Dear SERE Specialist Candidate,

First off, we honestly appreciate you showing interest in SERE. The career field has evolved in the last couple years and continues to grow at a pace that demands highly motivated and hard working people like you to fill those empty seats CONUS as well as Overseas.

Before starting the journey we feel you need to know what you are getting yourself into. If you haven't already, go to our USAF SERE Facebook page and other links identified below. Review the entry requirements, check out the videos, and read the forums/discussions. If married, involve your wife. **One assignment you will have with the recruiter will be to review and follow guidance in the attached "SERE Fact Sheet", sign it if you understand, and turn it in with your enlistment package. In addition, you will be required to talk to SERE Pipeline Manager to discuss your future plans in the career field and he/she will be the approving authority at the headquarters level.**

Next, contact your local Air Force (AF) Recruiter about signing up for a Prior-Service (PS) contract to be a SERE Specialist, AFSC 1T0X1. Your recruiter will walk you through the entire PS process and eventually send me your package to review and approve. Keep in mind that all applicants must meet the eligibility requirements in AFRSI 36-2001 and Fiscal Year PS Procedural Guidance Message (PGM). The Prior Service process is lengthy, 6-11 months on average, due to the hurdles involved. If SERE is what you really want when discussing your future with the recruiter then you need to remain, Professional, Persistent, and Patient. Don't assume anything and ask questions to the right people. FYI: I can answer questions on being a SERE Specialist but the PS Enlistment Program is run/owned by Air Force Recruiting Service. So...it is important to stay in touch with your assigned AF Recruiter.

**Entry Requirements for SERE Specialist**:

**\*\*** *Indicates requirements met by Recruiter/MEPS. The remaining requirements will be met through appointments in Basic Military Training (BMT) at Lackland AFB, TX.*

1. **Reading Test, AFRAT or Equivalent**;

a. 11th Grade Reading Level

b. Conducted and validated by Education Center or Equivalent at BMT.

c. Reading test conducted in FCIII physical does NOT count.

2. **Security Clearance: qualify for a SECRET level clearance**.

3. \*\***ASVAB Score of 55 or higher in “General and Mechanical Areas”**.

4. \*\***EPR’s or Sister Service Equivalent, as many as you can provide, but last five,** if you have been in long enough. The EPRs must have all blocks on the front x'ed to the right and all 5's on the back.

5. **Class III Physical to meet requirements SERE Specialist Duties and Static Line Parachute Training**:

a. May be denied entry into the SERE Specialist career field at MEPS due to a current or past medical or psychological condition.

b. Basic entry physical for the Air Force will be conducted at MEPS and the more detailed Flying Class III physical required for SERE will completed at Lackland during the initial SERE Specialist Training Orientation Course (SST-OC) Course.

5. \*\***SERE PAST Test**; See attached Worksheet for requirements. A passing score is required prior to signing a contract for SERE. This evaluation of your physical condition will be conducted by a T3i Special Operations Developer who is authorized by AF Recruiting to test and work with all Battle Field Airman applicants.

a. Your physical condition is what you control and the PAST evaluation is an OPEN BOOK test. A large percentage of our losses at the SST-OC are related to candidates being in poor physical condition. You need to show up in exceptional physical condition, ready to perform, and exceed the standard.

6. **Psychological Evaluation**:

a. Conducted at Lackland during BMT or Unit if Retraining.

**Note**: IAW the Prior-Service PGM, PS applicants must not require a waiver, Exeption-To-Policy (ETP), or eligibility determination to re-enter.

Next, if you meet the requirements, the basic Prior-Service path is for you to be processed by your recruiting station and receive a report date to Lackland AFB, Texas, similar to a Basic Trainee. Once at Lackland, all sister services will attend the Prior Service Sister Service (PSSSE) Orientation Course (LMAQM9T000 00AA) for one week. This is to prepare you for the Air Force way of life. Then you will be assigned to SERE Specialist Training Orientation Course (SST-OC) nearby at Medina Annex. If you graduate the 15-day long SST-OC Course you will PCS directly to Fairchild AFB, Washington. If married, you will be given 6 days, with exception, to move your immediate family to Fairchild AFB. You may be apprehensive about what you are getting yourself into, totally understand. However, many like you have tried out for SERE and have succeeded.

**Note: Early reporting is authorized and directed for all Prior-Service candidates.** Previous Air Force members will arrive 8 (eight) days prior to the Course Start Date (CSD) for SST-OC. Sister Service candidates will arrive at least 15 days prior to the CSD for SST-OC, if attending the PSSSE Orientation Course first followed by Week of Training “0" at SST-OC. This will allow adequate time for you to meet in-processing requirements and acclimatization for the course.

Finally, you can talk all you want about training into the fast paced, and ever changing career field of being a SERE Specialist, but NOTHING speaks louder than YOUR ACTIONS during training.

**Three Major Reason’s candidates do not make it through:**

1. **Not physically prepared**, many cannot meet the *minimum* requirement.

2. **Not ready to be a new troop again**. You are back in training as a new troop and required to follow the orders of those assigned over you, no matter what the rank. Keep in mind; they are preparing you to succeed in the career field.

3. **Not mentally prepared**, to work hard, live with some discomfort, and push beyond your comfort level. Remember, thousands of other candidates have succeeded.

**Here are the keys to the kingdom in order to succeed:**

1 **Communication**—both directions to the required level and *follow-up!*

2. **Integrity**-Ensure the job is done without others looking over your shoulder.

3. **Teamwork**—Mission accomplishment w/fewest problems. Work

together and watch out for one another.

4. **Motivation—**Positive attitude is contagious, so is a negative one.

If you still have questions about the SERE Specialist career field contact us using information below. Otherwise, go see your local recruiter to get started and join the team. Good Luck!!

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**“Today’s preparation, Determines tomorrow’s success”**

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

 

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USAF SERE Website:

<http://www.gosere.af.mil>

USAF Recruiting-SERE Specialist Career Field Description

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

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>

