

Special Operations

MISSION

The most forthright statements that can be made about the Air Force Reserve Special Operations Mission are that it exists and that it is based at Duke Field on Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.



There is little public information about this mission because of its nature, which is to carry out clandestine operations. Those Reservists who are a part of this mission are responsible for dropping off and picking up personnel and equipment from behind enemy lines, and these are usually low-level, night flying assignments.

The aircraft of choice is the C-130, which typically flies with a pilot, copilot, navigator, two or three loadmasters and an electronic warfare officer.

Qualifications

If you have no prior military experience and are interested in becoming part of the flight crew (pilot, copilot or navigator) for this mission, you must have a pilot's license, attend Officer Training School and then attend pilot or navigator school at Altus Air Force base in Oklahoma.

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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