

AFSC 12370

AIRMAN AIR FORCE SPECIALTY
PARARESCUE TECHNICIAN

1. SPECIALTY SUMMARY

Performs, plans, leads, supervises, instructs, and evaluates pararescue activities. Performs as the essential surface-to-air link in Air Force and Special Operations (SO) search, rescue, and recovery operations by functioning as aircrew members and/or surface elements and teams. Provides a rapid response capability and operates in a wide range of adverse geographic and environmental conditions, day or night, on land or water, to include friendly, denied, hostile, or sensitive areas. Provides both short- and long-term survival and evasion assistance, emergency and field medical care, and security. Moves objectives (personnel and materiel) to safety or friendly control when direct recovery by aircraft is not possible. **Related DOD Occupational Subgroup: 050.**

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Conducts, Supervises, Instructs, and Evaluates Mission Planning and Preparation. Studies the operation; plans use of time; studies terrain and situation; makes tentative plans; organizes and selects personnel, weapons, and equipment; issues warning order; conducts coordination; makes reconnaissance; completes detailed plans; conducts briefback; issues operation order; inspects, rehearses, and supervises; safeguards information; and loads and configures aircraft.

b. Performs, Leads, Supervises, Instructs, and Evaluates Infiltration and Exfiltration. Conducts flight following and/or confirms waypoint passage; prepares and/or dons mission and personal equipment; performs nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) warfare defense; provides survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) expertise; provides en route field medical care; and conducts/supervises offload and transfer of objectives to higher echelon medical care. With special mission qualification, performs aircrew duties to provide avoidance and suppression of air and surface threats.

c. Performs, Leads, Supervises, Instructs, and Evaluates Insertion and Extraction. Provides guidance to aircraft commander for on-scene operations, confirms insertion point, performs chemical warfare defense, performs aerial insertion and extractions operations, provides recovery zone security and aircraft reception, and performs/assists onload of objectives by rescue hoist, airland, and surface methods.

d. Performs, Leads, Supervises, Instructs, and Evaluates Surface Movement. Conducts land/water navigation; performs overt, low visibility, or clandestine movement in friendly, hostile, denied, or sensitive global land and water areas; conducts NBC warfare defense; designates rallying points; selects bivouac sites; conducts discrete surface-to-air and surface-to-surface electronic and visual communications and signalling activities; employs firearms and munitions to provide movement security and perform immediate action drills; directs and adjusts ground and aerial fire support; provides reception for resupply operations; conducts scuba, night, mountain, and AFR 39-1, Attachment X mountain rescue operations; provides survival and evasion assistance; provides en route emergency and field medical care; and performs SERE.

e. Performs, Leads, Supervises, Instructs, and Evaluates Objective Area Actions. Conducts

surface search, contact, and on-scene authentication; directs area security; manages on-scene triage and survivor handling; conducts emergency survival assistance and emergency and field medical care; guides recovery of priority aerospace materiel; and provides photographic documentation.

f. Supports, Performs, Supervises, Instructs, and Evaluates Debriefing and Reporting. Provides intelligence and operations information during debriefings and prepares written reports.

g. Performs, Supervises, Instructs, and Evaluates Special Missions. With special training, equipment, and qualification, performs high-altitude mountain rescue and recovery, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and aerospace materiel recovery support, aerial scanning and gunnery, aircraft marshalling, and external helicopter load attachment.

h. Conducts Supervision and Management. Supervises, manages, and ensures effective performance of pararescue personnel and equipment assets; interprets and enforces policy and applicable directives in support of commanders; plans and structures pararescue activities; manages on-the-job training, requalification, and continuation training; supervises and manages operational and training missions; provides quality control to assure combat readiness; ensures safe and effective operations IAW current directives; and supervises acquisition, maintenance, and repair of organizational equipment.

3. SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS

a. Knowledge. Mandatory knowledge comprises mission planning and preparation; infiltration and exfiltration; insertion and extraction; surface movement; objective area actions; debriefing and reporting; generic operational responsibilities which include team leader actions, emergency and field medical treatment, adverse terrain and mountain operations, water operations, NBC warfare defense, SERE, night vision devices, firearms and munitions, communications and signaling, photographic documentation, legal responsibilities and ethics, and vehicle operations; and general job responsibilities which include career progression, security, occupational safety and health, administration and publications, supervision and management, training, USAF graduate evaluation program, individual fitness, and equipment qualification, inspection, maintenance, and accountability.

b. Education. Mandatory education requires completion of high school. Desirable education (certified courses and experiences) includes free-fall parachutist training, scuba training, emergency medical technician training(intermediate or paramedic levels), survival training, mountain rescue training, electronic communications training, and police or fire department rescue squad training.

c. Experience. Mandatory experience includes performing pararescue duties and responsibilities as a specialist and participating in search, rescue, and recovery operations. Desirable experience includes performing duties and responsibilities in JCS, unified command, and service sponsored field-training exercises, conducting field living, SERE, and medical continuation training in joint task force operations, performing clinical or hospital medical continuation training, and participating in volunteer land, water, and mountain rescue activities.

d. Training.

(1) Mandatory training includes Pararescue Indoctrination Training, Airborne Parachutist Course, Combat Diver Qualification Course, Combat Survival Course, Water

Survival Training, USN Underwater Egress Training, Military Free Fall Parachutist or MAC Military Free Fall Course, Pararescue Recovery Specialist Course, Arctic Survival Training, Military Jumpmaster Course, Pararescue Team Leader Course, and Pararescue Team Evaluation Course. Additionally, includes Special Operations Medical Sergeant's Course for personnel assigned to SO units and Advanced Trauma Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Courses for personnel assigned to perform NASA special mission.

(2) Desirable training includes Pararescue Advanced Tactical Operations Course, Pararescue Weapons Course, Diving Medical Technician Course, Combat Diving Supervisory Course, SERE High Risk Level C Training, Sea-Air-Land (SEAL) Basic Indoctrination Course, Waterborne Infiltration Course, Strategic Land Reconnaissance Course, Introduction to Special Operations Course, Special Operations (regional affairs) Orientation Courses, Special Operations Target Interdiction Course, US Army Opposing Forces Weapons Course, and Special Operations Communications Sergeants Course, US Border Patrol Tracking Course, and DOE Special Response Team Training (or equivalent).

e. Other Mandatory Requirements:

(1) Eligible for SECRET security clearance IAW AFR 205-32 standards for award and retention of AFSC. Eligible for TOP SECRET security clearance IAW AFR 205-32 standards for key assignments.

(2) Minimum physical profile (PULHES) of 111111.

(3) Physical qualification for aircrew, parachute, and marine diving duty IAW AFR 160-43.

(4) Physiological training qualification for aircrew duties and high-altitude-high-opening parachuting IAW AFR 50-27 and AFR 160-43.

(5) Small arms marksmanship qualification with assault rifle (M-16 or G-series) and automatic pistol (M-1911 or M-9).

(6) Qualification for aviation service IAW AFR 60-13 for retention of AFSC.

(7) Qualification, currency, and proficiency IAW MACR 51-111 for retention of AFSC.

(8) Strength aptitude standard of "P" for retention of AFSC.

(9) Completion of Pararescue Advanced Casualty Care Course each three-year period for retention of AFSC.

(10) Certification by National Standard Emergency Medical Technician Program each two-year period for retention of AFSC.

f. Other Desirable Qualifications:

(1) Small arms marksmanship qualification with .38 caliber pistol, M870 shotgun, 40mm grenade launcher, and M-60 machinegun (non-specialist).

(2) Qualification for operation of motor vehicles through possession of a valid civilian motor vehicle license issued by any US federal or state licensing jurisdiction.

(3) Qualification for operation of pararescue unique M-series vehicles IAW AFM 77-310 and AFR 160-43.

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