



# YOU HAVE A BIG FUTURE AHEAD ENLISTMENT



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**Enlist in one of the military branches to pursue a life of service; this is usually combined with active and inactive duty and an option to decide how long to serve.**



| Military Branches (Pt. 1) | What do they do?  | Why Might You Want to Choose This Option?  | Potential Drawbacks to Consider  |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Army</b>               | Ground forces responsible for land-based military operations.               | <p><u>Benefits:</u> Learn discipline, teamwork, leadership skills, and gain job training.</p> <p><u>Education:</u> Access to the GI Bill for college or vocational training.</p> <p><u>Travel:</u> Opportunity for deployment and overseas assignments.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk and Danger</li> <li>• Time Commitment</li> <li>• Frequent Relocations</li> <li>• Physical and Mental Demands</li> </ul>          |
| <b>Navy</b>               | Responsible for operations at sea, including ships and submarines.          | <p><u>Benefits:</u> Develop strong work ethic, problem-solving, and technical skills.</p> <p><u>Education:</u> Opportunities for advanced training and college tuition assistance</p> <p><u>Adventure:</u> Travel the world while serving on ships and submarines.</p>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended Deployments.</li> <li>• Physical Demands</li> <li>• Lack of Stability</li> <li>• Training Duration</li> </ul>                |
| <b>Air Force</b>          | Manages aerial and space operations, including fighter jets and satellites. | <p><u>Benefits:</u> Acquire technical expertise, leadership, and management skills.</p> <p><u>Education:</u> Access to the Community College of the Air Force and other educational programs.</p> <p><u>Quality of Life:</u> Often offers comfortable living conditions and excellent amenities.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Expectations</li> <li>• Time Commitment</li> <li>• Limited Control</li> <li>• Physical and Mental Demands</li> <li>• </li> </ul> |
| <b>Marines</b>            | Specializes in rapid deployment and amphibious warfare.                     | <p><u>Benefits:</u> Forge discipline, toughness, and adaptability.</p> <p><u>Education:</u> Limited but available tuition assistance and post-service benefits.</p> <p><u>Challenge:</u> Face physically and mentally demanding training and deployments.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical and Mental Demands</li> <li>• Combat Exposure</li> <li>• Time Commitment</li> <li>• Frequent Relocations</li> </ul>          |



**Turn to the next page to learn about more Branches!**





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| Military Branches (Pt. 2) | What do they do?   | Why Might You Want to Choose This Option?  | Potential Drawbacks to Consider  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Space Force               | Primary focus is to protect and maintain U.S. interests in space, including satellite operations, space security, space exploration support, and strategic deterrence. | <u>Cutting-Edge Technology</u> : Work with advanced space technology.<br><u>Space Expertise</u> : Gain specialized knowledge in space operations.<br><u>Career Opportunities</u> : Rapid growth with leadership potential.<br><u>Education</u> : Support for college or advanced training. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical and Mental Demands.</li><li>Combat Exposure</li><li>Time Commitment</li><li>Frequent Relocations</li></ul>      |
| Coast Guard               | Primarily handles maritime safety, security, and environmental protection.   | <u>Benefits</u> : Develop strong maritime skills and a sense of service.<br><u>Education</u> : Limited but still some tuition assistance and educational opportunities.<br><u>Diverse Roles</u> : Protect the nation's coasts, waterways, and maritime interests.                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Risk and Danger:</li><li>Time Commitment</li><li>Frequent Relocations</li><li>Limited Educational Benefits.</li></ul>    |
| National Guard            | Versatile force, supporting combat mission, domestic emergencies, humanitarian efforts, and homeland security operations   | <u>Education</u> : Access tuition assistance and learning opportunities.<br><u>Service Variety</u> : Engage in diverse roles to support national interests<br><u>Part-Time Commitment</u> : Serve while maintaining civilian life.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical Demands</li><li>Deployments</li><li>Time Commitment</li><li>Strict Discipline</li><li>Limited Control</li></ul> |

## What steps should you take to pursue a path in any of the Branches?

- Contact Recruiter
- Study and take the ASVAB test
- Choose and complete pre requirements for chosen path
- Sign an enlistment contract
- Attend basic training

