

CAREER SHOWCASE

Top-Earning Careers



Although military pay is largely based on rank and years of service, salaries of service members can also include various allowances, bonuses and special pay based on many factors, including occupational specialty. Below are 10 high-paying jobs in the Military.



ORTHODONTISTS

Avg. Salary \$152,750

Using the latest equipment and techniques, orthodontists examine, diagnose, treat or prescribe treatment of the growing and mature dentofacial structures, to include movement of teeth. They often use braces and aligners to set service members' and their family members' teeth.

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ALLERGISTS AND IMMUNOLOGISTS

Avg. Salary \$149,676

Physicians and surgeons who specialize in allergy and immunology focus on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases caused by allergic reactions. They examine patients and prescribe specific tests to identify the allergens causing a certain reaction. Military allergists and immunologists interpret test results and prescribe specific treatments.

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NUCLEAR MEDICINE PHYSICIANS

Avg. Salary \$139,429

Nuclear medicine physicians plan, conduct, interpret and direct nuclear medical examinations and therapy, including systemic administration of ionizing radiation, patient care and activities concerned with the medical aspects of nuclear energy and bionucleonics. They train and supervise technicians in the use and care of equipment and radioactive materials, and in the protection against radiation hazards.

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RADIOLOGISTS

Avg. Salary \$136,329

Radiologists order and interpret the results of imaging tests such as X-rays, nuclear radiology, ultrasounds, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) and other diagnostic imaging procedures. They may also perform diagnostic radiological and fluoroscopic procedures, including special vascular studies. While many radiologists are primarily involved in diagnosing diseases, some provide radiation to treat diseases, like cancer, as well as nonmalignant conditions.

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BUSINESS OPERATIONS PLANNING ANALYSTS

Avg. Salary \$136,124

Business operations planning analysts apply business expertise to improve military operations. Using analytical tools and techniques, these analysts make recommendations to leadership about management techniques that can help reduce waste and inefficiencies. They study current operations and organizations, identify and analyze problems, and develop alternative solutions.

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MANPOWER SPECIALISTS

Avg. Salary \$127,192

Manpower specialists provide support on manpower, which is the composition of the force. They oversee manpower resources and manage manpower requirements. They determine how many and which capabilities are required to execute a mission, and they advise on the allocation of military and civilian resources. They support accession planning, reenlistment and force development programs. They operate manpower data systems, prepare relevant reports and supervise efforts focused on continuous improvement.

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TRANSPORTATION MANAGERS

Avg. Salary \$127,173

Transportation managers oversee all procedures related to the movement of military-related personnel and material. They plan and coordinate all functions involved in the successful movement of material, personnel or personal property via water, air, highway, rail, and multimodal transport systems. They direct procurement efforts and assess transportation capabilities.

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LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS

Avg. Salary \$125,496

Legal administrators coordinate, direct, assist and advise leaders in matters of military justice administration and the provision of legal services. They initiate personnel investigations and disciplinary actions. They also provide administrative and technical assistance in courts-martial, investigations, administrative boards and personal affairs.

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AEROSPACE ENGINEERS

Avg. Salary \$123,021

Aerospace engineers direct research programs and design military aircraft and aerospace equipment. They serve as aviation technical specialists in air warfare research projects and supervise aircraft design projects from the development to the evaluation of experimental equipment. They formulate policies and coordinate procurement programs for aircraft and aircraft subsystems, and serve as engineering and technical management liaisons across military branches, contracting organizations and other government agencies.

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FACILITIES MANAGERS

Avg. Salary \$122,783

Some office and administrative managers specialize in facilities management. Facilities managers plan for base realignment and closure, identify facility requirements, oversee operation, maintenance and repair budgets, and supervise those performing construction, repair and maintenance duties.

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