



UNITED STATES MARINE

JOB DESCRIPTION

Marines operate simultaneously on the sea, on shore, and in the air. They are often called upon first for their rapid and efficient response to conflicts or humanitarian efforts anywhere in the world. Marines also deal with unexpected threats, stopping them from becoming more dangerous.



SALARY

Enlisted Marine ★★★★★
Commandant ★★★★★

INDUSTRY PROFILE

Highly competitive due to the rigorous aspects of the job • Actively recruiting exceptional applicants • Approximately 190,000 Marines on active duty

AT A GLANCE



YOUR INTERESTS Serving your country • Mathematics • Engineering • Technology • Firefighting • Boats • Security • Aviation



ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS Age, education, and residency requirements must be met in order to join the military. Physical and written exams are required.



LIFESTYLE Marines must be ready to move into action on extremely short notice. As with other military careers, a uniform is required.



LOCATION Marines live, serve, and train primarily on the east and west coasts. Missions can take them to extreme locations all over the world.

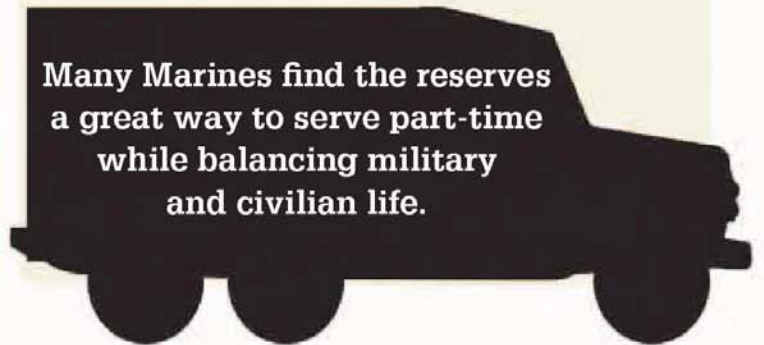


THE REALITIES An intense recruit training process and high levels of risk in extreme conditions make this a physically and mentally strenuous job.

▼ RELATED CAREERS

- ▶ **AIRLINE PILOT** *see pp. 214–215*
- ▶ **ARMY SOLDIER** *see pp. 230–231*
- ▶ **POLICE OFFICER** *see pp. 240–241*
- ▶ **FIREFIGHTER** *see pp. 248–249*
- ▶ **HELICOPTER PILOT** Flies helicopters and can choose from a variety of work such as law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services, search and rescue, aerial photography, and cargo delivery. Training can be expensive and working hours can be irregular.

Many Marines find the reserves a great way to serve part-time while balancing military and civilian life.



CAREER PATHS

Initial training to be a US Marine begins with Recruit Training followed by the second stage of training, Infantry Training Battalion for infantry or Marine Combat Training Battalion for non-infantry. Officers are evaluated at Officer Candidate School.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE You must have a high school diploma or a GED with 15 or more college credits to enlist in the US Marines.

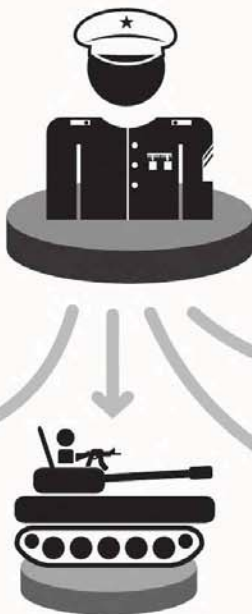
COLLEGE GRADUATE A bachelor's degree is required for those who are considering becoming a Marine Officer. Some specialties may require a master's degree.



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Specialized training school is available for those Marines who wish to sharpen skills in a specific area of expertise.



COMBAT ENGINEER
Knowledgeable in a variety of engineering and construction tasks, combat engineers repair, construct, and alter various structures and buildings. They also help to rebuild infrastructures and facilities, such as hospitals.



INFANTRY MACHINE GUNNER Works as part of a fire team defending against enemy forces operating and maintaining a variety of weapons and weapon systems in close combat. This is a direct combat position.



MILITARY POLICE OFFICER Performs police duties to maintain law and order. They perform police intelligence and security operations, and maintain security at police posts. May also participate in imprisonment and mobile operations.



MILITARY FIREFIGHTER
Responsible for saving human lives and property from fires on base or aboard ships when in active duty. May also assist in controlling wildfires. An expert in fire protection and fire prevention, military firefighters maintain and repair equipment used to fight fires, and drive rescue vehicles and fire trucks.

SKILLS GUIDE



Extremely high levels of fitness, courage, resilience, energy, stamina, and determination.



The ability to work effectively as part of a disciplined team and respond quickly to orders.



Excellent spatial awareness and coordination for using weapons accurately in all conditions.



Good communication skills to interact, live, and work with people, often in confined spaces.



Perseverance and self-discipline for withstanding rigorous training and challenging conditions.