

## **CAREER PLANNING**

# *Armed Forces / Military Academy*

Students in grades 10-12 may consider taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). The ASVAB is offered annually at Pacific Horizons Schools and does NOT require the student to commit to the military. This test will help identify a student's possible abilities and skills and can be used to identify your specific opportunities in the military. Taking this test can also provide valuable feedback on your strengths, aptitude and interests that may relate to careers outside the military as well. It is important to note that all branches of the military offer educational assistance programs, for students who wish to become involved in military life but still complete higher education. The following link is a wonderful resource to learn more about all of the opportunities the military has to offer:

<http://todaysmilitary.com/training/rotc>

### **Enlisting**

The military can offer many options to interested students including job and future career training as well as educational options. Recruiters typically visit American Samoa annually. If you are interested don't be afraid to reach out to local recruiters of the different military branches for additional information. Listed below are the enlistment websites and the local recruiter contact numbers:

[\*\*Army/684-699-3116\*\*](#)

[\*\*Navy\*\*](#)

[\*\*Air Force\*\*](#)

[\*\*Marines\*\*](#)

### **ROTC**

Founded in 1916, ROTC stands for Reserve Officer Training Corps. It's a college program offered at more than 1,000 colleges and universities across the United States that prepares young adults to become officers in the U.S. Military. In exchange for a paid college education and a guaranteed post-college career, cadets commit to serve in the military after graduation. Each service branch has its own take on ROTC. Please refer to this link for more details on each of the branches and their offerings:

<http://todaysmilitary.com/training/rotc>

### **Military Academy**

Pursuing an education at one of the four United States military academies can be very challenging and requires several important steps. In order to qualify as an applicant to a military academy, a student must seek congressional nomination as step one. Once a student secures a nomination from a congressperson, the application process closely follows the college application process.

These academies offer a high level of education as well as specialized training to enter the military as an officer upon graduation. Many of the academies host summer programs that offer high school students opportunities to experience academy life.

**[United States Naval Academy](#)**

**[United States Military Academy](#)**

**[United States Coast Guard Academy](#)**

**[United States Merchant Marine Academy](#)**