

## glossary Postings

## Task 1 Translate.

- accompanied tour (n) /ə'kæmp(ə)nɪd tʊə/ A tour of duty where family members travel with a service member.
- activation (n) /æktɪveɪʃn/ Orders to report for active duty.
- augmentee (n) /ɔ:gmentɪ/ A person temporarily attached to a headquarters during exercises, operations and other emergencies.
- contingency establishment (n) /kən'tɪndʒ(ə)nəsi ɪ'stæblɪʃmənt/ The personnel and equipment in a unit at full strength.
- home station (n) /həʊm 'steɪʃn/ The permanent location of a military unit.
- inprocessing (n) /ɪn'prəsesɪŋ/ The system for registering service members arriving at a new duty station.
- orientation briefing (n) /ɔ:riən'teɪʃn 'brɪfɪŋ/ A briefing for service members arriving at a new duty station.
- rotation (n) /rəʊteɪʃn/ Another word for tour of duty.
- subsistence allowance (n) /səb'sɪstəns ə'lauəns/ Money paid to cover the cost of meals and other expenses.
- temporary duty assignment (TDY) (n) /temp(ə)rəri 'dʒu:ti ə'saɪnmənt/ A short-term assignment away from a service member's normal duty station.
- unaccompanied tour (n) /ʌnə'kæmpənɪd tʊə/ A tour of duty where family members are not authorised to travel with a service member.

## Terms of service

## Task 2 Translate.

- commissioned officer (n) /kə'mɪʃnd 'ɒfɪsə/ A service member who holds an official document issued by a government that gives him/her the authority to exercise command over a military unit.
- court martial (n) /kɔ:t 'mɑ:ʃl/ A military court that tries people accused of breaking military law.
- decoration (n) /dekə'reɪʃn/ A medal or other award given to a service member to acknowledge bravery or achievement.
- enlisted ranks (n) /ɪn'lɪstɪd ræŋks/ Those personnel who are not commissioned officers. Called other ranks in the British military.
- fraternization (n) /frætə'narɪzɪʃn/ Prohibited relationships between officers and enlisted members.
- outrank (v) /aʊtræŋk/ To hold a higher rank than another service member.
- performance report (n) /pə'fɔ:məns rɪ'pɔ:t/ A personnel report on a service member's achievements, character, conduct and, in some cases, prospects for promotion to higher rank.
- separation from the service (n) /sepə'reɪʃn frəm ðə 'sɜ:vɪs/ Voluntary or involuntary discharge from the armed forces.
- time in grade (n) /taɪm ɪn greɪd/ The amount of time that a service member has held a particular rank.
- time in service (n) /taɪm ɪn 'sɜ:vɪs/ The number of years or months that a service member has served in the military.

**Task 1 Complete the definitions. Use these words.**

cargo flight-plan manifest post-flight check pre-flight check

- 1 A document that includes all the details of a flight. *flight plan*
- 2 An inspection that is carried out before an aircraft takes off. ....
- 3 An inspection that is carried out after an aircraft lands. ....
- 4 Supplies, vehicles and equipment transported on board an aircraft.  
.....
- 5 A document with all the details of passengers and cargo carried on board an aircraft. ....

**Task 2 Complete the text. Use these words.**

assist brief check command maintain monitor  
operate perform pilot review (x2) supervise

**Job description: Pilot**

Duties and responsibilities: Plans and prepares the mission. Files a flight plan and (1) *briefs* the crew. Ensures that pre-flight and post-flight checks are carried out. (2) ..... the aircraft and (3) ..... the crew.

**Job description: Navigator**

Duties and responsibilities: (4) ..... mission, intelligence and weather information. (5) ..... the pilot in preparing the flight plan and briefing the crew. Navigates the aircraft.

**Job description: Flight engineer**

Duties and responsibilities: (6) ..... aircraft inspections and emergency maintenance. (7) ..... aircraft records. (8) ..... engine controls and (9) ..... aircraft systems.

**Job description: Loadmaster**

Duties and responsibilities: (10) ..... the cargo manifest. (11) ..... aircraft loading, off loading and airdrops. (12) ..... cargo, passengers and troops against the manifest.

**Task 3 Complete the text for you.**

Job description .....

Duties and responsibilities:

- 1 Command .....
- 2 Review .....
- 3 Supervise .....

## Task 1 Match the words with the definitions.

squadron base commander air base wing air force base air base

- 1 A large air force unit that maintains and operates a base. *air base wing*
- 2 An air force installation that conducts air operations. ....
- 3 An air force installation that does not conduct air operations. ....
- 4 An air force unit with a total of 12 to 24 aircraft. ....
- 5 An officer who commands an air base wing. ....

## Task 2 Circle the correct form of the verbs.



Now, to start the briefings this morning, let me say a few words about the base. The base is home to the 217th Airlift Wing. The Wing (1) *(provides) / is providing* air transport for ground and air forces in the Pacific. At this moment, the strategic importance of the base (2) *grows / is growing* and we (3) *currently fly / are currently flying* more missions than ever. In fact, right now, we (4) *prepare / are preparing* to deploy a medical team into Central Asia as part of a UN humanitarian assistance operation. I (5) *believe / am believing* this is an exciting time to be stationed here.

The base (6) *has / is having* excellent facilities for flyers, including a 10,000-foot main runway and a 9,000-foot alternate runway. We (7) *also offer / are also offering* excellent training and maintenance facilities as well as first-class medical facilities and accommodation. At this moment, we (8) *have / are having* approximately 2,500 military members permanently stationed here and more than 800 family members (9) *live / are living* on base. In addition, we (10) *are employing / employ* more than 500 local civilians. At this point, let me mention that we (11) *usually have / are usually having* a barbecue every Friday. I (12) *invite / am inviting* you to come along to these events and meet your new colleagues.

