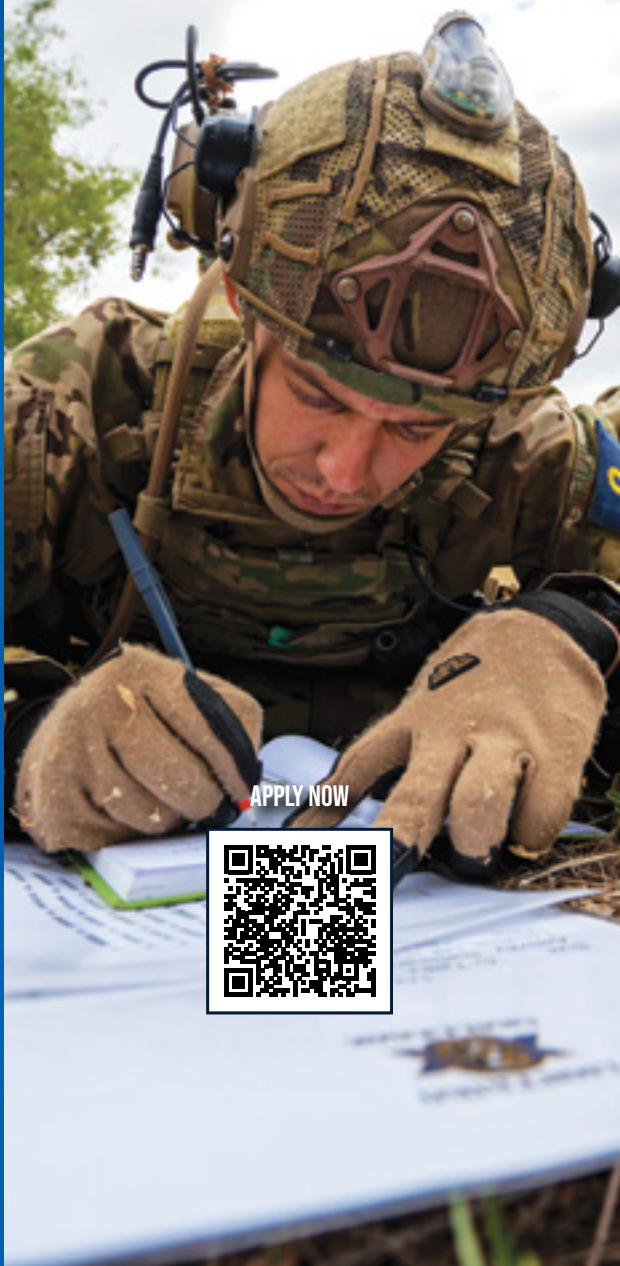


# TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY



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# HERE COMES THE BOOM



## **PINPOINTING ENEMY TARGETS**

As a ground combat unit prepares to move into hostile territory, your commander needs a bird's eye view of the enemy's forces before giving the order to "commence the assault."

To get real-time enemy updates and coordinate close air support before the attack, the commander turns to you — the Tactical Air Control Party (TACP).

You communicate directly to the fighter aircraft high above the target area and receive a live video feed directly to your full motion video heads-up display. You relay that information to the commander pinpointing the enemy's precise location in order to deliver critical U.S. firepower to support the friendly assault.

## **EXECUTING AIR STRIKES**

TACPs are the subject matter experts for integrating air, space and cyber power and are most often the only Air Force link advising and assisting ground commanders on Air Force capabilities and executing air strikes against enemy targets.

TACPs are Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) qualified Airmen who, from a forward location in combat, direct attacks from fighter aircraft, bombers, AC-130 gunships, helicopters, and artillery engaged in the execution of close air support and joint fires.

## **COMBAT UNITS**

You'll train, deploy and serve alongside Army, Navy, Marines and Coalition forces in some of the harshest environments in the world. Combat units include all Army maneuver units, Army Rangers and Green Berets. Additionally TACPs serve with Navy Seals, Marine Corps Special Forces and Air Force Special Tactics.

## **SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR ENLISTMENT-VECTERING**

As a prospective non-prior service, Active Duty TACP candidate, the Special Warfare Operator Enlistment-Vectering (SWOE-V) program is the path for you. Your recruiter and developers (mentors) will prepare and educate you on each of the Air Force Special Warfare (AFSPECWAR) specialties.

After meeting all Air Force requirements, you'll attend Basic Military Training (BMT). Upon graduation of BMT, you'll attend the Special Warfare Candidate Course. Successful vectering into the TACP career field will be based on your preference, your performance and needs of the Air Force.

(Note: Prior service, Guard and Reserve TACP candidates follow the same path and if successful, will automatically be vectored into TACP.)





## TACP QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Meet the Air Force's entry standards
- Meet the score requirement on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test
- Achieve a passing score on the Initial Fitness Test (IFT)
- Pass the Special Warfare Airman Physical (requirements include normal color vision and depth perception)
- Successfully complete a national agency check, local agency checks and credit check
- Possess a valid state driver's license
- Complete BMT and the Special Warfare Candidate Course

## INITIAL FITNESS TEST

You'll be required to pass the IFT prior to entering the Air Force and then again during the Special Warfare Candidate Course. Your recruiter will provide you with the minimum required standards to complete each test component. However, you should aim to far exceed the IFT standards.

- 25-meter underwater swim (twice)
- 500-meter surface swim (free style, breast stroke and/or side stroke)
- 1.5-mile run
- Pull-ups in two minutes
- Sit-ups in two minutes
- Push-ups in two minutes



## TRAINING PIPELINE

### **Special Warfare Candidate Course**

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

### **TACP Apprentice Course**

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

### **Air Force Basic Survival School**

Fairchild AFB, WA

### **Basic Airborne Course**

Fort Benning, GA

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

### **TACP Initial Certification Course (ICC)**

Camp Bullis, TX / Nellis AFB, NV

The TACP ICC prepares you for combat operations. You must graduate from the course and be awarded your initial JTAC certification prior to being stationed at your first combat unit.

Your JTAC qualification is reassessed every 17 months and you must be re-certified in JTAC operations, which includes maintaining current training standards and performing JTAC duties with live fly aircraft and simulators.







## **BONUS AND SPECIAL PAY**

- SWOE — \$50,000 Initial Enlistment Bonus (with six-year enlistment) paid in full after your 3-level Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) is earned/awarded at your first duty station
- TACP Special Duty Pay—up to \$450 per month
- Special Warfare Skill Incentive Pay — up to \$615 per month

## **AIR FORCE BENEFITS**

- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- Comprehensive medical care
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- Opportunities for advanced education with up to 100 percent tuition assistance and the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Live, work and travel around the world
- Generous retirement system with the Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

(Note: The above Air Force benefits are available to those serving full-time. Not all benefits are available for part-time service. See your recruiter for more details.)

## SERVE YOUR WAY, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

You can choose one of several paths that allow you to serve either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our total Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today. Visit **WWW.AIRFORCE.COM** or call **1-800-423-USAF**.



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