



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. Once enlisted how long will it be before I leave for training?
  - Once enlisted we start working on your security clearance. Once the clearance paperwork is sent to the approving authority, our training office will start looking for basic training and tech school dates. The bigger the job in the AF, the more frequent the schools are offered. We like to say 3-6 months are the norm, but at times it can be longer than this.
  
2. Can I use the education benefits before going to Basic Training?
  - No, once you are finished with Basic Training you can start using the Education Benefits.
  
3. How many years do I have to sign up for?
  - If you have never been in the service, your enlistment contract will be for 8 years. After 6 years, you can make a decision to re enlist or finish your time in the Inactive Reserves.
  
4. Do I get a sign up bonus?
  - Each year the National Guard Bureau attaches bonuses to certain AFSC's. If you decide to take this job, you will receive the bonus attached to it.
  
5. Will I have to deploy?
  - You always have to be prepared to deploy. Normally the Air National Guard asks for volunteers for deployments, but that is not a guarantee.
  
6. Can I retire out of the Air Guard?
  - Yes, after 20 years of service you can retire out of the Air Guard. Your retirement will be based on the amount of points you have accumulated through the years.
  
7. How do I decide what job I want to do in the Air Guard?
  - Once you have taken your ASVAB test and a physical, your recruiter will sit down with you and explain your scores and show you what jobs are available at that time. You can research those jobs and decide if any sounds interesting to you?
  
8. Can I change jobs throughout my career?
  - Often you can change your career field after you have completed 3 years of service.
  
9. What happens if I join the Virginia Air Guard and then move to another state?
  - If you move to another state you can request a release from the state you are assigned to and transfer to the new location. These releases have to go through your chain of command and can be turned down in extreme circumstances, but that rarely happens.

10. Can I get a full time job with the Air Guard?

- Yes, we do have full time jobs available that you can apply and compete against other qualified applicant to earn the position. These jobs are usually advertised on [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com). The job announcement will explain how you go about applying for these jobs.