

WEST VIRGINIA **AIR** NATIONAL **GUARD**



Look inside for information on
**UP TO 100% COLLEGE
TUITION**
and more!!!!

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What You Need To Know

During your initial interview, it is crucial to your success that you understand everything that follows. If you are not clear on something, please ask your Recruiter.

MILITARY SERVICE OBLIGATION (MSO): Once you enlisted into the Air Guard for the first time, you will incur a Military Service Obligation of 8 years. This is broken up into an “Enlistment Period” of 6 years, and an “Inactive Reserve Period” of 2 years. While we hope you stay with the Air Guard for 20 years or more, if you decide to not reenlist at the end of your first 6 years, you will be transferred to the Inactive Ready Reserve for 2 years. During this time, you are subject to recall to Active Duty in times of necessity. If you do reenlist after your first 6 years, you do not have an MSO. (Note – On your Enlistment paperwork, you will see “6x2” years. This refers to your Enlistment Period and your Inactive Ready Reserve Period (6 years... and 2 years))

TRAINING: Once you enlist, you will be a member of the Wing Student Flight program. Within a few months of enlisting, your Basic Military Training and Technical Training will be schedule. If you are a college student, we will make every effort to work with your schedule, however, you need to plan to miss at least one semester of college, and you could possibly miss two or more. We are sure you’ll agree this is a small sacrifice to make when you consider all the benefits you can receive.

CAREER FIELDS: The West Virginia Air Guard has more than 30 exciting career fields. Your Recruiter will use your ASVAB (written test) scores and the results of your physical examination to offer you a career field that you’re qualified for. Once you’re qualified, we’ll do our level best to ensure that you’re in a career field that helps you achieve your ultimate goals. You’ll choose from careers in Mechanical, Administrative, General, or Electronic fields.

ACTIVATION / DEPLOYMENT: As a member of the West Virginia Air Guard, once you are fully trained, you must understand that **at any time** you could be called upon to assist with state emergencies (floods, blizzards, etc), federal emergencies (disaster relief), and federal activations. During time of war, you could be called to active duty to support and defend United States interests abroad. If called upon to serve, you will be **required, under all circumstances to report to duty**. The key thing to remember... once you have sworn in and are trained, you could be called for deployment at any time.

COMMITMENT: Once you have sworn in and become a member of the West Virginia Air Guard, you will be **required to honor that commitment in full**. Our recruiting staff will give you several opportunities to ask questions to ensure that you are 100% prepared to make this commitment to serve your state and country. Once you’ve sworn in, you will not be able to “get out”, nor will you swear in more than once during the process. Again, once you’ve sworn in, you are in the Air National Guard. **IF YOU ARE NOT 100% SURE YOU ARE READY TO MAKE THIS FULL AND TOTAL COMMITMENT, WE ASK YOU NOT JOIN UNTIL YOU ARE PREPARED TO DO SO.** While it is true that you may be called upon at a moment’s notice, we feel once you’ve made your decision to join the Air Guard, you’ll find it’s the best decision you’ve ever made!

PATRIOTISM: We realize many people come to our organization for the education benefits, which are among the best in the country, or other reasons. However, we want you to understand we believe we are here for one reason. To serve our state and our nation in whatever capacity deemed necessary. This unit carries a strong sense of Patriotism and a love for our state and nation renowned around the world. We know you will develop this same sense once you’ve decided to join our ranks.

Check us out online at:
www.goang.com/locations/WV

WV Air Guard Benefits

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Currently, the West Virginia Air Guard pays up to 100% of your college tuition when you attend a public college or university in the state of West Virginia. Enjoy these benefits all the way up to your first Bachelor's and Master's Degree. This program is based on availability of funds annually. If you are a recipient of the Promise Scholarship, you could receive the highest state-supported amount to assist with college expenses.

THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL: Once you've enlisted for a period of 6 years, and have completed Basic Military Training and your initial Technical Training, you are eligible for tax-free money to help with education expenses from the Montgomery GI Bill. Use it to pay for books, computer supplies... whatever you need it for: The current amounts are:

# OF SEMESTER HOURS	GI BILL MONTHLY AMOUNT
Full Time (12 hrs or more)	\$392.00
¾ Time (9 hours)	\$293.00
½ Time (6 hours)	\$195.00
¼ Time (3 hours)	\$98.00

THE FOLLOWING TWO BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY ON CERTAIN CAREER FIELDS. IF YOU RECEIVE THESE INCENTIVES, THEY WILL BE ANNOTATED ON YOUR ENLISTMENT PAPERWORK. IF THEY ARE NOT ON YOUR PAPERWORK, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM

MONTGOMERY GI BILL KICKER: When you enlist into certain Air Guard career fields, you could be eligible for this program. It must be used in conjunction with the regular Montgomery GI Bill. If you qualify, the amounts are:

# OF SEMESTER HOURS	GI BILL MONTHLY AMOUNT
Full Time (12 hrs or more)	\$350.00
¾ Time (9 hours)	\$262.50
½ Time (6 hours)	\$175.00
¼ Time (3 hours)	\$87.50

BONUS CAREER FIELDS: When you enlist into certain career fields, you could qualify for a Cash Enlistment Bonus (based on availability of funds annually). Bonus career fields change regularly, so check with your Recruiter.

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE: We'll take your military training, combine it with your civilian college courses, and help you earn a fully accredited Associates Degree through the Community College of the Air Force. And remember... most of your military training can be applied as credit at your civilian college or university.

BASIC TRAINING: Once you enlist, with one year of enlistment, you'll be sent to Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. This 8 and a half week training is both mentally and physically challenging and we'll do everything we can while you're in Student Flight to help you prepare. You'll receive a regular paycheck while you're in training!

INITIAL TECHNICAL TRAINING: Immediately upon completion of Basic Training, you'll be sent to your initial Technical Training course for your chosen career fields. The length and location of your technical school is determined by the career field you choose. You'll receive a regular paycheck while you're in training!

A MONTHLY PAYCHECK: Later in this booklet, we'll show you a paychart that will tell you how much money you'll earn for serving one weekend per month with the West Virginia Air Guard. One of the great things about it... you work 2 days, you get paid for 4!!!!

LOW COST MEDICAL INSURANCE: As a member of the Air Guard, you could qualify for low-cost medical insurance for you and your family. For a small monthly amount, you could get TriCare Reserve Select.

DENTAL BENEFITS: For small monthly amount, you can receive Dental Insurance for you and your family.

LOW COST LIFE INSURANCE: As a member of the Air Guard, for a small monthly amount, you can receive Life Insurance up to \$400,000.

FREE TRAVEL: As a member of the West Virginia Air Guard, you're eligible to fly on military aircraft anywhere in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, and US held territories like the Virgin Islands, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Just find out when our aircraft are going and get on board.

Basic Military Training

www.basictraining.af.mil

Once you've enlisted into the Air Guard, as soon as possible (within one year), you'll be scheduled to attend Basic Military Training, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The following information is a brief overview of what to expect. For more detailed information, visit the website above!

HOW TO PREPARE: From the moment you enlist, we'll do everything we can to help you prepare. However, it is vital that you begin to prepare yourself mentally and physically. Regular exercise is vital to your success. The website we mentioned earlier has some great recommendations to help prepare you physically.

IMPORTANT NOTES: There are some key things that you need to be aware of in preparation for, and upon arrival, at Basic Military Training.

- **Initial Drug Testing:** With 72 hours of arriving at Basic Military Training, you WILL be drug tested. Any illegal substances will show up and you will be sent home and administratively discharged
- **Pay:** Prior to departing for BMT, ensure that you are established in the pay system with the Wing Finance Office. This will eliminate any unnecessary stress in BMT.
- **Physical Fitness:** You will be given a Fitness Assessment within the first few days of BMT. Ensure that you are as prepared as possible.
- **Haircuts:** Within a few days of arrival, all males will have their hair cut to ensure uniformity.
- **Initial Uniform Issue:** Within a few days of arrival, all members will receive their initial issue of military clothing.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION: Basic Military Training is an intensive 8 ½ week course designed to transition you from civilian to military life. Some of the training you will receive includes: M-16 issue, breakdown, and assembly; Dress and Appearance, Defense Methods; Self Aid and Buddy Care; Anti-Terrorism Training; and more. Additionally, you will have training in field conditions, known as the "BEAST" (Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training).

