# **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

While progressing through your Air Force career, you'll have several opportunities to support federal organizations including the FBI, CIA and Drug Enforcement Agency.

The valuable skills you acquire in the Air Force will help prepare you for future exciting opportunities in the civilian world.

# **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Air Force takes your education seriously. From Day 1, your technical training, including Basic Military Training, earns college credit toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force. By taking advantage of the Air Force Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), many Airmen find it easy to complete their degree requirements at little or no cost.

TAP pays up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for courses taken off-duty at an accredited institution.

Also, when you enlist in the Air Force you're automatically enrolled in the Post-9/11 GI Bill program. Your full tuition and fees are paid directly to the school for all public school instate students.

For those attending private or foreign schools tuition and fees are capped at the national maximum rate. Benefits are payable for up to 15 years following your release from active duty.





# **QUALITY OF LIFE**

In addition to a good paying job, you'll enjoy a great quality of life that includes benefits such as:

- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- A chance to live, work and travel worldwide
- Comprehensive medical and dental care
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- Use of on base fitness centers and other recreational facilities
- Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

# QUALIFICATIONS

To become an Air Force Security Forces specialist, you must first meet these qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 39
- Be able to pass an Air Force physical
- Be able to speak English distinctly
- Be able to acquire a "secret" security clearance
- Be qualified to carry weapons
- Have normal color vision
- Have no history of personality disorder or criminal activity
- Have a valid and current state driver's license

### OUR TEAM

If you have what it takes to meet the demanding challenges of protecting and defending our nation, then we want you on our Security Forces team.

Contact your local Air Force recruiter or call **1-800-423-USAF**. Also visit **AIRFORCE.COM**.



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# **DEFENDERS OF THE FORCE**

# **FRONT LINE DEFENSE**

With a secure grip on your M-4 rifle, you scour the hillside looking for any possible hint of enemy activity while protecting your deployed unit's patrol.

In the middle of the night you defend the B-1 bomber loaded with munitions. It's ready to depart and drop bombs on the enemy at a far away location.

You screen everyone attempting to gain entry onto our installations. You are the check and final denial authority.

As an Air Force Security Forces specialist, you're responsible for defending the base from attacks and criminals. You are the first line of defense at every base and are responsible for protecting all base personnel, resources and weapon systems, you enable the Air Force to Fly, Fight and Win!

# **COMBAT EXPEDITIONARY FORCE**

Security Forces are essential to the Air Force's airpower worldwide. Their job involves much more than checking IDs at base entry gates, issuing speeding citations or patrolling an installation's streets.

With no sanctuary areas and constantly growing threats against the United States and its allies, Security Forces not only defend the home land, they are also a combat expeditionary force supporting numerous worldwide contingencies. Defenders are deployed globally to defend Air Force, joint service and coalition people and resources under their protection.

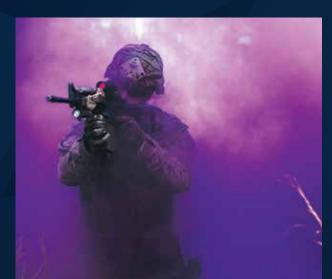
# **TECHNICAL TRAINING**

The Security Forces career field is physically and mentally demanding. You'll undergo intensive training to become a highly skilled, critical-thinking battle-ready Defender.

After Basic Military Training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, you'll attend the Air Force Security Forces Academy also at Lackland. This 65-day technical school includes weapons training, combat skills, basic integrated base defense tactics, law and order operations and additional survival tactics training.

At nearby JBSA-Camp Bullis, Texas, you'll participate in a culminating event that drills the tactics and capabilities provided throughout training. This exercise not only challenges you from an educational perspective it also tests your grit, perseverance and Defender ethos.

When you successfully complete technical school and graduate, you'll be recognized as a Defender, symbolized by the Security Forces shield and blue beret, which displays the insignia "Defensor Fortis".





# **SPECIALIZED JOBS**

As a Security Forces specialist, you'll be considered for regular promotions based on your skills, abilities, time in service and time in grade.

Your experience will also allow you to be considered for specialized Security Forces jobs such as a Military Working Dog (MWD) handler or Combat Arms (CA) specialist. MWD handlers and their K-9 partners provide patrol, drug and explosive detection, and specialized mission functions for the Department of Defense and other federal government agencies.

CAs conduct marksmanship and tactics training for all Air Force members at their assigned bases and for deployments.

You may even volunteer for airborne operations training if assigned to one of three select Security Forces units in the United States, Europe and Pacific.