2016 Enlistment and Reenlistment Bonuses

Each service offers a bonus for enlistment and reenlistment. The maximum bonuses offered by each service this year, and the occupational specialties that qualify for them:

ARMY

Enlistment: $40,000, for cardiovascular specialist; cryptologic linguist; and satellite communications systems operator-maintainer.

Reenlistment: $72,000, for Special Forces, psychological operations and civil affairs NCOs proficient in a priority foreign language, such as Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Farsi, Dari, Pashto or Russian.

Critical Skills Retention Bonus: $150,000 for soldiers in priority specialties who are at, or near, retirement eligibility.

AIR FORCE

Enlistment: $15,000, for combat controllers; pararescuemen.

Reenlistment: Up to $90,000, for 23 skill fields. Combat controllers; Tactical Air Control Party; pararescuemen; special operations weather; and explosive ordnance disposal airmen can receive the highest multipliers, making them most likely to receive the maximum $90,000.

NAVY

Enlistment: $12,000, for nuclear power specialties; SEALs.

Reenlistment: $100,000, for nuclear-qualified engineering lab technicians and machinist’s mates serving on both aircraft carriers and submarines; explosive ordnance disposal; diver; special warfare boat operator; special warfare operator; sonar technicians serving on submarines.

MARINE CORPS

Enlistment: $8,000, for technical controller; AN/TRC-170 technician; ground radio repairer; telephone systems/personal computer intermediate repairer; test measurement and diagnostic equipment technician; artillery electronics technician; aviation communication systems technician; aviation radar repairer; tactical data systems administrator; tactical air operations/air defense systems technician.

Re-enlistment: $59,000, for cyber security technician.