CONTACT WITH HOME: Basic Military Training is intensive and you are engaged in training from the time you wake up until the time you go to bed at night. Please ensure your family is aware they will have minimal contact with you during Basic Military Training. Some ways to stay in contact:

- **Letters:** "Snail Mail" is a perfect way for you and your family to stay in touch. And getting letters in Basic Military Training is important to success.
- **Phone Calling Cards:** Ensure that you purchase a few calling cards, even if you have a cell phone. There may be times when you are afforded a call home, and time constraints prohibit using a cell phone. Most people aren't familiar with Calling Cards, but they are vital to keeping you in contact with family during BMT.
- **Cell Phones:** You can take your cell phone with you to BMT, but it will be secured by your Military Training Instructor. You will be able to use it when time permits, but this will be rare.

BASIC MILITARY TRAINING HONOR GRADUATE:

You will have the chance to compete for Honor Graduate during Basic Military Training. There are a variety of factors considered. One of those is the Physical Fitness Assessment. If you exceed the standard, as indicated below, you could be named Honor Graduate!

MALE STANDARDS	2 Mile Run	1.5 Mile Run	Pushups	Situps	Pullups
Liberator (Minimum)	16:45 mins	11:57 mins	45	50	0
Thunderbolt (Standard)	14:15 mins	8:55 mins	62	70	4
Warhawk (Highest)	13:30 mins	8:08 mins	75	80	10

FEMALE STANDARDS	2 Mile Run	1.5 Mile Run	Pushups	Situps	Pullups
Liberator (Minimum)	19:45 mins	13:56 mins	27	50	0
Thunderbolt (Standard)	16:00 mins	11:33 mins	37	60	2
Warhawk (Highest)	15:00 mins	10:55 mins	40	75	5

MILITARY PAY

As a member of the West Virginia Air Guard, you will be compensated for attending Unit Training Assemblies (“Drill Weekends”). Below is the pay amount for one weekend. You work 2 days, you get paid for 4! (Normal “Duty Day” is 0730 – 1600)

Rank	2 yrs or less	Over 2 yrs	Over 3 Yrs	Over 4 Yrs	Over 6 Yrs	Over 8 Yrs	Over 10 Yrs	Over 12 Yrs	Over 14 Yrs	Over 16 Yrs	Over 18 Yrs	Over 20 Yrs
E-1	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06	\$231.06
E-2	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00	\$259.00
E-3	\$272.34	\$289.50	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42	\$307.42
E-4	\$301.68	\$317.11	\$334.31	\$351.24	\$366.21	\$366.21	\$366.21	\$366.21	\$366.21	\$366.21	\$366.21	\$366.21
E-5	\$329.06	\$351.14	\$368.11	\$385.50	\$412.56	\$440.92	\$464.07	\$466.90	\$466.90	\$466.90	\$466.90	\$466.90
E-6	\$360.23	\$395.22	\$412.65	\$429.62	\$447.29	\$487.08	\$502.49	\$532.60	\$541.80	\$556.31	\$556.31	\$556.31
E-7	\$415.25	\$453.24	\$470.58	\$493.59	\$511.54	\$542.36	\$559.70	\$590.57	\$616.19	\$633.67	\$652.31	\$659.56
E-8						\$597.36	\$623.76	\$640.13	\$659.75	\$680.99	\$719.30	\$738.69
E-9							\$729.72	\$746.27	\$767.09	\$791.59	\$816.33	\$855.98

When you go to Basic Military Training, Technical Training, or perform any Active Duty time, you’ll be paid Active Duty pay. Here’s how much you will earn while you are on Active Duty for Training (Basic Military Training/Initial Technical Training)

E-1 (AIRMAN BASIC) - \$1,732.94 per month

E-2 (AIRMAN) - \$1,942.49 per month

E-3 (AIRMAN FIRST CLASS) - \$2,043.73 per month



Career Field Options

Once we've determined your qualifications, both on the written test (ASVAB) and the Physical Examination, your Recruiter will give you a list of jobs. Your job choices are from four areas.... Mechanical, Administrative, General, and Electronic. Some of these jobs may be available with a Cash Bonus or other incentives, and your Recruiter will inform you of that upon your selection. Here are some examples of the career fields that may be available:

