

Space Operations

MISSION

The Air Force Reserve is taking on more responsibilities in the Air Force Space Command and currently operates at the Vandenberg, Buckley, Schriever and Peterson Air Force Bases. Both on a full-time and part-time basis, members of the Air Force Reserve are involved in many operations, from testing early warning radar to neutralizing attacks on satellites.



For example, when an enemy deployed jammers against the Global Positioning System (GPS) during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Space Aggressor Squadron countered these moves and the attack on the GPS was ineffective. The Air Force Reserve 26th Space Aggressor Squadron at Peterson began in 1915 as the 1st Aero Company and has evolved with technology through the last century.

The 7th Space Operations Squadron specializes in warning and navigation systems; the 6th Space Operations Squadron supports the collection of weather data for military missions; the 9th Space Operations Squadron is based at the Joint Space Operations Center; the 8th Space Warning Squadron works on Space Warning and Surveillance; the 19th Space Operations Squadron oversees GPS operations; the 310th Communications Flight is responsible for network operations; and the 310th Security Forces Squadron provides protection to those working in the Space Command. There are many different jobs in this space mission, although this discipline does attract those familiar with computers. Additional training is provided through the Space Professional Certification program.

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.



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