

Air Force

Cross into the Blue

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The Air Force offers more than 150 different careers, many of them like the ones you'd find in your own home town: construction trades, shipping and warehouse management, telephone and cable repairers and installers, firefighters and law enforcement, jet, auto and diesel mechanics, medical technicians and air traffic controllers.

When you enter the Air Force, you're automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force, where you can work toward your associate degree in five career areas: aircraft and missile maintenance, electronics and telecommunications, allied health, logistics and resources, and public and support services. While you're earning your degree, you'll also be gaining experience to help get your career off the ground. The classes, which are a combination of on-duty and voluntary off-duty courses, are free to all enlisted members of the Air Force.

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Number of career fields: 150+

Money for education: Up to 36 months of education costs are covered through the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Basic Training: Six weeks

Academy: The Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado

The Elite: Para-rescue, combat control

Marines

The Few, The Proud

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There's a reason the Marine motto is "The Few, The Proud." It is a challenging and demanding branch of the armed services known for mentally and physically rigorous requirements.

Not everyone is cut out to be a Marine, but those who do make it are considered part of an elite group.

As a Marine, you'll work in one of more than 30 career fields, which offer a choice of more than 300 jobs. Jobs range from computer programming and network engineering to aviation technology, communications, and crime prevention and investigation.

Number of career fields: 30+

Money for education: Up to \$28,800 is available through the Montgomery G.I. Bill with additional money available through the Marine Corps College Fund.

Basic Training: 13 weeks

Academy: United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland

The Elite: Force Recon

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