

## A Great Way of Life!

- Serve your country and your community
- Paid part-time employment
- Voluntary tours at bases around the world
- Professional, collegial work atmosphere
- Flexible scheduling
- Legal training and refresher education, including formal courses carrying CLE credit
- TRICARE Reserve Select health insurance
- Retirement program and benefits
- Tax-free shopping privileges
- Educational benefits (GI Bill)
- Recreational facilities: fitness centers; pools; campgrounds; and more
- Optional low-cost life insurance
- Space-available travel and lodging
- Education and self-improvement opportunities

## Our Three Programs

### *Unit Reserve Program*

Member of Air Force Reserve unit  
One weekend per month, two weeks per year

### *Air National Guard*

Member of Air National Guard unit  
One weekend per month, two weeks per year

### *Individual Reserve Program*

Reserve member of active duty Air Force unit  
Two weeks per year, plus 12 additional days

## Our Corps: Quick Facts

### *What's a "judge advocate?" What do JAGs do?*

Judge advocates are uniformed military attorneys. In the Air Force, judge advocates provide legal advice to Air Force commanders on a wide variety of topics. Judge advocates (also called "JAGs") also represent the Air Force in litigation, and perform a host of other duties.

### *Which program is best for me?*

The Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Unit programs follow the traditional "one weekend per month, two weeks per year" model – this schedule is often preferred by attorneys whose civilian jobs require frequent court appearances, or who have other inflexible commitments during the workweek. The Individual Reserve program permits judge advocates to work in an active duty Air Force legal office during the week, at times agreed upon with the office.

### *Where will I serve?*

Our Corps operates offices in a variety of locations worldwide. We'll make every effort to assign you to a location that's convenient to your home or workplace.



## Eligibility Requirements

### *You're eligible to apply, if:*

- You graduated from an ABA-accredited law school; and
- You're currently licensed to engage in the immediate, active practice of law before the highest court of a state or territory of the United States, or of the District of Columbia.

### *Is there an age limit?*

If you have no prior commissioned service, you must be less than 35 years old at the time of commissioning. We can sometimes waive this limit for up to three years, but only if you have exceptional qualifications. If you have prior commissioned service, slightly different standards apply.

## We're looking for...

### *Our most competitive candidates have both:*

- **Significant practical legal experience**
- **Prior military experience**

*I've never served in the military before.  
Can I join?*

YES! We have accepted applicants who have never served in the military. However, candidates with neither prior military experience nor significant practical legal experience are less competitive.

## Training and Education

- If you've never been a judge advocate before, you'll attend the **Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course (JASOC)**. This nine-week course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, is designed to teach officers how to be judge advocates.
  - If you've never been a military officer before, you'll also attend **Commissioned Officer Training (COT)**. COT is a five-week course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; it's designed to teach you how to be an Air Force officer.
  - All new judge advocates in the Air Reserve Component attend a short **orientation course**. These seminars will introduce you to the ins and outs of practical life in the Air Reserve Component.
  - Now available for new Air Force Reserve attorneys: "**seasoning training**" for up to 90 days in an active duty legal office, to put initial training to use and to accustom the new officer to the daily flow of Air Force life and legal practice.
- After you've completed your initial training:*
- **Survey of the Law:** Every two years, you'll receive refresher training on the latest legal developments and trends.
  - **Courses at The Judge Advocate General's School:** You'll periodically return to the JAG School for substantive legal courses.

## How Do I Apply?

The application process is simple: visit our web site – <http://jagrecruiting.law.af.mil> – and download the application forms. Complete them, and then scan/email them to us at [usaf.pentagon.af-ja.mbx.af-jar-workflow@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.af-ja.mbx.af-jar-workflow@mail.mil).

If you're eligible for appointment, we'll contact you for an in-person interview, and then obtain an approval decision from The Judge Advocate General.

If you're approved, your commissioning is subject to medical clearance and satisfactory completion of a security investigation. The commissioning process can take several months.



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