It takes a strong mind, body and spirit to become an Air Force warrior. Air Force warriors face challenges that try the most mentally, physically and technologically prepared Airmen today.

The warrior ethos has always been a part of an Airman’s character, demonstrated by moral and physical courage. Instilling that warrior ethos begins on day one at Basic Military Training and challenges you to reach deep into your heart and soul where the mindset of self is replaced with service.

The warrior tactics and training gained at Basic Military Training form the foundation of what it means to be an Airman and doesn’t end after graduation.

As the world and warfare tactics evolve, the strength and innovation of Airmen warriors allow the Air Force to adapt and change with it. They accomplish this through advanced tactical and combat training in some of the most prestigious career fields the Air Force has to offer.

Airmen bring more to the fight today by leading precision air strikes against the enemy, providing search and rescue, and controlling air and ground assets. Airmen demonstrating the greatest strength and spirit fill critical roles where their expertise has a direct impact on the Air Force’s mission to fly, fight and win. Those career fields include the following.

**Combat Control Apprentice (Males Only)**
A Combat Controller is an air traffic controller who uses his precision parachute skills to penetrate remote and sometimes hostile areas to perform his duties. He is skilled in water operations using both scuba and amphibious techniques and trained on motorcycles, snowmobiles, rappelling, and fast rope procedures. Survival training in various climates enables Combat Controllers to function under the most demanding conditions where they establish assault zones and direct aircraft within those zones. The unique qualifications of Combat Control make them the farthest reaching asset in both ground and air operations.

**Pararescue Apprentice (Males Only)**
A Pararescueman is a rescue and recovery specialist supporting Air Force and Special Operations combat search and rescue and personnel recovery. He provides aid to survivors and injured regardless of the terrain and location. Pararescuemen are skilled in surface water operations using both scuba and amphibious procedures, and are certified Combat Medics. Training in survival methods enables the Pararescueman to provide for the survival of others, including escape and evasion in hostile areas. The Pararescueman’s job is to save lives.

**Security Forces Apprentice**
The Security Forces career field is responsible for all “police” activities associated with an Air Force base – from securing the perimeter and conducting investigations to handling military working dogs and apprehending or detaining suspects. Security Forces ensure the safety of all base weapons, property, and people from hostile threats. They are involved in team patrol movements, tactical drills, battle procedures, and military operations.
Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE)

A survival instructor is highly trained in Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) tactics. Survival instructors undergo intense training in the following areas: instructional methods and skills, wilderness living, shelter construction, fire building, map and compass navigation, backpacking, food and water procurement, wilderness medicine and basic first aid, signaling and rescue techniques, escape and evasion, and prisoner of war resistance techniques. Training is conducted in all major climatic conditions to include arctic, desert, tropical, ocean and temperate. Survival instructors train aircrew members and select Department of Defense members in SERE techniques.

Tactical Air Control Party Apprentice (Males Only) (TACP)

This is the only true front-line combat job in the Air Force. TACPs are rich in combat experience and military tradition. In this career field, handpicked members serve as an assistant to a Forward Air Controller and are assigned to U.S. Army direct combat units. TACPs provide tactical air support for ground attack forces by ensuring specific ordnance or bombs are delivered on target as well as controlling and directing both airlift and reconnaissance aircraft. Trained in various combat skills, TACPs observe the battle area, identify hostile targets and pinpoint their locations.

Physical. Mentally challenging. Demanding. Do you have what it takes?

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