

Military Options

Army*	www.goarmy.com	1-800-USAARMY
Army Reserve**	www.goarmyreserve.com	
Army National Guard***	www.nationalguard.com	
Army ROTC	www.armyrotc.com	
	Explore military while working on college degree; after college you become an Army officer	
U.S. Military Academy	www.usma.edu	West Point, NY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ USMA is a four year university▪ All college costs are free if accepted▪ After four years of college you are appointed on active duty as a commissioned officer and serve in the U.S. Army for a minimum of 5 years	
Navy*	www.navy.com	1-800-USANAVY
Navy Reserve**	www.navyreserve.com	
U.S. Naval Academy	www.usna.edu	Annapolis, MD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ USNA is a four year university▪ All college costs are free if accepted▪ After four years of college you are appointed on active duty as a commissioned officer and serve in the U.S. Navy	
Air Force*	www.airforce.com	1-800-423-USAF
Air Force Reserve**	www.afreserve.com	
Air Guard***	www.goang.com	
Air Force ROTC	www.afrotc.com	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Explore military while working on college degree; after college you become an Air Force officer	
U.S. Air Force Academy	www.usafa.af.mil	Colorado Springs, CO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ After four years of college you are appointed on active duty as a commissioned officer and serve in the U.S. Force for a minimum of 5 years	
Marine Corp*	www.marines.com	1-800-MARINES
Marine Corps Reserve**	www.marines.com	
Coast Guard*	www.uscg.mil	1-877—NOWUSCG
Coast Guard Reserve**	www.gocoastguard.com	
U.S. Coast Guard Academy	www.uscga.edu	New London, CT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ After four years of college you are appointed on active duty as a commissioned officer and serve in the U.S. Coast Guard for a minimum of 5 years	
U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.	www.usmma.edu	Kings Point, NY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Not part of the defense department</u>...but works closely with the U.S. armed forces	

* **Active Duty**: An active duty soldier/sailor is considered a full-time soldier/sailor. The military is their career and every day job. Soldier's/Sailor's lives are 100% dictated by the government, including where the soldier/sailor will be stationed after they have received all of the necessary training to do their specific job.

** **Reserve**: These soldiers/sailors are referred to as "Weekend Warriors". This comes from the typical duty schedule being "one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer", which is referred to as traditional guard duty. Reserve soldiers/sailors could be called to active duty service at any moment by the President of the United States.

*** **National Guard**: These soldiers/sailors are referred to as "Weekend Warriors". This comes from the typical duty schedule being "one weekend a month and two weeks a year", which is referred to as traditional guard duty. The National Guard does offer full-time, not-traditional slots, allowing the soldier to work full-time on base doing their specific job, then also participating in the required drill weekends. National Guard soldiers could be called into active duty service at any moment by the President of the United States or the state's Governor during a state crisis situation.

10 STEPS TO JOINING THE MILITARY

1. Learn about the Military
2. Decide if you are ready
3. Choose the right path
4. Meet the recruiter
5. Ace the ASVAB
6. Get the best job
7. Complete the process
8. Raise your right hand
9. Get ready for boot camp
10. You're in! Make the most of it!

<http://www.military.com/Recruiting/Home/>

Note: Many military recruiters are present in the CHS café (during lunches) throughout the school year; this would be a good time to make a first contact with a recruiter to ask questions about the military.