

AIRMAN AIR FORCE SPECIALTY**PARARESCUE/RECOVERY SPECIALIST****1. SPECIALTY SUMMARY**

Performs as an extension of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft to conduct day and night rescue and recovery operations within friendly or hostile/denied territory in order to provide emergency medical treatment and means of survival, evasion, resistance, escape, and recovery (SERER) of personnel, and to support recovery operations of aerospace hardware and personnel. *Related DOD Occupational Subgroup: 050.*

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. *Performs as an extension of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft.* Operates aircraft defensive systems in order to suppress surface threats. Performs enroute flight-following duties and confirms way-point passage/objective area arrival. Aircrew duties include aircraft/area scanning and clearing, aircraft marshalling, external helicopter load attachment, and personnel load and unload duties. Plans and conducts aircraft/mission equipment loading and configuration. Plans for and performs aircraft insertion and extraction operations.

b. *Conducts day and night rescue and recovery operations within hostile or friendly denied territory.* Performs objective area infiltration, tactical evasive movement, and exfiltration. Plans for and conducts personnel contact, movement, and recovery procedures. Provides aircraft, personnel and area defense through effective tactical application of small arms and munitions. Plans for, directs, and adjusts ground fire support, aircraft weapon support, and pararescue team immediate action fire support in defense of enemy contact. Performs discrete surface-to-air electronic/manual communications signalling

activities.

c. *Provides emergency medical treatment and means of SERER of personnel.* Provides emergency medical treatment to recovered personnel both in friendly or hostile/denied environments. Provides the recovery team and recovered personnel with the capability of surviving in a variety of terrain and weather environments. Provides evasion, resistance, escape, and recovery to personnel in hostile and/or denied areas of operations.

d. *Supports recovery operations of aerospace hardware and personnel.* Provides security/recovery of aerospace hardware and medical treatment to personnel. Deploys from fixed and rotary-wing aircraft, using land and water recovery capabilities. Performs subsurface recovery operations as dive team member.

e. *Supervises pararescue and recovery personnel.* Assigns and trains rescue and recovery personnel to specific mission task and support requirements to improve career field qualification, directive compliance, and mission performance.

3. SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

a. *Knowledge.* Knowledge of combat operations that include pararescue duties while performing as an extension of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft; conducting day and night rescue and recovery operations within hostile/denied territory; emergency medical treatment, means of SERER of personnel; recovery operations of aerospace hardware and personnel; diving physics and diving environmental hazards; and use and care of pararescue and recovery equipment is mandatory. Possession of mandatory knowledge will be determined according to AFR 35-1.

b. *Education.* Completion of high school is desirable. Completion of a certified EMT/Paramedic course is desirable.

c. *Experience:*

(1) Experience in performing pararescue combat

operations and in parachuting and SCUBA operations is mandatory.

(2) Experience in providing emergency medical treatment and/or supporting space hardware and personnel is desirable.

d. *Training.* Completion of pararescue indoctrination course, basic airborne parachutist course, SCUBA training course, basic survival training course, and the pararescue recovery specialist course is mandatory before the award of the semiskilled AFSC.

e. *Other:*

(1) A minimum physical profile (PULHES) of 111111 is mandatory.

(2) Physical qualification for aircrew, parachute, and marine diving duty according to AFR 160-43 is mandatory.