

Two Choices One Army!

With tensions building around the globe, it takes a multi-tiered force of highly trained, committed Soldiers to protect our freedoms and uphold democracy. This force consists of Active Duty Soldiers and Soldiers in the Army Reserve. These two groups work in tandem to create the most powerful, well-prepared fighting force in the world.

Active Duty: Serving Full Time

Active Duty is similar to working at a full-time civilian job. There are hours when, as a Soldier, you will be training or performing your job, and then there are off-hours when you can do what you like. For an Active Duty Soldier, your length of service can range from two to six years. Typical deployments are 12 months in length, and after six months, Soldiers are usually eligible for a two-week Rest & Relaxation (R&R) leave. The exact length of deployment depends on each unit's specific mission.

Army Reserve: Serving When Needed

The Army Reserve is more like a part-time job that enables you to keep your civilian career while you continue to train near home and serve your country. Many professionals as well as college students are Soldiers in the Army Reserve.

As a Soldier in the Army Reserve, you should expect to spend one weekend a month in training and attend a two-week Field Training Exercise (FTX) once a year. In times of war, Soldiers in the Army Reserve may be called up to Active Duty ("activation") as our country's needs require. Service options for the Army Reserve range from three to six years, depending on your Army job and where your Army Reserve Center is located.

What the Army Offers?

Pay: Start out making \$1,729.80 a month Health Care/Dental: Covered Money for College: While in the Army you will receive \$4,500 to go to college a year. Take classes on EarmyU (college courses online) or at the Army education center on base.

Montgomery GI Bill: \$53,038 for college and if qualified could receive the Army College Fund of \$86,028.

Some Students might not have a path after High School, why not join the Army for three or four years gain experience and discipline. Then after service go to college full time and get paid while you go. If a service member got out right now and goes to George Mason University their college would be paid. Plus receive Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) of \$1,881 a month. The purpose of getting BAH is so the Student can concentrate fully on college.

The Army offers an enlistment option called Partnership for Youth Success program (PaYS) that helps Soldiers prepare for their post-Army career at the time of enlistment. This program gives Soldiers priority consideration for jobs at select companies all over the country—including many Fortune 500 companies. It's a valuable benefit that the Army is proud to offer.

After the Army

Transitioning from Soldier to Civilian After their term of service, the Army helps Soldiers transition back into civilian life. Every Army post has an Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) center to help Soldiers prepare for futures after the Army. Career counselors are on hand to help Soldiers craft résumés, network with employers and determine careers that best utilize the skills learned as a Soldier.

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