

In the Military, people do just about every kind of work that exists in civilian life. They are physical therapists, computer repair technicians, photographers and journalists, management analysts, auto mechanics, life scientists and more. Free job training is provided for many of the thousands of individual military jobs. If a particular type of work interests your child, he or she can most likely find it in the Military.

**There is an extremely wide range of job opportunities in today's Military.**

Here are 23 broad categories into which military jobs fall:

- Accounting, Budget and Finance
- Arts, Communications, Media and Design
- Aviation
- Business Administration and Operations
- Combat Operations
- Communications Equipment Technologists and Technicians
- Construction, Building and Extraction
- Counseling, Social Work and Human Services
- Education and Training
- Engineering and Scientific Research
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Health Care Practitioners
- Human Resources Management and Services
- Information Technology, Computer Science and Mathematics
- Intelligence
- International Relations, Linguistics and Other Social Sciences
- Law Enforcement, Security and Protective Services
- Legal Professions and Support Services
- Mechanic and Repair Technologists and Technicians
- Medical and Clinical Technologists and Technicians
- Naval and Maritime Operations
- Personal and Culinary Services
- Transportation, Supply and Logistics

Each category contains both enlisted and officer jobs. Most job categories are available in several military Services. For more information, visit <http://todaysmilitary.com/working/career-fields-and-profiles> or speak with a recruiter.

**High-quality job training is provided right from the start.** After Basic Training, trainees typically attend Advanced Individual Training (AIT), where they learn the skills necessary to do specific jobs. AIT combines classroom and hands-on learning environments. Note: The American Council on Education certifies more than 60 percent of Advanced Individual Training courses for college credit.

**Can my child choose his or her military job?** Candidates' preferences do have an influence on the job specialties they receive when they enlist, but the needs of the Military at the time and your child's ASVAB scores (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, offered in many high schools) also affect job assignments. You should accompany your child on a recruiter visit and ask about all the specialties for which new recruits are eligible, based upon their ASVAB scores.

**Are all jobs in the Military open to women?** Yes, all positions including combat are open to women.

**What do all military jobs have in common?** Responsibility. Excellence. Pride. Service members are expected to perform their assigned duties with a high level of competence. Team members need to be able to depend on each other. More often than not, the Military offers a surprising amount of responsibility early in a career. Leading a team or crew of six to seven people at age 20 is common; so is making tactical decisions on the spot — even at junior levels. Most military jobs offer the opportunity to mature quickly, through responsibility.

**How many military jobs have civilian equivalents?** About 95 percent of military jobs have counterparts in the civilian world, and many military jobs are virtually identical to the “hot” jobs forecasted to grow the fastest over the next few years. All military jobs give service members an edge when they re-enter the civilian workforce. That’s because employers prize the things military veterans have learned — among them dependability, focus on the task, extra effort, reliability, teamwork and striving for excellence.

### **Final Thoughts**

No matter what a young person’s job is in the Military, there’s an opportunity to do it well and utilize newfound skills, while earning the respect of his or her peers and superiors. This nearly always leads to greater self-confidence and a sense of pride. Every job in the Military is important because everyone contributes to military readiness and everyone helps protect the freedoms all Americans enjoy.