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Armed Services

Branches of the U.S. Military

Air Force and Air Force Reserve: The primary mission of the USAF is to fly planes, helicopters, and satellites.

Air National Guard: The Air National Guard as we know it today is a separate reserve component of the United States Air Force.

Army and Army Reserve: The Army generally moves in to an area, secures it, and instills order and values before it leaves. It also guards U.S. installations and properties throughout the world.

Army National Guard: The Army National Guard is a group who dedicates a portion of their time to serving their nation. Each state has its own Guard, as required by the Constitution; in fact, it is the only branch of the military whose existence is actually required by the Constitution.

Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve: The Coast Guard's mission is primarily with domestic waterways. The Coast Guard does rescues, law enforcement, drug prevention, and clears waterways.

Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve: The Marine Corps is known as the U.S.' rapid-reaction force. They are trained to fight by sea and land, and usually are the first "boots on the ground."

Navy and Navy Reserve: The Navy accomplishes its missions primarily by sea, but also by air and land. It secures and protects the oceans around the world to create peace and stability, making the seas safe for travel and trade.

ASVAB

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery: Measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success. The test will be given:

- December 11th at Middletown South
- December 19th at Middletown North

Anyone interested in taking the test should sign up with their guidance counselor.

ROTC Programs

Founded in 1916, ROTC stands for Reserve Officer Training Corps. It's a college program offered at over 1,700 colleges and universities across the United States that prepares young adults to become officers in the U.S. Military. In exchange for a paid college education and a guaranteed post-college career, cadets commit to serve in the Military after graduation. Each Service branch has its own take on ROTC.

- Army ROTC
- Navy and Marine ROTC
- Air Force ROTC
- Coast Guard Split Training

Selective Service

All 18 year old men, including U.S. citizens living abroad and non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S., must register with Selective Service. You can register online at www.SSS.gov or pick up a registration card at any Post Office and mail it in. You are required to register within 30 days of your 18th birthday. Registration is not only a civic duty, it's the law.

Military Academies

- United States Naval Academy
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- United States Coast Guard Academy
- Marine Military Academy
- United States Military Academy

For information on appointment to military academies, please visit:

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33213.pdf>

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