

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AS A NEW SERE SPECIALIST??

Once you have completed the rigors of technical training the work does not stop. As a brand-new SERE Specialist, your primary job will be to hone your craft—practice teaching and instructing students in the field—and accomplishing additional upgrade training (parachute qualifications, combatives programs, etc.)

Once you graduate SERE Specialist Training (SST) and receive your beret, you will be assigned to the 22nd Traing Squadron (TRS) at Fairchild AFB. Your main goal will be to certify as an instructor on the various lessons you will be responsible to teach, both in the classroom and in the field. Lesson research & development, instructional flow and practice teaching will be your focus for the first few months after you earn your beret. You will also work on completing your jump qualifications. You can expect to spend at least one week out of the month in the field teaching the Basic Combat Survival course. In addition, you will support other additional duties such as parachuting and other details common to being a Air Force Airman.

You have most weekends to yourself, but public appearances, and other support requirements levied upon the 22nd Training Squadron are not uncommon, although normally filled on a volunteer basis. You will be constantly challenged and busy within your first three years at Fairchild AFB, but your life as a SERE Specialist will be very stable, allowing ample time for family and the steadiness to plan future events and activities in a way that most career fields in the Air Force do not offer.

Once you have completed all your upgrades and certifications you will be ready to deploy. During your career, you will most likely deploy at least once. Additional deployments will be on a volunteer basis depending on where you are assigned. While deployed your duties will depend greatly on the unit and mission you are supporting, as well as the region you are deployed to. You may be solely responsible for monitoring Isolated Personnel Documents, or involved with helping coordinate personnel recovery missions in theater.

After your third year in the 22nd you will be eligible for either a Permanent Change of Assignment (PCA) or Permanent Change of Station (PCS). A PCA is a move to a different assignment within the SERE school at Fairchild. You can elect to teach Resistance Training, Parachute Training, Academic Instruction, Water Survival, or teach at the Tech School. If you are a cross-trainee, your tour on Fairchild will be limited to 5 years. For Non-Prior Service members, you will be limited to 8 years. You will PCS away from Fairchild to an Operational Support Squadron, Rescue Squadron, Special Operations Group, Special Tactics Squadron, or one of our training detachments (SERE Specialist Screening in Texas, or Arctic Survival in Alaska).

These are not the only options available as a SERE Specialist. As your career progresses and you increase in rank you will be eligible for other opportunities that are specific to the SERE career field. Some other duties currently conducted by SERE Specialists outside of Fairchild include:

- **Personnel Recovery (PR) Program Managers;** Enlisted member in charge of establishing, managing and maintaining Personnel Recovery capabilities for a Geographic Combatant Command.
- **Personnel Recovery Exercise Coordinator;** Enlisted member on a team responsible for testing the recovery capabilities of a theater of operations, to include sister services, down to the capabilities at the unit level.
- **Foreign Internal Defense Support;** Trains coalition and partner nation military members on the fundamentals of personnel recovery as well as how to affect their own rescue.
- **Preparation of the Environment;** Qualified SERE Specialists work with partner nations to establish recovery capabilities for a host nation to enable support if US citizens require assistance abroad.
- **Repatriation/Reintegration;** NCOIC responsible for safeguarding and debriefing isolated personnel that have been recovered by friendly forces.
- **Code of Conduct Continuation Training Program;** Assigned at the Wing level to ensure the warfighter has the most current PR information and is prepared to conduct operations within a given area of responsibility. You will work with recovery forces and the warfighter to ensure they are trained, ready and able to affect their own rescue.

If you have any further questions please feel free to talk with your Cadre or contact the SERE Recruiting Liaison Office (SRLO).

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Great Web Links and Documents to Review Before Deciding to Join Us at SERE:

USAF Recruiting-SERE Specialist Career Field Description

<http://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/survival-evasion-resistance-and-escape-sere/>

USAF SERE Website:

<http://www.gosere.mil>

USAF SERE Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/USAF-SERE/146360652084805>

SERE Specialist (Instructor) Recruitment Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr20SWXXgAI&feature=related>

SERE Promo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ztCsqPCpaQ>

Battlefield Airmen PAST Test Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zdKD0VMKWg&feature=related>

USAFSERECADRE's channel-YouTube & SERE PAST Test Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/USAFSERECADRE>

SERE School Series:

<http://www.hulu.com/survival-school>