Military Careers

For many, the military offers excellent “learn-and-earn” opportunities. All new members of the Armed Forces receive basic training to prepare them for military life. Most go on to advanced training for specific occupations to prepare them for a military career. This initial training may also count toward academic credit in a civilian college. The military provides training to their personnel in a variety of subjects ranging from weapons maintenance to telecommunications and personnel management to strategic battle simulations. Civilian employers consider military training excellent preparation for many civilian jobs.

In New Hampshire, the NH Air National Guard and the NH Army National Guard are proud members of the US Armed Forces providing NH jobs. Students may contact their local recruiter for either branch as follows:

Air Force: www.af.mil
Coast Guard: www.uscg.mil
Army: www.army.mil
Marine Corps: www.usmc.mil

The Air National Guard allows you the greatest flexibility in reaching your educational and career goals. Whether you plan to attend college full-time and work part-time or go to college part-time and work full-time, the Air Guard can provide free training and money for school. Whatever you decide, it is important to realize that finances may play a major role in the achievement of your short- and long-term objectives. Many students overlook the military as a means of financing their goals in a way that is enjoyable, interesting, exciting and personally rewarding.

Our mission makes the NH Air Guard one of the elite military organizations of the United States government. Although we were officially commissioned in 1947, our tradition of service dates back to 1636 when a group of patriotic citizens (the original Minutemen), banded together to defend the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Since then American citizens have always responded to the challenge of helping our country in time of need. Many have done so as members of the Air Guard. We invite you to become a part of this great American tradition.

Educational benefits that are available to members of the Air Guard are second to none. For those who are interested in higher education but cannot afford the ever escalating costs, the Air Guard is an ideal way to meet this challenge. The Montgomery GI Bill is 100% noncontributory and is available for Air Guard members who want to pursue a college degree. The amount of the aid varies with the number of credits the student takes in college. A full-time student, for example, may receive up to $329 a month. In addition to the Montgomery GI Bill, the NH Air Guard offers a 100% Tuition Waiver to NH state schools on a space available basis. This is a great opportunity to further your education at home and achieve your goals with our help. You might also qualify for a cash bonus up to $20,000. Some Air Guard members are eligible for all these programs. If you are interested in higher education, there is no better way to get it than by enlisting in the Air Guard. You will learn a skill that may enable you to get a steady, secure, well-paying job in civilian life. You will even get paid while you learn. Most, if not all of your higher education will be paid for, and equally important, you will make friends, and have great deals of fun along the way.

To join the Air Guard, you must pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) and a physical examination. Within your first year as a member, you will attend basic and technical training. There are eight and a half weeks of basic military training followed by technical training for your career field. You will receive a paycheck every two weeks while at basic military training and technical school. After this training is complete, you will return to NH and perform your job one weekend per month and 15 additional days a year. With the NH Air Guard, you will have the opportunity for educational, health, and dental benefits. You will stand proud knowing your contributions are keeping your loved ones and the residents of the State of NH safe.