

# MISSION: Fighters



**Air Force Reserve Jet Fighter aircraft are weapons systems designed to protect and support ground troops and operate independently in air-to-air and air-to-ground combat.**



The F-16, which can fly with a pilot and/or a copilot, is an all-weather craft that has proven itself in all kinds of combat situations. The new F-22 Raptor combines all the surveillance and information gathering capabilities of the Stealth with amazing speed and maneuverability.

These magnificent aircraft cannot fly without superb ground support, from Reservists in the Egress shop, who make sure the ejection seats work, to those in Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE), who maintain the equipment that start these jets, to those, who compile the weather briefings. One jet cannot fly without dozens of Reservists on the ground making sure that happens. These jobs are many and varied.

## 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

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.



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