



NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD

ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR)

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AMENDED

POSITION TITLE: AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL MAINT CRAFTSMAN	AFSC 2A773	OPEN DATE: 19 Mar 2026	CLOSE DATE: 20 Apr 2026
UNIT OF ACTIVITY/DUTY LOCATION: 177th Maintenance Squadron, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ		GRADE REQUIREMENT: Min: E6 Max: E7	
SELECTING SUPERVISOR: MSgt Nicholas Ferreri	Position Number 0113756734		

AREAS OF CONSIDERATION

177th FW ANG members (Any AFSC)

MAJOR DUTIES

Please refer to attached pages for more info on the major duties and initial qualifications for this position for this AFSC or go to: <https://www.my.af.mil> to review the AFECD or AFOCD

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In addition to criteria listed on attached pages
- Security Clearance - Must be able to obtain: Secret

ACTIVE GUARD AND RESERVE REQUIREMENT

IAW ANGI 36-101, 21 April 2022, paragraph Chapter 6, Initial AGR tour orders are probationary. The probationary period will not exceed six years. AGR tours may not extend beyond an Enlisted member's ETS or an Officer's MSD. Be advised that acceptance of an AGR Tour may result in future and unexpected out of state PCS or tours of up to one year or longer.

Airmen must meet the minimum requirements for each fitness component in addition to scoring an overall composite of 75 or higher for entry into the AGR program. For members with a documented Duty Limitation Code (DLC) which prohibits them from performing one or more components of the Fitness Assessment, an overall "Pass" rating is required.

Individuals selected for AGR tours must meet the Preventative Health Assessment (PHA)/physical qualifications outlined in DAFMAN 48-123, 8 December 2020, Medical Examination and Standards. They must also be current in all Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) requirements to include immunizations. RCPHA/PHA and dental must be conducted not more than 12 months prior to entry on AGR duty and an HIV test must be completed not more than six months prior to the start date of the AGR tour.

Enlisted Airmen who are voluntarily assigned to a position which would cause an over grade must indicate such in writing; a voluntary demotion letter must be included with the application in accordance with ANGI 36-2502, 26 September 2024, Administrative Demotion of Airmen, when assigned to the position. Acceptance of demotion must be in writing and included in the assignment application package. Application Package will not be forwarded without Administrative Demotion statement.

IAW ANGI 36-101, paragraph 5.7, an individual must not have been previously separated for cause from active duty or previous Reserve Component AGR tour.

IAW ANGI 36-101, paragraph 5.10, applicants should be able to complete 20 years of active federal service prior to Mandatory Separation Date (MSD). Individuals selected for AGR tours that cannot attain 20 years of active federal service prior to reaching mandatory separation must complete a Statement of Understanding, See ANGI36-101 Attachment 3.

IAW ANGI36-101, paragraph 6.6.1, members should remain in the position to which initially assigned for a minimum of 24 months. TAG may waive this requirement to 24 months when in the best interest of the unit, State, or Air National Guard.

If a selectee does not possess the advertised AFSC, he/she must complete the required training/assignment criteria within 12 months of being assigned to the position. Failure to do so may result in immediate termination. Extension past 12-months will only be considered if the delay is through no fault of the applicant.

TECHNICIANS ENTERING AGR TOUR AND BONUS/INCENTIVES RECIPIENTS

Currently employed technicians may compete for AGR positions. If selected, permanent employees will have their Federal Employee Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) continue for 26 pay periods following their start date on AGR. If selected, your National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) will be terminated at the end of the pay period you begin LWOP/AUS. If selected, normally, your Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) will terminate 30 days after AGR start date. Other pay related actions (i.e., TSP, advanced sick leave, etc.) should be reviewed with the Employee Relations Section of J1-HRO. Contact information: 609-562-0866/0300.

BONUS/INCENTIVE RECIPIENTS

If you currently receive any type of incentive such as bonus, student loan repayment, or GI Bill Kicker, these incentives will stop effective on the first day of full-time employment with the National Guard. Contact your RETENTION OFFICE MANAGER.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CRITERIA

- Selection into [E8 / E9 / O4 / O5] positions is contingent on availability/state allocation of controlled grades.
- Selection into higher graded positions IS NOT a promise of promotion
- Upon selection additional medical verification will be required prior to start of AGR tour
- The publication of AGR orders by HRO will be the official appointment into the New Jersey Air AGR program. No commitment will be made by the command to any applicant prior to the review of qualifications by the HRO and TAG approved appointment through the Officer Action Board (if applicable).
- Continuation beyond initial tour may be subject to evaluation based on AGR Continuation Board
- AGR Bring-Your-Own-Billet, authorization from the relinquishing commander is required.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be signed and dated. Applications received with an unsigned NGB 34-1 and RIP will not be forwarded for consideration. The application package must include all items 1-5 listed below. If the required documents are not submitted, a letter of explanation must be included. Submittal of any missing requirements after the closeout will NOT be accepted.

