



Air Force

The Air Force protects U.S. interests at home and abroad with a focus on air power.



Army

As the oldest branch of the military, the Army protects the security of the United States and its resources.



Coast Guard

The Coast Guard is a maritime force offering military, law enforcement, humanitarian, regulatory and diplomatic service.



Marine Corps

The Marine Corps is often first on the ground in combat and collaborates closely with the Navy and other military branches.



Navy

The Navy is a marine force that protects the waterways (sea and ocean) outside of the Coast Guard's jurisdiction



Space Force

The Space Force defends U.S. interests on land, in the air and from orbit with advanced training and technology.

Three Ways to Serve

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ACTIVE DUTY

Service members are full-time military personnel living domestically or overseas. Active-duty terms last two to six years. Deployment can last up to a year.

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RESERVES

Reserves are part-time service members who pursue civilian careers or college education while serving. They attend boot camp and participate in training drills one weekend a month with a two-week program each year.

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NATIONAL GUARD

In addition to training drills one weekend a month and two full weeks a year, National Guard units help communities in their state during emergencies and natural disasters. During conflicts, National Guard members may be deployed overseas and may see combat. They may also be assigned noncombat humanitarian duties, such as building schools and hospitals, training local peacekeepers and other activities.