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 of becoming a SERE specialist in the US Air Force, you need to know what you are getting yourself into. If you haven't already, go to our GOSERE website, USAF SERE Facebook and other links identified below. Review the entry requirements, check out the videos, and read the forums/discussions. If married, involve your spouse. **First assignment; review the attached "SERE Fact Sheet" below, sign it if you understand, and e-mail us back a signed copy.**

 After you research the career field, contact your local AFRC/ANG Recruiter if new to the military or *Assigned Unit* if Retraining, about signing up as SERE Specialist, AFSC 1T0X1. Next, the key to this whole process is patience and stay on top of the paperwork. Don't assume anything and ask questions to the right people. FYI: We can answer questions on being a SERE Specialist, but if you are a Non-Prior Service applicant the entry process is run/owned by Air Force Recruiting Service. So...it is important to stay in touch with your assigned recruiter or unit.

**Mandatory Entry Requirements for SERE Specialist**:

**\*\*** *Indicates requirements met by Recruiter/MEPS. The remaining requirements will be met through appointments in Basic Military Training (BMT) or during the initial SERE Specialist Orientation Course (SST-OC) at Lackland AFB, TX*

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

 a. 11th Grade Reading Level or higher

 b. Conducted and validated by Education or Learning Center Equivalent.

c. Reading test conducted in Class III physical does NOT count for this requirement.

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

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

4. **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. The evaluation of your physical condition will be conducted by a T3I authorized personnel with the Recruiting Squadron and is an entry requirement for SST-OC.

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.

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 Training:**

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

2. **Not ready to be a new troop again**. For Prior-Service and Retrainee candidates, you are back in training as a new troop again and will be required to follow the orders of those assigned over you, no matter what the rank. That is a hard pill to swallow for some. 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.

So...if you are still motivated and want to join us. Call us at your earliest convenience, we will forward your information to the SERE POC for ANG and AFRC.

Good Luck and Hope to talk to you soon about SERE,

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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:**

 

Visit us on Facebook and Twitter at “**USAF SERE**”

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>

