

AIRMAN AIR FORCE SPECIALTY

★PARARESCUE/RECOVERY SPECIALIST

1. SPECIALTY SUMMARY

Locates and penetrates areas of difficult access (worldwide), to provide medical treatment, means of survival, escape and/or evasion, and evacuation of disaster victims; and supports recovery of aerospace hardware and personnel.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. *Locates and penetrates areas of difficult access:* Obtains information on location of missing personnel and/or equipment; penetrates areas of incidents by most practical means; and determines search, rescue, and recovery methods, procedures, and equipment to be employed. Performs specialized aerial rescue/recovery activities, such as providing flotation support for spacecraft, and medical aid and/or recovery of astronauts.

b. *Locates victims and performs survival, escape, evasion, and evacuation activities:* Searches for victims of aircraft crashes or space hardware. Determines nature and extent of injuries or illness sustained by survivors and renders emergency medical treatment, and provides shelter food and water. Determines survivors' physical capability to escape, evade, and/or evacuate and leads survivors in escape and evasion to predetermined evacuation destination.

c. *Evacuates survivors:* Evacuates survivors. Prepares recovery area; requests necessary medical advice or assistance; and advises of local conditions and plans by radio or visual signals.

d. *Performs rescue/recovery aircrew duties:* Acts as dropmaster, hoist operator, or safetyman on assigned unit aircraft and/or helicopters. Operates aerial recovery systems and attends to care and handling of survivors. Performs duties as fire fighter, operating fire suppression and allied crash entry equipment.

e. *Supervises pararescue/recovery personnel:* Assigns rescue/recovery functions to subordinates and observes performance to insure compliance with directives. Instructs subordinates in search, survival, escape, evasion, and evacuation techniques. Rotates work assignments to insure full utilization of personnel and equipment.

3. SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

a. *Knowledge:*

(1) Knowledge of search (land and water), survival, escape, evasion, and evacuation procedures and techniques; environmental physiology; advanced first aid; map reading; self-defense; operation of specialized recovery equipment; parachute repacking; diving physics and diving environmental hazards; and use and care of pararescue and recovery equipment is *mandatory*. Possession of mandatory knowledge will be determined in accordance with AFM 35-1.

(2) Knowledge of fire fighting procedures; care and use of fire suppression and allied crash entry equipment; and language and mores of one or more foreign countries is desirable.

b. *Education:* Completion of high school is desirable.

c. *Experience:* Experience in locating and evacuating disaster victims; providing medical treatment; and supporting recovery of space hardware and personnel is *mandatory*.

d. *Training:*

(1) Completion of a basic survival training course, basic airborne parachutist course, SCUBA training course, rescue and survival technician-medical course and the pararescue recovery specialist course is *mandatory* prior to award of the semiskilled AFSC.

(2) Completion of an airborne fire fighting course is desirable.

e. *Other:*

(1) Minimum physical profile of 111111 is *mandatory*.

(2) Physical qualification for aircrew, parachute, and marine diving duty in accordance with AFM 160-1 is *mandatory*.

(3) A minimum aptitude level of General 60 is *mandatory*.

(4) A Secret security clearance and eligibility for access to classified information in accordance with AFR 205-6 are *mandatory*.

(5) Qualification as life guard is desirable.

4. SPECIALTY DATA

a. *Grade Spread:*

Sergeant and staff sergeant ... 92350
Airman first class 92330

b. *Related D.O.T. Jobs:* None.

c. *Related DOD Occupational Subgroup:* 780.