



SPECIAL WARFARE

Special Warfare Operator Enlistment Vectoring (SWOE-V)

What is SWOE-V?

The Special Warfare Operator Enlistment Vectoring program, creates a single point of entry into special warfare recruiting and initial training. Under the new program, a possible combat controller, pararescuemen, tactical air control party Airman, or special reconnaissance Airman will enter the Air Force in the 9T500 AFSC.

Why the change to SWOE-V?

The Special Warfare Operator Enlistment gives both applicant and the Air Force, the time and opportunity to find the warriors' greatest calling. The SWOE-V process provides more than entrance exams and second-hand info to best guide them on their Special Warfare journey.

SWOE will match Special Warfare candidates to specific Special Warfare careers (CCT, PJ, TACP, and SR) based on Air Force needs, candidate preference, and candidate performance, to maximize Special Warfare career field distribution to meet Air Force requirements.

How does this benefit you?

This change allows candidates to make a more informed career decision, prior to being vectored, after months of education, training, development, and mentorship, to see what career field might be the best fit for them.

Creates unity and team cohesion among candidates

Summary

- SWOE will vector Special Warfare candidates to specific Special Warfare careers (CCT, PJ, TACP, and SR) based on Air Force needs, candidate preference, and candidate performance, to promote Special Warfare career field distribution consistent with Air Force requirements.
- SWOE-V is now THE only path to pursue a career into CCT, PJ, TACP, or SR. Selection was never guaranteed. SWOE-V is the first step to your combat calling.
- Selection is based heavily on candidate performance. Nothing is given, you must earn it and fight for it.
- During Special Warfare Prep, candidates will be vectored towards CCT, PJ, and SR Assessment and Selection or TACP Prep. Upon successful completion of Assessment and Selection, if a candidate is selected, they will be vectored to CCT, PJ, or SR.

SWOE (SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR ENLISTMENT)

PARARESCUE

Leave no one behind is our nation's promise and responsibility to our war fighters. Pararescue Airmen, also known as PJs, extract, treat, stabilize and evacuate American and Allied forces in times of danger or extreme duress. They'll do whatever it takes to deny the enemy a victory and to bring our heroes home.

PJs are nationally registered paramedics and are highly trained emergency trauma specialists. They're the only U.S. military elite combat force specifically organized, trained and equipped to conduct both conventional and unconventional combat and humanitarian rescue operations.

They operate most often as independent teams but routinely serve side by side with other U.S. and Allied special operations forces.

<https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/pararescue>



COMBAT CONTROL

Being “First There” is more than a motto; it’s the Combat Controllers’ (CCTs) commitment to undertake the most dangerous missions behind enemy lines and lead the way for U.S. and coalition forces to follow.

CCTs are the first to deploy into austere and hostile environments to establish assaults zones, provide air traffic control capability and control offensive airstrike operations in support of precision engagement and personnel recovery missions. CCTs are FAA-certified air traffic controllers who provide the air power interface to Special Operations Forces.

<https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/combat-control>



SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE

Special Reconnaissance Airmen are Special Tactics operators who conduct multi reconnaissance and surveillance operations focusing on lethal and non-lethal air-to-ground integration of airpower. They deploy rapidly and undetected by any means, anytime and anywhere around the world to obtain, transmit, exploit and act on time-sensitive information.

As members of Special Tactics teams, Special Reconnaissance Airmen prepare the environment, ensure global battle space awareness, provide global access and provide air, space, cyberspace and information superiority for the successful operation of Joint Force objectives.

Special Reconnaissance Airmen receive training in surveillance and reconnaissance, multidomain electronic warfare, long-range precision engagement and target interdiction, small unmanned aircraft systems, preparation of the environment, personnel recovery and advanced special tactics skills.

<https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/special-reconnaissance>



TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY

Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) Airmen are specially trained to employ precision strike platforms from all domains (air, space, cyber and ground) to destroy enemy targets within close proximity of friendly forces. TACP Airmen are the only Air Force Special Warfare Airmen who are 100 percent Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTACs). TACPs support every combat maneuver force in the Army, including the Rangers and Special Forces. In addition to integrating and controlling precision strike assets, TACPs are tactical communications experts; they are the critical link between their supported unit and available assets such as space, cyber, aircraft, artillery, mortars and naval gunfire to find, fix and destroy enemy forces.

<https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/tactical-air-control-party-specialist-tacp>

