

Personnel Recovery

MISSION

The primary mission of the 920th Rescue Wing of the Air Force Reserve is to send medical aide and extract flight crews who are downed behind enemy lines. However, this Wing is frequently called upon to render assistance during natural disasters and to locate and aide those with medical emergencies in difficult to reach areas. Members of the 920th Rescue Wing are also present at every manned launch from Kennedy Space Center should the astronauts need assistance.



The 920th Rescue Wing is based at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida with the 943rd Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona and the 304th Rescue Squadron in Portland, Oregon.

The 920th Rescue Wing transports Pararescuemen, usually called PJs, in HH-60 Pave Hawk Helicopters, which can be refueled by the HC-130, the combat search and rescue version of the C-130 Hercules transport. This helicopter refueling capability expands the range of the rescue mission.

The Pararescuemen, trained paramedics, are skilled in rescues on mountains, deserts, jungles and at sea. These "iron medical men" have high qualification standards.

Prerequisites to enter the PJ Program

- Male only.
- U.S. citizen.
- Normal color vision.
- Vision in best eye of 20/70, worst eye of 20/100, correctable to 20/20.
- High school diploma or GED.
- General score of 44 in the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- SECRET security clearance.
- Pass a Class III Flight Physical.
- Pass a Physical Ability and Stamina Test (PAST).
 - Requirements must be completed in this order:
 - (2) 20 meter underwater swims,
 - 500 meter surface swim in 14 minutes,
 - 1.5 mile run in less than 10 min. 45 sec.,
 - 6 Pull Ups (1 Minute),
 - 45 Sit Ups (2 Minutes),
 - 45 Push Ups (2 Minutes), and
 - 45 Flutter-Kicks (2 Minutes).
- Minimum physical profile (PULHES) of 111111.
- Strength aptitude of "K" for retention of Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC).

General Qualifications

In addition to the Pararescuemen, there are many jobs available in the Personnel Recovery Mission. Please discuss specifics with an Air Force Reserve Recruiter.

Benefits

In the Air Force Reserve, you are entitled to a wide range of benefits.

- Earn a paycheck.
- Get an education – Programs include the 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 insurance.
- Non-Contributory retirement plan. Those with prior service can continue to accrue time toward retirement in the Air Force Reserve.
- Commissary and BX privileges – This translates to cost savings through discounted, tax-free shopping.
- Maintain rank – If you have previously served in the military, chances are you will retain your rank.

The Air Force Reserve is an integral part of the United States Air Force, performing more than 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, the majority of the positions in the Air Force Reserve are part-time, allowing Reservists to pursue their civilian careers. Do the extraordinary; join the Air Force Reserve. This is an opportunity to meet American heroes accomplishing amazing feats and to become one with them.



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