

# Military Serviceperson

Air Force. Army. Coast Guard. Marines. Navy. These are the five branches of the United States military. Each branch keeps the peace in different ways. The Air Force provides air and space power. The Army provides land power. The Coast Guard protects U.S. waterways. The Marines are a rapid-response force. When a conflict begins, Marines are often the first "boots on the ground." The Navy's job is to secure and protect the oceans around the world. Land, air or, sea? In the trenches or behind a desk? Where would you like to serve?

*(Feel free to use the back of this sheet for longer answers)*



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## What do military servicepeople do?

The military offers an incredible range of opportunities for both men and women. In fact, there are hundreds of different military jobs. Of course, there are the jobs you'd most expect--the sailors, soldiers, and pilots working the front lines of the nation's defense. But the military also offers opportunities for lawyers, doctors, scientists, cybersecurity analysts, and many other types of support people. Military careers are divided into two main categories: enlisted and officer. Enlisted personnel make up about 82 percent of the Armed Forces. Their job is to carry out military operations. Officers make up the remaining 18 percent. Their job is to manage operations and the enlisted ranks. You can enlist in the military with just a high school diploma. Officers must have a college degree. Whichever route you may choose, seek out solid advice and be look for opportunites best suited to your skills, interests, and ambitions for the future.

## CHALLENGE #1: Online Research

*If you had this career...*

What kind of training would you need?

Where could you find a job?

How much money could you earn?

Who would you help and how would you make a difference?

Why would (or wouldn't) you like doing a job like this?

## CHALLENGE #2: Think Tank

There are five branches of the military. Each one plays an important role in keeping peace at home and abroad. How do you know which one is right for you?

Like any big decision, you start with knowledge. Go online to explore the branch that you find most interesting. Is it Air Force or Army? Coast Guard? Or is the Marines or, perhaps, the Navy.

Visit websites like <https://careersinthemilitary.com> and <https://www.todaysmilitary.com>. Find facts about exciting opportunities in the branch you like most. Make a recruitment poster to show other people why you think the branch you choose is the best one.