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Serve part-time in the Air Guard, and do it in a way that fits your life. You'll receive all the benefits of service while achieving your career goals, pursuing your education, and continuing to meet family commitments.



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PART-TIME **BLUE**, FULL-TIME YOU.

SERVE YOUR OWN WAY

Work towards your degree as a full-time student or pursue your dream career. Serving part-time with the Air Guard gives you the flexibility to live life on your terms while staying close to family and friends. The Air Guard will be standing behind you every step of the way.

You can take control of your future. You'll earn money for college, receive world-class training for a high-tech world, and gain the discipline and confidence to succeed in life. You can do it all while training part-time. As a member of the Air Guard, you'll also be helping the people in your community when they need you the most while serving your country with honor and pride.

With the Air National Guard, you are in full control of your future. You choose your career and shape your experience, using your training and certifications to fulfill your goals.





AIR GUARD STORY

As challenges continue to test the mettle of Americans, your community depends on willing citizens to answer the call to respond to local disasters and other times of crisis. You may be surprised to know who we are and what we do. The Air Guard Story could one day be your story too.

From the arrival of the first colonies to today, cities across America have depended on their local patriotic citizens to be available for challenges as a part-time militia guard. For 300 years we have been a part of every war and rushed to the scene of every natural disaster.

With the birth of the Air Force in 1947, many local Army aviation squadrons converted into Air National Guard units. Forbes Field is home to the KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft which flies for domestic and wartime needs. In support of the communities of the State of Kansas, the 190th Air Refueling Wing covers a wide variety of jobs, with important skills that our Guardsmen master, to conduct important missions for the state.

TAYLOR STEVENS



Social Media Manager

"The Air Guard allowed me to go to college full-time while serving. I pursued my passion for social media and even worked for Kansas State University's social media team all while in the military."



Staff Sergeant

"I joined the Air Guard mainly to pay for school. It ended up being far more rewarding than anticipated. From trips to places like Guam and Germany to the life-long friendships I've formed, I have gained such valuable experiences I couldn't get anywhere else."

VICTOR DOWNING JR.



Nurse Practitioner

"I joined the Air Force nearly 18 years ago when I was 19 years old because I always had goals but needed to learn the 'how' to make those goals come to fruition. The Air Force has given me the tools and resources to pursue my education and be able to travel to over 20 countries around the world. I'm one of the few who had the opportunity to serve as a Medic to now a Family Nurse Practitioner in the Air Force."



Captain

"I am currently one of the Family Practice providers for a clinic in Kansas City. I Couldn't have done it without my Air Force experience, mentorship, and best colleagues in the world. I am a local product of Topeka, Kansas and I am honored to have the opportunity to represent my state as an Air Force Guardsman."

BENEFITS

As a member of the Kansas Air Guard, you'll receive a solid paycheck along with educational and other military benefits, including:

- Tuition Assistance - Up to 15 credit hours per semester paid at no cost to the member
- The Montgomery G.I. Bill- helps with educational expenses. Some careers qualify for the G.I. Bill Kicker as well (ask your recruiter for more info)
- Career Skills — Learn valuable, high-tech skills that can help launch your civilian career
- Serve Where You Live — Serve close to home
- Extra Cash — A monthly Air Guard paycheck
- Low-cost health insurance for you and your family
- Base Exchange (BX) and Commissary access
- Eligibility for VA home loans
- Free, space available air travel
- Low-cost life insurance
- A military retirement plan
- May be eligible for an enlistment bonus

Montgomery G.I. Bill

**\$439/month for full enrollment
(Tax FREE)**

G.I. Bill Kicker

**\$350/month for full enrollment
(in addition to the G.I. Bill)
(Tax FREE)**

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

In the Kansas Air Guard, we believe in helping you achieve your educational goals and we do everything we can to help out along the way.

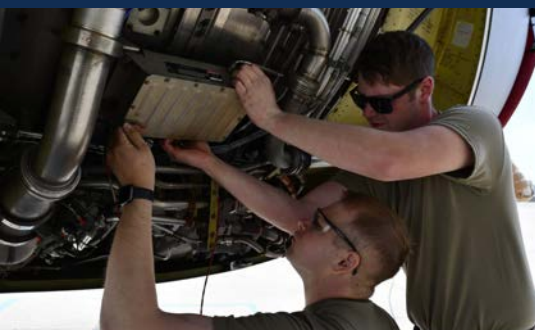
A Kansas Air Guardsman's tuition is fully covered up to 15 credit hours per semester at no cost to the member.

The Montgomery G.I. Bill helps pay for college expenses- and that's just the beginning of the education benefits the Air Guard provides.



FINN YOUR CALLING

The 190th Air Refueling Wing has multiple career fields for you to choose from. The following is a small sample of the many available to you when you become a member of our organization:



Aircraft Maintenance



Fire Protection



Cyber



Security Forces



Services



Emergency Management

A curtailed list of careers available specifically to you will be determined once you complete the ASVAB and pass the MEPS Physical. Your recruiter can then take you on a tour of the career fields you are interested in.

HOW TO JOIN

Ready to Join? There are five steps to the process of joining and our recruiters are experienced and ready to assist with the process.

Step #1: INTERVIEW

Meet with your recruiter in their office where you will be pre-screened for health, drug use, law violations, and body modifications. If it is determined that you have met the pre-screen requirements, the ASVAB and physical examination can then be scheduled.

Step #2: TAKE THE ASVAB

The ASVAB exam is a computer based test given to everyone who enters any branch of the military. The Air Guard uses your scores to determine your abilities in the following areas: Mechanical, Administration, General Knowledge and Electronics. The jobs available to you to choose from will be directly related to your score on the ASVAB.

Step #3: PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All applicants must complete the physical examination at MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) located in Kansas City. For the physical, you will be required to provide your complete medical history and be given a complete physical exam to ensure you qualify for military service.

Step #4: JOB SELECTION

Once you complete the ASVAB and Physical Exam, you'll receive a curtailed list of jobs you qualify for. You will choose three jobs on the list that you would like to take a tour of and the recruiter will set up the meeting. If you'd like to check out more than three jobs, notify your recruiter to schedule additional time.

Step #5: OATH OF ENLISTMENT

Congratulations! You are now a proud member of the 190th Air Refueling Wing! Be sure to invite your family and friends to be present at your oath.



STUDENT FLIGHT

Once you join you will attend Unit Training Assembly (UTA), one weekend a month, and receive a paycheck (even before you leave for basic) as part of Student Flight. Saturdays will be spent job shadowing in your chosen career. Sundays will be spent with other Student Flight Members, just like you, who are preparing for Basic Military Training (BMT). Here we will set you up for success by teaching you the various tasks you will be expected to learn at BMT. This will also be a great opportunity to connect with other unit members and learn about our mission and values.

You will leave for BMT within one year of joining and this can be discussed with your recruiter to determine the ideal date based on your schedule. Immediately upon graduation from BMT, you will then go to your specific Technical School based on your career choice. Locations vary and the locations of training are provided by your recruiter.

BMT is 8.5 weeks, your Tech School length will vary but will be between 5 weeks to over one year depending on the career.

ELIGIBILITY

Ready to start the process? If you are between the ages of 17 and 41 you are eligible to enlist. If you are 17, you must have your Junior year of high school completed and get consent from your parents. You will not leave for basic until you graduate from high school. Prior service personnel can join at any age as long as they can complete 20 years of total service before the age of 60.