

Military Service Routes for Homeschool Graduates

Workshop Purpose

- Introduce five distinct routes to military service
- Understand the eligibility and process for each route
- Explore pros and cons of each route
- Help students identify the best path

The 5 Military Service Routes

1. Enlistment
2. Service Academies
3. ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps)
4. Military Colleges
5. Reserves / National Guard

Why Consider the Military?

- Six branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force
- Purpose-driven life of service
- Financial, medical, and educational benefits
- Job training and travel opportunities

Enlistment Highlights

- Direct entry at 17+ (with parental consent)
- Requires ASVAB + physical exam
- Homeschoolers qualify as Tier 1
- March2Success is a helpful prep tool

Understanding ASVAB & CEP

- ASVAB: Measures academic/technical strengths
- CEP: Career Exploration Program includes career matching tools
- Ideal for 10th-12th grade homeschoolers

Service Academies Overview

- Academies: West Point, Naval, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine
- Very competitive (approx. 10% acceptance)
- Requires nomination (except Coast Guard), fitness, transcript, interviews
- Expect rigorous academics, extracurriculars, and leadership

ROTC & Military Colleges

- ROTC: Scholarships, leadership development, commission post-graduation
- Senior Military Colleges: 4-year, ROTC-focused, optional service
- Junior Military Colleges: 2-year, ROTC + Early Commissioning Pathways

Reserves / National Guard

- Part-time service with education & career benefits
- Attend college while serving
- Guard responds to both state and federal needs

Supporting Your Teen

- Discuss long-term goals and readiness
- Stay organized with deadlines & applications
- Encourage leadership, fitness, and strong transcripts

Resources

- Website: www.natalie-mack.com
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Notes

Use this space to jot down important ideas, action items, or questions.