MECHANICAL	GENERAL
• Aerospace Maintenance	• Flight Engineer
• Aerospace Propulsion	• Aircraft Loadmaster
• Aerospace Ground Equipment	• Command Post
• Aircraft Fuel Systems	• Operations Intelligence
• Aircraft Hydraulic Systems	• Aircrew Life Support
• Aircraft Electrical/Environmental Systems	• Nondestructive Inspection
• Aircraft Metals Technology	• Engineering
• Aircraft Structural Maintenance	• Fire Protection
• Fuels	• Services
• Vehicle Operations	• Security Forces
• Air Transportation	• Education and Training
• Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance	• Health Services Management
• Electrical Power Production	• Medical Materiel
• Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	• Bioenvironmental Engineering
• Structural	• Public Health
• Utilities	• Aerospace Medicine
	• Flight Aerospace Medicine
ADMINISTRATIVE	• Medical Laboratory
• Aviation Resource Management	• Optometry
• Supply Management	• Dental Assistant
• Traffic Management	• Paralegal
• Personnel	• Contracting
• Military Equal Opportunity	• Financial Management
• Chaplain Service Support	

ELECTRONIC	
•	Integrated Communications – Countermeasures/Nav Systems
•	Integrated Communications – Instruments/Flight Control
•	Knowledge Operations
•	Cyber Systems
•	Client Systems
•	Cyber Transport
•	RF Transmissions
•	Cyber Surety
•	Spectrum Operations
•	Electrical Systems



It's time to get started!

Contact a member of our Recruiting and Retention Team

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- SSgt. Payton Fisher
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- NON-PRIOR SERVICE Applicants must:
 - Be between the ages of 17 and 39
 - Those under the age of 18 must have signed parental consent
 - Have a High School Diploma or GED
 - High School Seniors may enlist with a Counselor/Principal letter stating graduation is projected
 - Pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) written examination
 - Pass a military-administered physical examination
 - Be morally qualified
 - Meet all other enlistment criteria
 - To qualify for all of the benefits detailed in this booklet, must complete Basic Military Training and Initial Technical Training
 - Understand initial enlistment period is 6 years (with a 2 year Inactive Ready Reserve commitment)
- PRIOR SERVICE Applicants must:
 - Be able to complete 20 good years of service by age 60
 - Show proof of service (NGB 22 / DD FORM 214) with a good reenlistment code
 - Have completed formal Basic Training (any branch)
 - Pass a written test and physical
 - Or have a current qualifying ASVAB and Physical
 - Understand that Technical School Requirements depend on career field, prior training, and other criteria.
 - Understand that enlistment term can be 1, 3, or 6 years

Processing

You will process at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in Glen Jean, West Virginia.

- ☐ Report to the RECRUITING OFFICE, 130th Airlift Wing, on date and time indicated below **with all the documents checked below.**
- ☐ You will need to bring a small overnight bag, containing a change of clothing and toiletries
 - ☐ You MUST wear socks, tennis shoes, pants, appropriate undergarments, and a plain t-shirt.
 - ☐ No sandals or shorts
 - ☐ Remove all piercings (i.e. earrings, etc)
 - ☐ Do not bring any type of weapons (i.e., pocketknives, guns, mace, etc)
- ☐ Hotel accommodations, dinner, and lunch will be provided at no cost to you
- ☐ If you wear glasses, wear them. If you wear contact lenses, wear your glasses and bring a copy of your current prescription
- ☐ If you exceed your maximum allowable weight, you will not be allowed to go to MEPS. Your maximum allowable weight is _____.
- ☐ Please bring medical records with you in regards to the following conditions:
 - ☐ _____
 - ☐ _____
 - ☐ _____
 - ☐ Note – If you have a requirement to provide your recruiter with any medical documents, you MUST send those to your recruiter prior to going to MEPS.
- ☐ If you are using any medication, bring the medication or prescription with you
- ☐ You cannot have any alcoholic beverages within 2 days prior to your trip to MEPS

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN YOU NOT BEING ABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR PROCESSING.

What You Need to Bring With You

Birth Certificate

Civil Air Patrol Certificate

Social Security Card

JROTC Completion Certificate

Valid Driver's License

Signed Parental Consent Form

High School Diploma/GED/Letter

Raised Seal College Transcript

Eye Glasses Prescription

Voided Check/Deposit Slip

Marriage License/Divorce Decree

Child's Birth Certificate

You are scheduled to go to MEPS for processing. Please be at the 130th Airlift Wing Recruiting Office no later than

(time)

(date)