

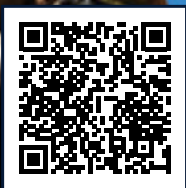
PARARESCUE



U.S. AIR FORCE



APPLY NOW



PERSONNEL RECOVERY SPECIALIST

Somebody's day just got really bad. The individual is injured and isolated behind enemy lines. Every minute ... every second is critical to survival. You and your team are launching at a moment's notice to make sure the day ends on a better note. You're one of the most highly trained personnel recovery specialists in the world — a Pararescue (PJ) Specialist, ready to carry out the most perilous, demanding and extreme missions anytime and anywhere.

As a PJ, you're a technical rescue specialist, skilled in roped and mechanical access, and a certified paramedic with advanced emergency medical training. Capable of deploying by air, land or water, your job is to locate, assess, extract, treat, stabilize and evacuate individuals in times of danger or extreme duress.

You never think twice about risking your own life to do whatever it takes to save others. The Pararescue motto — “These Things We Do, That Others May Live” — affirms your dedication and commitment to saving lives and self-sacrifice.



ELITE COMBAT FORCE

PJs are the only U.S. military combat force specifically organized, trained and equipped to conduct both conventional and unconventional combat rescue and humanitarian rescue operations. They also provide manned spacecraft recovery support for NASA.

PJs operate most often as small independent teams or embedded with other Air Force, joint or coalition Special Operations units.

When they're not deployed, PJs constantly train to maintain their technical and medical skills, maintaining full combat mission capability throughout their careers.

SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR ENLISTMENT-VECTURING

As a prospective non-prior service, Active Duty PJ candidate, the Special Warfare Operator Enlistment-Vectoring (SWOE-V) program is the path for you. Your recruiter and developers (mentors) will prepare and educate you on each of the Air Force Special Warfare (AFSPECWAR) specialties.

After meeting all Air Force requirements, you'll attend Basic Military Training (BMT). Upon graduation of BMT, you'll attend the Special Warfare Candidate Course and if successful, the Special Warfare Assessment and Selection Course, with the chance to be vectored into one of the four AFSPECWAR specialties. Successful vectoring into the Pararescue career field will be based on your preference, your performance and needs of the Air Force.

(Note: Prior service, Guard and Reserve PJ candidates follow the same path and if successful, will automatically be vectored into Pararescue.)



PJ QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Meet Air Force entry standards
- Meet the score requirement on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test
- Achieve a passing score on the Initial Fitness Test (IFT)
- Pass the Special Warfare Airman Physical (requirements include normal color vision and depth perception)
- Complete a national agency check, local agency checks and credit check
- Possess a valid state driver's license
- Complete BMT, Special Warfare Candidate Course, and Special Warfare Assessment and Selection Course

INITIAL FITNESS TEST

You'll be required to pass the IFT prior to entering the Air Force and then again during the Special Warfare Candidate Course. Your recruiter will provide you with the minimum required standards to complete each test component. However, you should aim to far exceed the IFT standards.

- 25-meter underwater swim (twice)
- 500-meter surface swim (free style, breast stroke and/or side stroke)
- 1.5-mile run
- Pull-ups in two minutes
- Sit-ups in two minutes
- Push-ups in two minutes

TRAINING PIPELINE

The Pararescue training pipeline is one of the toughest in the Department of Defense. It takes over two years to complete.

Special Warfare Candidate Course

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

Special Warfare Assessment and Selection Course

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

Special Warfare Pre-Dive Course

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

Special Warfare Combat Dive Course

Panama City, FL

Airborne School

Fort Benning, GA

Military Freefall Course

Yuma, AZ

Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Training

Fairchild AFB, WA

Modernized Pararescue Provider Program (Paramedic course)

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

Pararescue Apprentice Course

Kirtland AFB, NM



PUSHING THE LIMITS

It's not easy being a PJ. You'll push your physical and mental limits to the edge and beyond to conquer fears and insurmountable odds.

If you make the cut, you'll wear the coveted maroon beret with honor and stand tall with pride as you protect and defend our nation.



BONUS AND SPECIAL PAY

- SWOE — \$50,000 Initial Enlistment Bonus (with six-year enlistment) paid in full after your 3-level Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) is earned/awarded at your first duty station
- PJ Special Duty Pay — up to \$450 per month
- Special Warfare Skill Incentive Pay — up to \$615 per month

AIR FORCE BENEFITS

- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- Comprehensive medical care
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- Opportunities for advanced education with up to 100 percent tuition assistance and the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Live, work and travel around the world
- Generous retirement system with the Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

(Note: The above Air Force benefits are available to those serving full-time. Not all benefits are available for part-time service. See your recruiter for more details.)



SERVE YOUR WAY, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

You can choose one of several paths that allow you to serve either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our total Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today. Visit **WWW.AIRFORCE.COM** or call **1-800-423-USAF**.



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