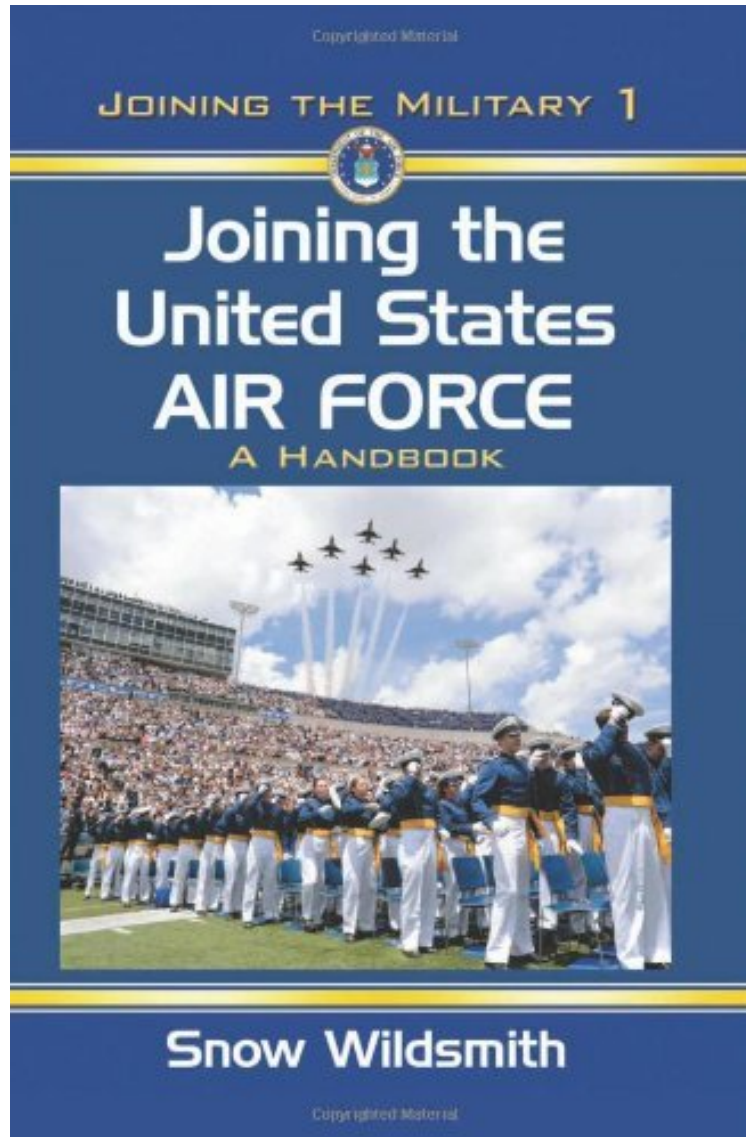


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great her some great insight on joining the Air Force.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent for those considering a military careerBy T. MyersI was interested in reading this book because my son recently told me he was thinking about someday joining the Air Force. I found the book to be very informative and interesting. The book is organized into four sections which take the reader from considering whether to join the military all the way to what to expect during basic training.The first section: Thinking About Joining the Military- includes individual considerations, parental concerns, spousal considerations, military benefits, and a brief overview of the branches of the military. My favorite part of this section was the part concerning an individual's reasons for wanting to join the military. The author organized this by listing potential reasons one might be interested in joining- and whether (and why) they were good or bad reasons to join.The second section: General Information About the Air Force- includes both a chapter on the history of the Air Force, and the career opportunities that are available through them. I found the part about Air Force careers interesting- as I had never considered that there are musical or artistic careers available in any of the Armed Forces.The third section- The Enlistment Process- covered what to expect - from eligibility requirements to preparation for basic training. This section was very thorough and matched pretty closely what I know about the enlistment process. The author, Snow Wildsmith, even adds information about what to do if the recruitment officer makes you uncomfortable.The last section--Basic Training- is a comprehensive description of what to expect, from Zero Week through graduation. The only confusion I had during this section was that the author wrote about the BEAST (Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training), using the acronym, a few times before she explained what it meant. I went back twice looking for the section I had missed that explained it, before I realized it wasn't explained until later.In summary I found this book to be an excellent resource for someone who is interested in joining the military. It is obvious that a lot of research was done by the author, and that she has a lot of experience with military life to draw on.

This book is for the teenager or young adult who is interested in enlisting in the United States Air Force. It will walk him or her through the enlistment and recruit training process: making the decision to join the military, talking to recruiters, getting qualified, preparing for and learning what to expect at basic recruit training. The goal of the McFarland Joining the Military book series is to help young people who might be curious about serving in the military decide whether military service is right for them, which branch is the best fit, and whether they are qualified for and prepared for military service. Features include lists of books, web links, and videos; a glossary; and an index.

From Booklist*Starred * A wealth of military nonfiction exists for middle-grade readers, most of it geared toward kids with parents in the service. Fewer are the titles aimed at teens considering wearing the stripes themselves, and rarer still are those that are strong enough to become part of the essential new Joining the Military series. Each volume tackles one branch of the military, and though a good deal of information gets repeated, the whole set is recommended for helping teens make this momentous life decision. Wildsmith is frank about the negative aspects of servicemdash;the risk of war, the impingement on personal freedom, unwanted travelmdash;and opens with a 15-page questionnaire that serves as a wake-up call to the unprepared. For instance, enlistees need at least a GED, canrsquo;t be a single parent, and so on. Whole chapters are devoted to jump-starting discussions with parents and spouses before the book digs into the history of the Air Force, the nine categories of jobs, how to enlist, and how to prep for (and survive) basic training. Invaluable lists populate the text-heavy yet readable pages, from body-fat requirements to chain-of-command charts to packing lists (ldquo;six pairs of white or neutral cotton underpants; no thongsrdrquo;). Therersquo;s little flash to be seen here, just page after page of insight. Authoritative, exhaustive, sober, and indispensable. Grades 9-12. --Daniel Kraus "A wealth of military nonfiction exists for middle-grade readers, most of it geared toward kids with parents in the service. Fewer are the titles aimed at teens considering wearing the stripes themselves, and rarer still are those that are equal to books in the essential new Joining the Military series...the whole set is recommended...there's little flash to be seen here, just page after page of insight. Authoritative, exhaustive, sober and indispensable"--Booklist; "a good addition"--ARBA; "aims to make sure enlistees make the most informed and beneficial decision for them and their loved ones"--Reference Research Book News.About the AuthorSnow Wildsmith is a former teen librarian now working as a book reviewer and writer. She specializes in comics for teens and children, reviewing for Booklist, Good Comics for Kids, No Flying No Tights, and more. Co-author of The Parent's Guide to the Best Kids' Comics, Snow grew up in a military family and now lives in North Carolina.