Use AGR Application Instructions from DMA website (<https://www.nj.gov/dma/admin/vacancy/#air-agr-jobs>)

**Incomplete packages will not be considered for the position vacancy

**All application documents must be consolidated into a single .pdf file. (Do not put in a PDF Portfolio format)

1. Signed NGB Form 34-1 Application Form for Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) Position dated 20131111 (<https://www.nj.gov/dma/admin/vacancy/#air-agr-jobs>)
2. Signed CURRENT full Records Review RIP from Virtual MPF <https://vmpf.us.af.mil/vMPF/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>
3. CURRENT PASSING Report of Individual Fitness from MyFSS/MyFitness <(must not show a "fitness due date" that is in the past) (or) a signed letter from the UFPM. If exempt, please include Form 469 with application)
4. Current EPB/OPB – if you do not have a current EPB/OPB, submit last EPB/OPB and a MFR stating the missing reason.
5. Contact Information-on a separate document; Rank, Last, First Name, preferred contact email, and preferred contact phone#.
6. Inability to Retire as AGR SOU (if applicable) (<https://www.nj.gov/dma/admin/vacancy/#air-agr-jobs>)
7. Administrative Grade Reduction (if applicable)- Current military grade cannot exceed maximum Military grade announced on Vacancy. Over graded applicants must include a memorandum indicating willingness to accept an administrative reduction if selected.
8. A copy of current VALID state driver's license.

EMAILING REQUIREMENTS:

Ensure all requirements are consolidated into ONE single PDF (adobe portfolio is not recommended) (consider printing signed documents to PDF prior to combining files)-Signatures may be stripped once they are saved.

PDF File Name should be Rank Last Name, First Name_Position Announcement Number

Example: TSgt Mouse, Mickey_VA 01-AF-23

Email Subject should be: TSgt Mouse, Mickey_VA 01-AF-23

Email Application Package to: ng.nj.njarng.list.nj-job-submission-agr-air@army.mil

** Applications will be accepted through GEARS (GEARS <https://gears.army.mil/>), if standard email procedures do not work**

QUESTIONS: Applicants may call HRO to verify receipt of application prior to closeout date.

Commercial 609-562-0887 or Commercial 609-562-0300 or ng.nj.njarng.list.nj-job-submission-agr-air@army.mil

Assistance will be rendered in the order the request was received.

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMANDERS/SUPERVISORS: Selecting supervisor will contact qualified applicants for interviews after receipt of selection register from HRO REMOTE. After completion of interview, send selection register to HRO REMOTE. After the Human Resources Officer approves the selection package, the HRO office will send a notification letter to notify all applicants of their selection/non-selection.

THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

All applicants will be protected under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Eligible applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, or any other non-merit factor. Due to restrictions in assignment to certain units and AFSC some positions may have gender restrictions.

AFSC 2A773, Craftsman
 AFSC 2A753, Journeyman
 AFSC 2A733, Apprentice
 AFSC 2A713 Helper

AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE

(Changed 30 Apr 24)

1. **Specialty Summary.** Designs, repairs, modifies, and fabricates aircraft, metal, plastic, composite, advanced composite, low observables (LO) coatings, and bonded structural parts and components. Evaluates, installs, removes, and repairs LO coatings. Applies corrosion preservative treatments to aircraft, missiles, and support equipment (SE). Related DoD Occupational Subgroup: 160300.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

