

## Tennessee Air National Guard *Officer-Pilot Candidate Program*

**Thank you for your interest in one of the best-kept secrets in the United States military, the Air Guard pilot training program.**

In this program you will attend the worlds' best pilot training, provided by the United States Air Force, and then be a part of Americas' community based defense force, the Air National Guard. You know ahead of time which base you will be assigned to, which aircraft you will fly, and you will not have to endure the frequent "change of assignment/location" endured by those who choose to fly for the active duty military. You are in control of your schedule (unless federally mobilized of course) and you can either fly exclusively for the Air Guard or pursue other interest in your vocation while flying for the military part-time. Only the Air National Guard offers this kind of flexibility.

### **-Mission-**

The 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron operates the Lockheed C-130H Hercules. The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for air dropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. The C-130 operates throughout the U.S. Air Force, serving with Air Mobility Command (stateside based), Air Force Special Operations Command, theater commands, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peace and war situations. Basic and specialized versions of the aircraft airframe perform a diverse number of roles, including airlift support, Antarctic ice resupply, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, fire-fighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions in airlift and airdrop operations. We make a difference in the world on a daily basis.

### **Link to the 105 Airlift Squadron's "The Old Hickory Squadron" History**

The 105<sup>th</sup> Old Hickory Squadron has participated in Operations Enduring/Iraqi Freedom, Desert Shield/Storm, Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Haiti, and Kosovo in the past decade. If you want to be where the action is in the world, this is the place to be.

### **-The 105<sup>th</sup> and You-**

Here is what it takes to be competitive for a pilot position:

- 4-year college degree
- Be a person of high-moral character and integrity (We check references, you must qualify for a security clearance)
- Private pilot license preferred, instrument rating makes you more competitive
- Total flight time of 150 to 800 hours is preferred (makes you more competitive)
- Good scores on Air Force Officers Qualifying Test (AFOQT) especially in "pilot" and "nav" sections
- Good Scores on Basic Attributes Test (BATS). (We will schedule you for this as part of the competitive selection process)
- Must be able to begin pilot training before your 30<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Initiative, motivation, and strong desire to be a Air National Guard officer
- Live in or be willing to relocate to the Middle Tennessee/Southern Kentucky area

If you meet or intend to meet these requirements, we would like to hear from you. Prepare a package consisting of the following (As a minimum):

- Cover letter
- Resume
- References
- Transcripts
- AFOQT scores (if taken)
- Copy of FAA licenses/medical (if available)
- Letters of recommendation do help!

Also, we would like for you to drop in and see us if you are in the area. Please contact the Recruiters for further information.

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#### **-The Commitments-**

- If selected for a pilot position, you will be required to complete an Air Force initial Class one physical here at our base in Nashville.
- Once that is complete, you will be scheduled for officer training at the Academy of Military Science (AMS). You will be paid at the E-5 rate while at this training.
- All selected pilot candidates will attend Initial Flight Screening. See <http://wantscheck.com/UPTPrep/InitialFlightScreeningIFS/tabid/69/Default.aspx> for additional information. I was unable to locate an official AF IFS website but I am sure one exists.
- Once commissioned as an Officer, you will attend Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) and fly either the T-37 or the new T-6 Texan II, then move on to the T-1 Jayhawk or the T-44 (Navy King Air) to earn your Air Force Silver Wings. This training is one year in length and you will be paid at the O-1(2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant) or actual higher rank rate. **Your commitment to the Guard as a Reserve Officer is 10 years from the date of receiving your wings.**
- After leaving SUPT, your next school will be the C-130 Copilot Initial Qualification/Mission Qualification. You will learn to fling your eager Hercules through the air and do amazing things that most people would not dream of doing with a 70-ton airplane.
- At some point after receiving your wings, you will be required to attend Air Force Survival School. After several weeks of eating bugs and running through the woods you will arrive back in Nashville to take your place in one of the finest airlift squadrons in the world.
- At a minimum, membership in our Guard unit will require 6 days a month to keep current and meet all requirements. This includes the "Drill Weekend", but you will also need to fly during the week to get all the flying requirements done to maintain currency and proficiency.

- We fly a 7-day a week schedule. We are not just "Weekend Warriors." All of these flights are on a voluntary basis.
- Upgrades to Aircraft Commander occur at approximately 1200 hours time-in-type for highly qualified pilots. This level of flying can be reached in as little as two years if you "Guard Bum" (you fly for the Guard exclusively as a part-timer) or could take 5-8 years if you are truly part-time. A Guard Bum can expect to log 450 to 900 hours per year of heavy multi-engine turbine time.

#### **-Contact Information-**

Please send email to [Chief.Pilot@tnnash.ang.af.mil](mailto:Chief.Pilot@tnnash.ang.af.mil) to request further information