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MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION



MEPS

- Chief Medical Officer at MEPS determines if you are qualified for the Air National Guard
- Recruiter can only communicate with Air Force Liaison at MEPS
- The MEPS is not a part of the Air National Guard

Forms

- MEPCOM 680 Form must be accomplished to schedule an ASVAB or a Physical Exam
- DD Form 2807-2 Medical Prescreen must be accomplished before a physical exam can be scheduled
- Documentation on medical issues must be reviewed by CMO before physical can be scheduled

ASVAB

- Approximately 3 hours
- Monday-Thursday at 2 PM
- Must be accomplished before Physical
- Must be scheduled by Recruiter (no walk ins)

PHYSICAL

- 5:45 AM, Monday-Friday
- Urinalysis, Blood work, Vision, and Hearing tests
- Must be scheduled by Recruiter (no walk ins)

HEIGHT (INCHES)	MAX WEIGHT (LBS.)
58	131
59	136
60	141
61	145
62	150
63	155
64	160
65	165
66	170
67	175
68	180
69	186
70	191
71	197
72	202
73	208
74	214
75	220
76	225
77	231
78	237
79	244
80	250

MUST HAVE ID AND SSN CARD TO ENTER MEPS FOR ANY PROCESSING

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Student Flight

1. Student Flight was designed specifically for YOU!
2. You are our number one asset, we want to ensure your success from the minute you enlist into our great organization.
3. After you enlist, we invite you to participate in our drill weekends. Your time in student flight will prepare you for basic training.
4. You will train with the recruiters and work with different areas on base throughout the weekend. This allows you to become more familiar with our unit and allows you to meet your future coworkers.
5. The 169th Recruiting Office is the point of contact for Student Flight members, and will oversee the day-to-day operations and activities.
6. Drill weekends are scheduled a year in advance, and usually fall on the 1st weekend of each month.
7. Our drill day is 7:30am - 4:00pm Saturday & Sunday, with an hour break for lunch.
8. We Cover subjects that will help you succeed in Basic Training to include: Rank Structure, Core Values, Marching, Professional Development and Physical Fitness.

To get in contact with your local recruiter, or for more information on our Student Flight program, please download our AF Connect app and select the 169th Fighter Wing



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BASIC MILITARY TRAINING

<https://www.airforce.com/education/military-training/bmt>



WEEK 0

Once you step off the bus, your journey officially begins. You'll be assigned to a Military Training Instructor (MTI) who will give you direction and guide you through your transformation during the next seven and half weeks.



WEEK 1

Learn about the Air Force's proud history and rich heritage as you begin preparing for your role as an elite warrior in the world's preeminent air and space power.



WEEK 2

Designed to challenge you both mentally and physically, you'll learn the basics of Air Force life and condition your body for the physical requirements needed to graduate.



WEEK 3

You'll learn and embrace your role in countering diverse threats to national security, including terrorist attacks and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) weapons.



WEEK 4

You'll learn defensive fighting techniques and lifesaving skills so you'll know what to do while under enemy fire and have the knowledge you need to save your life and those of your fellow Airmen.



WEEK 5

Regarded as the most challenging week of BMT, you'll begin honing your skills through field training exercises and combat scenarios designed to bring out the wingman and warrior in you.



WEEK 6

Final evaluations of your physical fitness and airman ship skills will begin to take place, and you'll continue to learn more about the history and heritage of the Air Force.



AIRMAN'S WEEK

A final step before you head off to tech training, this week will be spent reinforcing core values and what it means to be an Airman in today's Air Force.



WEEK 8 (GRADUATION!!)

You'll celebrate your accomplishments in front of friends and family with the Airman's Run and graduation ceremony.