

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following FAQ's answer many of the questions applicants have about being a Combat Aviation Advisor at the 711th Special Operations Squadron. The application contains the eligible AFSC's and requirements necessary to be considered as an applicant.

Please contact the hiring department with any other questions or concerns.

Q: What is the mission of the 711 SOS?

A: The 711 SOS CAA's conduct special operations activities by, with, and through foreign aviation forces across the full spectrum of warfare and security assistance.

Q: Is the 711 SOS a traditional reserve squadron?

A: Yes.....but it is a non-traditional traditional reserve unit. The demand of the initial training timeline and the yearly requirements thereafter are greater than a traditional reserve unit.

Q: Do I have to live locally?

A: No, but highly desired.

Q: How often would I have to deploy?

A: The commander's intent is for members to deploy at least once within every 24 months, which generally means 4 months of orders for a 4-10 weeks operation.

Q: How long before I come off active duty should I begin the process if interested?

A: Active duty members should begin the process within 12 months of separation. It is beneficial to complete the application/assessment process prior to separation to avoid a break in service and financial logistic issues.

Q: How do I get into the 711 SOS?

A: The first step is to complete and submit the application. If chosen for an interview, they will take place on a UTA (drill weekend) at a predetermined time. After the interview, if selected to attend the assessment, you will be given further instructions on dates and show times.

Q: Will the reserves pay for travel to attend an interview?

A: No. The applicant will be responsible for the cost to attend the interview; travel, lodging, and meals.

Q: How long is the assessment?

A: The assessment is one week long and you must be on a military status other than leave. The home unit is responsible for the member's status and approving the alternate duty location. Travel and per diem will be provided by the 711 SOS.

Q: What does the assessment consist of?

A: The assessment consists of physical and mental aptitude objectives to determine if the candidate is the right fit for the CAA enterprise. If invited to attend A&S, the physical requirements will be given to the member in order for them to prepare.

Q: What is the full schedule of training to become a fully qualified CAA?

A: If hired, members will attend Phases 1&2, Mission Qualification Course (17 weeks), Phase 3, initial language training (4-9 months), Phase 4, AFSC specific training (varies), and finally a supervised operation (4-5 months). Several other classes will be needed to lessen the waiver load, but will be completed after initial training.

Q: Do I have to complete the entire pipeline before I can return to my civilian job?

A: No. Phases 1 and 2 (MQC) are required to be consecutive. Phase 3 and 4 can be delayed so an individual can return to their civilian job. It will be up to the member to work with the training shop to update their availability for Phase 3 and 4.

Please email the 711 SOS Hiring org box (711sos.dolp.rec.org@us.af.mil)
with any questions or concerns.