

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 your child, he or she can most likely find it in the Military.

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

Here are 24 career fields into which military jobs fall:

- Accounting, Budget and Finance
Career Examples: Accountant; Financial Manager; Budget Analyst
- Arts, Communications, Media and Design
Career Examples: Photographer; Multimedia Artist and Animator; Reporters and Correspondents
- Aviation
Career Examples: Airline Pilot, Copilot, and Flight Engineer; Helicopter pilot; Air Traffic Controller
- Business Administration and Operations
Career Examples: Administrative Services Manager; Management Analyst; Secretaries and Administrative Assistants
- Combat Operations
Career Examples: Special Forces; Infantry; Armored Assault Vehicle Officer
- Communications Equipment Technologists and Technicians
Career Examples: Audio and Video Equipment Technician; Radio Operator; Radar and Sonar Technicians
- Construction, Building and Extraction
Career Examples: Construction Carpenter; Surveyor; Plumber
- Counseling, Social Work and Human Services
Career Examples: Social Worker; Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Worker; Religious Worker
- Cyber
Career Examples: Cyber Operations Officers; Cyber Network Defenders; Cyber Operations Specialists
- Education and Training
Career Examples: Teacher and Instructor; Training and Development Specialist; Education Administrators
- Engineering and Scientific Research
Career Examples: Aerospace Engineer; Biological Scientist; Physicist
- Environmental Health and Safety
Career Examples: Environmental Engineer; Biomedical Engineers; Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts and Blasters
- Health Care Practitioners
Career Examples: Registered Nurse; Surgeon; Physician Assistant
- Human Resources Management and Services
Career Examples: Human Resources Managers; Human Resources Specialists; Equal Opportunity Representatives and Officers
- Information Technology, Computer Science and Mathematics
Career Examples: Computer Programmer; Statisticians; Computer Systems Analyst
- Intelligence
Career Examples: Computer Network Architects; Intelligence Specialist; Command and Control Center Specialists
- International Relations, Linguistics and Other Social Sciences
Career Examples: Political Scientists; Interpreters and Translators
- Law Enforcement, Security and Protective Services
Career Examples: Police Patrol Officer; Criminal Investigator and Special Agent; Firefighters
- Legal Professions and Support Services
Career Examples: Lawyer; Paralegals and Legal Assistant; Judges, Magistrate Judges and Magistrates
- Mechanic and Repair Technologists and Technicians
Career Examples: Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians; Automotive Master Mechanics; Power Plant Operators

- Medical and Clinical Technicians
Career Examples: Pharmacy Technicians; Dental Laboratory Technicians; Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technicians
- Naval and Maritime Operations
Career Examples: Ship Engineers; Ship and Boat Captains; Sailors and Marine Oilers
- Personal and Culinary Services
Career Examples: Chef and Head Cook; Food Service Manager
- Transportation, Supply and Logistics
Career Examples: Transportation Managers; Lodging Manager; Cargo and Freight Agents

Most career fields contain both enlisted and officer jobs. Most career fields are available in several military Services. For more information, visit <http://todaysmilitary.com/working/career-fields-and-profiles> 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. Note: The American Council on Education certifies more than 60 percent of Advanced Individual Training courses for college credit.

Can my child choose his or her military job? Candidates' preferences do have an influence on the job specialties they receive when they enlist, but the needs of the Military at the time and your child's ASVAB scores (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, offered in many high schools) also affect job assignments. You should accompany your child on a recruiter visit and ask about all the specialties for which new recruits are eligible, based upon their ASVAB scores.

Are all jobs in the Military open to women? Yes, all positions including combat are open to women.

What do all military jobs have in common? Responsibility. Excellence. Pride. Service members are expected to perform their assigned duties with a high level of competence. Team 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? About 95 percent of military jobs have counterparts in the civilian world, and many military jobs are virtually identical to the “hot” jobs forecasted to grow the fastest over the next few years. All military jobs give service members an edge when they re-enter the civilian workforce. That's because employers prize the things military veterans have learned — among them dependability, focus on the task, extra effort, reliability, teamwork and striving for excellence.

Final Thoughts

No matter what a young person's job is in the Military, there's an opportunity to do it well and utilize newfound skills, while earning the respect of his or her 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.