

## JOBS IN TODAY'S MILITARY

In the Military, people do just about every kind of work that exists in civilian life. They are physical therapists, computer repair technicians, photographers and journalists, management analysts, auto mechanics, life scientists and more. Free job training is provided for many of the thousands of individual military jobs. If a particular type of work interests you, you can probably find it in the Military.

**There is an extremely wide range of job opportunities in Today's Military.**

Here are 23 broad categories into which military jobs fall:

- Accounting, Budget and Finance
- Arts, Communications, Media and Design
- Aviation
- Business Administration and Operations
- Combat Operations
- Communications Equipment Technologists and Technicians
- Construction, Building and Extraction
- Counseling, Social Work and Human Services
- Education and Training
- Engineering and Scientific Research
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Health Care Practitioners
- Human Resources Management and Services
- Information Technology, Computer Science and Mathematics
- Intelligence
- International Relations, Linguistics and Other Social Sciences
- Law Enforcement, Security and Protective Services
- Legal Professions and Support Services
- Mechanic and Repair Technologists and Technicians
- Medical and Clinical Technologists and Technicians
- Naval and Maritime Operations
- Personal and Culinary Services
- Transportation, Supply and Logistics

Most categories contain both enlisted and officer jobs. Most job categories are available in several military services. For more information, visit [www.todaysmilitary.com/careers](http://www.todaysmilitary.com/careers) or speak with a recruiter.

**High-quality job training is provided right from the start.** After Basic Training, trainees typically attend Advanced Individual Training (AIT), where they learn the skills necessary to do specific jobs. AIT combines classroom and hands-on learning environments. Well-trained instructors and a low student:teacher ratio are the norm. Note: More than 2,300 colleges and universities recognize The American Council on Education's certification of AIT courses for college credit.

**Can I choose my military job?** Your preferences DO have an influence on the job specialties you receive when you enlist, but the needs of the Military at the time and your Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test scores also affect your job assignment. You should ask a recruiter about all the specialties for which new recruits are eligible, based upon your ASVAB scores.

**Are all jobs in the Military open to women?** Not quite, but opportunities for women exist in every branch of the Military. Correspondingly, the number of enlisted female servicemembers is on the rise:

% of Female Enlisted Servicemembers	
Army	19%
Marine Corps	9%
Navy	24%
Air Force	29%
Coast Guard	12%

**What do all military jobs have in common?** Responsibility. Excellence. Pride. Servicemembers are expected to perform their assigned duties with a high level of competence. Members need to be able to depend on each other. More often than not, the Military offers a surprising amount of responsibility early in a career. Leading a team or crew of six to seven people at age 20 is common; so is making tactical decisions on the spot — even at junior levels. Most military jobs offer the opportunity to mature quickly through responsibility.

**How many military jobs have civilian equivalents?** Most military careers have equivalents in the civilian world, but even roles exclusive to the Military teach discipline, teamwork and leadership — skills that are very appealing to civilian employers. All military jobs give servicemembers an edge when they re-enter the civilian world. That's because employers prize the things military veterans have learned — among them dependability, focus, extra effort, reliability and striving for excellence (see Talking Points #3 for more information).

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

No matter what your job is in the Military, there's an opportunity to do it well and use newfound skills, while earning the respect of your peers and superiors. This nearly always leads to greater self-confidence and a sense of pride. Every job in the Military is important because everyone contributes to military readiness, and everyone helps protect the freedoms all Americans enjoy.