- 2.1. Assembles and repairs structural and LO parts and components to meet requirements for preserving structural integrity and LO qualities. Assesses damage to aircraft structural components and LO coatings. Applies LO materials and coatings to aircraft. Assesses damage impacts to aircraft signatures. Performs assembly and repair on aircraft structures using special fasteners and adhesives. Inspects standard structural and LO repairs to ensure compliance with technical data specifications. Advises on structural and LO repair, modification, and corrosion protection treatment with respect to original strength, weight, and contour to maintain structural and LO integrity. Ensures aircraft component weight and balance is maintained. Inspects repairs for serviceability according to specifications and technical publications. Manufactures jigs, fixtures, forms, and molds. Uses metalworking equipment and tools to form, cut, bend, and fasten replacement or repair parts to damaged structures and components. Fabricates, repairs, and assembles cable and tubing assemblies for aerospace weapon systems and AGE/(SE). Maintains and inspects tools and equipment. Performs operator maintenance and service inspections on shop equipment and tools. Ensures lockout and tagout procedures are accomplished prior to performing shop equipment maintenance. Stores, handles, and disposes of hazardous waste and materials according to environmental standards.
- 2.2. Paints aircraft, missiles, and (SE). Identifies, removes, and treats corrosion using mechanical and chemical procedures. Applies corrosion protective and LO coatings. Applies aircraft paint schemes and markings. Removes Radar Absorbent Material (RAM) by sanding, scraping, or pulling using manual or powered methods. Fabricates repair parts from RAM utilizing cutting tools and adheres them to aircraft surfaces and fasteners using vacuum bags, fixtures, and other pressure-inducing processes. Applies scrim material to RAM and aircraft surfaces in preparation for RAM cover strip installation. Installs RAM cover strips to panel and skin gaps. Applies RAM pastes to aircraft surface gaps, voids, and sand/skives to ensure required contours. Repairs low-observable treatments on polycarbonate transparencies using edge sealing compounds, adhesives, primers, and conductive films. Performs repair actions to ceramic RAM coatings associated with engine hot areas and adjacent fairings using grit blasters and approved high temperature curing equipment. Inspects structures and components and determines operational status. Interprets inspection findings and determines corrective action adequacy. Posts entries and maintains maintenance and inspection records. Recommends methods to improve equipment performance and maintenance procedures. Uses automated maintenance systems. Inputs, validates, and analyzes data processed to automated systems. Clears and closes out completed maintenance discrepancies in automated maintenance systems.
- 2.3. Removes finishes and treatments by sanding, scraping, cutting, gouging, and pulling, using manual and powered methods. Sands surface finishes to specified depths and widths to prepare them for proper reapplication of finishes using manual and powered methods. Determines extent of damage and/or scope of task and performs finish and treatment removal tasks accordingly. Removes panel, door, and skin fasteners to gain access to aircraft interior and replaces fasteners following maintenance. Cleans aircraft exterior surfaces and gaps to prepare them for filler treatments, fairing materials, and other follow-on maintenance. Mixes multi-part adhesives, sealants, fillers, fairing materials, and organic topcoats. Uses maintainer-fabricated enclosures with environmental control units, heaters, and climate control equipment to stabilize repair sites. Applies, sands, and skives fillers and fairing materials to specifications for waviness, step condition, and aerodynamic smoothness. Applies organic low-observable topcoats and rain erosion materials using spray equipment, brushes, and rollers. Uses ambient and accelerated cure processes to cure adhesives, sealants, fillers, fairing materials, and organic topcoats. Uses planform alignment procedures to determine proper repair angles and dimensions for low observable finishes and treatments.
- 2.4. Inspects coatings, structures, and components to determine operational status. Interprets inspection findings and determines corrective actions. Posts entries and maintains maintenance and inspection records. Recommends methods to improve equipment performance and maintenance procedures. Uses Portable Maintenance Aids and automated maintenance systems. Evaluates structural damage to aircraft structures or items and applies appropriate repair procedures to include application of adhesive films, prepregs, foam, and tape, and scarfing, layup, vacuum bagging, and accelerated curing techniques. Performs inspection and repair procedures for graphite Bismaleimide resin, graphite epoxy woven fabric, and uni-directional assemblies to include the use of adhesive film, foam, tape, scarfing, lay-up, and bagging techniques associated with hot bonders. Selects core materials to complete repairs, makes templates to use as patterns, and assures proper ply orientation and de-bulking. Selects bond form and prepares tools; lay-up; mixes and applies two-part adhesives and sealants; installs temperature monitoring devices; cures adhesives; and otherwise completes repairs. Specifies curing process/specification to autoclave/curing oven operator for the part to be cured. Removes completed items from bond forms after the cure cycle. Inspects final assembly for visual damage or flaws. Inspects structures and components and determines operational status. Interprets inspection findings and determines corrective action adequacy.

3. Specialty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Knowledge is mandatory of: aircraft and LO construction features; identification and characteristics of aerospace materials; repair of coating, LO materials, metal, tubing, cable, plastic, fiberglass, bonded honeycomb, and composite/advanced composite structural components; shop drawing and sheet metal layout techniques; shop mathematics; corrosion identification, removal, repair, and prevention; cleaning of coatings, LO materials and metals; application of protective coatings, LO materials, and markings; proper use, mixing, and storage of acids, solvents, alcohol, caustics, primers, and paints; and proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste and materials.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, completion of high school with courses in mathematics, algebra, chemistry, physics, mechanical drawing, and metal working is desirable.

3.3. Training. The following training is mandatory for award of the AFSC indicated:

3.3.1. For award of AFSC 2A733, completion of a basic aircraft structural maintenance course is mandatory.

3.4. Experience. The following experience is mandatory for award of the AFSC indicated:

3.4.1. 2A753. Qualification in and possession of AFSC 2A733. Also, experience in functions such as fabricating, repairing, assembling, or installing aircraft metals, LO materials, plastics, fiberglass, composites, or honeycomb parts; or corrosion identification, removal, and applying coatings and markings.

3.4.2. 2A773. Qualification in and possession of AFSC 2A753. Also, experience supervising functions dealing with corrosion identification, prevention, and repair; applying protective coatings and markings; or fabricating, assembling, and repairing metal, fiberglass, composites, honeycomb, and plastics.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:

3.5.1. See attachment 4 for entry requirements.

3.5.2. For award and retention of these AFSCs: must maintain local network access IAW AFI 17-130, *Cybersecurity Program Management* and AFMAN 17-1301, *Computer Security*.

3.5.2.1. Current special access for the specific weapon system program (F-22, F-35, B-2 or and/or B-21) is required IAW AFI 16-701, *The US Air Force Special Programs*, for assigned MDS. Specialty requires routine access to Tier 3 (T3) information, systems, or similar classified environment. Completion of a current T3 Investigation required IA DoDM 5200.02, AFMAN 16-1405, *Air Force Personnel Security Program*, is mandatory. Reinvestigation must be opened prior to expiration of current investigation.