

MISSION:

# Aerial Port

**Aerial Port jobs exist at just about every base at which the Air Force Reserve operates. Working in this area gives the Reservist an overall view of what is happening on each base, since Aerial Port is part of air terminal operations.**



## Some of the duties include:

- Using computers to determine the placement of cargo in the aircraft. This is integral to the balance of the plane.
- Justifying the quantity and type of cargo with the allowable aircraft cabin load. Load planners must know the airframe of the aircraft they are loading and the internal weight distributions.
- Checking cargo against manifest for overages, shortages and damage.
- Checking passenger documentation.
- Packing and loading cargo using equipment such as 60K loaders and forklifts.

## Benefits

**In the Air Force Reserve, you are entitled to a wide range of benefits, similar to those on Active Duty.**

- Earn a paycheck – The pay is competitive for part-time and some full-time jobs.
- Get an education – The Air Force Reserve encourages continuing education and offers several programs – Non-contributory Montgomery G.I. Bill, Tuition Assistance, free credits through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), and specialized training that can lead to certifications and licenses. There can also be bonuses and incentives for those going into critically needed areas.
- Low-cost health care plan – This new program applies to both the Reservist and immediate family and can significantly reduce the cost of medical care.
- Retirement plan – Military retirement programs are very generous. If you have previously served, your time counts toward your retirement in the Air Force Reserve.
- Commissary and BX Privileges – Military bases offer discounted and tax-free supermarket and department store shopping plus low-cost recreational vehicle rentals.
- Live and serve at home – Serve where you live and transfer to a new location only at your request.
- Maintain rank – If you have previously served in the Air Force or any other branch of the military, chances are you will retain your rank when you join the Air Force Reserve.
- Do the extraordinary – This is an opportunity to meet American heroes accomplishing amazing feats and to become one with them.

The Air Force Reserve is an integral part of the United States Air Force, performing approximately 20 percent of the work. Members of the Air Force Reserve can live and serve in their local communities. Although there are full-time opportunities, those in the Air Force Reserve can continue their full-time civilian careers. This is a great way to serve your country and still live at home with your family.

## Qualifications

Following basic training, those interested in Aerial Port jobs attend a six-week technical school at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

## Jobs

After successfully completing technical school, most reservists work in either Ramp Services, which includes operating equipment such as the 60K loaders and loading pallets on the aircraft in accordance with the plan for each particular mission, or Cargo Services, which involves building pallets to be loaded.

Information Controllers act as information clearing houses, tracking all incoming and outgoing cargo and maintaining contact with entities shipping and receiving cargo.

Load Planners use computers to calculate the weight distributions and load plan for each aircraft. They must have an understanding of the cabin configurations and capacities of all aircraft of the Air Force Reserve.

Joint Inspections have years of experience in the area of Aerial Port and are particularly knowledgeable in palletizing hazardous cargo.



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