

Aerial Spray

MISSION

Spraying insecticide over large areas is necessary to save lives at times, and one of those times was immediately following Hurricane Katrina, when crews sprayed nearly three million acres, roughly the area of Connecticut.



This mission is unique to the Air Force Reserve and only operates from the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Ohio. The 757th Airlift Squadron of the 910th Airlift Wing uses four C-130H aircraft fitted with Modular Aerial Spray Systems (MASS).

An aerial spray crew is comprised of a pilot, copilot, navigator, flight engineer and two load masters. These crews do not mix the chemicals; that is handled by the group requesting the aerial spraying of a particular area. To enable this mission to respond in a timely fashion, any community wishing to have an area sprayed may directly call on the Aerial Spray Squadron.

This is a very specialized mission of the Air Force Reserve and if you live in eastern Ohio, you may wish to explore a part-time job with the 757th Airlift Squadron.

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.

Qualifications

If you have never served in the military and wish to join the Air Force Reserve, you must:

- Be 17 to 34 years old;
- Be in good health;
- Be of strong character.

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.



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