

Military Planning: To Do List

FALL

- ❑ Research branches (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, National Guard, Coast Guard) and enlistment options at <http://todaysMilitary.com>
 - ❑ Learn more about Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs <http://todaysmilitary.com/training/rotc>
 - ❑ Learn more about Service Academies and Military Colleges at <http://todaysmilitary.com/training/service-academies-and-military-colleges>
- ❑ Talk to your family about your plans.
- ❑ Go Over General Requirements (US Citizen, Good Health, HS Diploma or GED)
- ❑ Prepare for the ASVAB
 - ❑ Go to http://official-asvab.com/docs/asvab_fact_sheet.pdf for test information.
 - ❑ The ASVAB will be offered in November at East Leyden, listen to the announcements and talk to your counselor for more information.
- ❑ If you think you're ready to see a recruiter, here is our suggested list of steps:
 - ❑ Choose at least two branches to visit. Even if you're not really interested, it is always good to get perspectives from another branch for comparison purposes.
 - ❑ You should prepare some basic questions to ask the recruiter:
<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/military-recruiter-twenty-questions.html>
 - ❑ Arrange an appointment with a recruiter - much better than simply walking in.
 - ❑ If you can, go with a friend.
 - ❑ Do NOT sign any obligatory documents! You do not have to at this stage!
 - ❑ TAKE NOTES. Take them home for review.
 - ❑ Have the recruiter write down the answers to all your questions? This will help you go over their answers later and compare answers across services. It also makes the recruiters think carefully about their answers.

SPRING

- ❑ Once an individual has talked to a recruiter and made a commitment to serve, he or she sets a date to visit a Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) to finish the enlistment process.
- ❑ Assemble required Documents (SS card, Driver's License, etc), Background check conduct

- ❑ A recruiter will discuss physical requirements with recruits beforehand. The physical is a regular medical exam, similar to what you would receive at a family doctor:
 - ❑ Height and weight measurements
 - ❑ Hearing and vision examinations
 - ❑ Urine and blood tests
 - ❑ Drug and alcohol tests
 - ❑ Muscle group and joint maneuvers

- ❑ At this point, a service enlistment counselor meets with each recruit to find the right job specialty. A few different factors contribute to career selection:
 - ❑ Needs of the Service
 - ❑ Job availability
 - ❑ ASVAB score
 - ❑ Physical requirements (for example, a recruit needs normal color vision for some careers)
 - ❑ Recruit preference

GRADUATION

- ❑ Once the recruit's career has been determined, he or she is ready to take the Oath of Enlistment. In this statement, the recruit vows to defend the U.S. Constitution and obey the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).
- ❑ Basic Training-The new recruit now does one of two things, depending on the terms of his or her enlistment:
 - ❑ Direct Ship – The recruit reports to Basic Training shortly after completing MEPS testing requirements. (It varies based on job assignment and branch.) A recruiter will provide instructions on transportation to Basic Training at this time.
 - ❑ Delayed Entry Program (DEP) – The recruit commits to Basic Training at a time in the future, generally within one year. Most recruits enter DEP before shipping, including recruits who enlist before completing high school. Recruits enrolled in DEP may return to their homes until the time comes to report for duty.