Now, I (13) *hope / am hoping* your stay with us is as rewarding for you as it will be for us, but I want you to remember that while you (14) *stay / are staying* with us, you are representatives of your countries. So, let me say a few words about customs and courtesies. First of all, ...

## Task 3 Complete the text. Use the present simple or present continuous form of these verbs.

comprise consist of hope include understand want want wish

I (1) *want* to say a few words about the 217th Airlift Wing. The Wing (2) ..... four groups – operations, logistics, support and medical – and a headquarters element. The Wing (3) ..... three flying squadrons – the 2nd, 14th and 31st Airlift Squadrons – and also (4) ..... aircraft maintenance and maintenance operations squadrons.

Now, I (5) ..... that you probably (6) ..... to go to work as soon as possible, so I now (7) ..... to introduce your next briefer, Major Lee.

I (8) ..... you enjoy your stay with us.

**Task 1 Complete the conversation. Use these words.**

do you know   ~~do you mind~~   how do you say   what about   what kind  
 where can I find   where's the best place   what about languages

- A So, is this your first time in Incirlik?
- B Yes it is. In fact, it's my first time in Turkey. (1) *Do you mind* if I ask you a couple of questions?
- A Not at all. Go ahead.
- B First of all, what's the nearest town to the base?
- A Incirlik village – that's just outside the base.
- B Uh huh. And (2) ..... where I can buy some souvenirs?
- A Well, you can buy souvenirs on base but most people shop in the village – the prices are better.
- B Uh huh. And what currency is used?
- A The local currency is the Turkish Lira but most shops accept dollars or euros.
- B And (3) ..... to change money?
- A Probably at the finance office on the base.
- B (4) ..... cards? Are credit cards accepted?
- A In most of the bigger shops, but you probably won't be able to use them in the market stalls.
- B (5) ..... ? Is English spoken much there or will I have to learn Turkish to get by?
- A You can get by in English with no problem but it's a really good idea to learn a few words of Turkish.
- B (6) ..... 'hello' in Turkish?
- A Well, you can greet people with 'Nasılsınız' that's 'How are you?' Just ask any of the local staff at the base – they'll be really happy to help you practise.
- B That's a good idea. And (7) ..... of food do they serve at the base?
- A Well, American food. The same typical chow you'll find on any US-run base.
- B Uh huh. And (8) ..... typical local food.
- A You'll have to go off-base. They serve typical Turkish food in the local restaurants. It's really very good.

**Task 2 Look at the conversation in Task 1 and write the questions the speaker uses to ask about the following.**

- 1 local currency *Where's the best place to change money?*
- 2 places to shop .....
- 3 using credit cards .....
- 4 languages that people speak .....
- 5 food and restaurants .....

## Task 1 Complete the chart. Use these words.

airman first class   brigadier general   captain   chief master sergeant  
 lieutenant colonel   lieutenant general   master sergeant

## Officer Rank Structure of the United States Air Force

General of the Air Force	General	1 <i>Lieutenant General</i>	Major General	2	Colonel	3	Major	4	First Lieutenant	Second Lieutenant
0-11	0-10	0-9	0-8	0-7	0-6	0-5	0-4	0-3	0-2	0-1

## Non Commission Officer Rank Structure of the United States Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force	Command Chief Master Sergeant	First Sergeant	5	First Sergeant	Senior Master Sergeant	First Sergeant	6	Technical Sergeant	Staff Sergeant
E-9	E-9	E-9	E-9	E-8	E-8	E-7	E-7	E-6	E-5
Senior Airman			7					Airman Basic	
E-4			E-3	E-2				E-1	

Task 2 Join the sentences with *and* or *but*.

- British Royal Air Force ranks include commissioned officers.
  - British Royal Air Force ranks include other ranks.  
*British Royal Air Force ranks include commissioned officers and other ranks.*
- British officers are saluted as a sign of respect.
  - Officers are addressed as 'sir' or 'ma'am'.
- Other ranks include airmen, NCOs and Warrant Officers – the lowest rank is Aircraftman.
  - All NCOs and warrant officers start out with this rank.
- Promotion for NCOs is different from officers – officers are normally commissioned directly.
  - NCOs must first serve in the ranks.
- NCOs are divided into two categories. Corporals are Junior NCOs – or JNCOs.
  - Sergeants, Chief Technicians and Flight Sergeants are Senior NCOs – or SNCOs.
- Warrant Officers are often included in the category of Senior NCO.
  - Warrant Officers actually form a separate class of their own.
- Senior NCOs and Warrant Officers have their own messes.
  - Junior NCOs live and eat with the junior ranks.



# listening

**Task 1** (1) Listen to the first part of an orientation briefing and tick the topics the briefer talks about.

- The mission of the airlift wing ☐
- Personnel stationed at the base ☐
- Local customs ☐
- Units stationed at the base ☐
- Types of aircraft ☐

**Task 2** (1) Listen again and complete the notes.

Orientation briefing by (1) ..... Brad Rice.  
 McChord Air Force Base  
 - Home to the (2) ..... Airlift Wing.

**MISSION**  
 - To provide (3) tactical and strategic ..... in the western United States  
 and in the (4) ..... region.

**FACILITIES**  
 - Length of runway (5) ..... feet.

**UNITS**  
 - (6) ..... Squadron, equipped with (7) ..... Starlifter aircraft  
 - (8) ..... Squadron, equipped with (9) ..... Globemaster aircraft  
 - (10) ..... Squadron, equipped with (11) ..... and  
 (12) ..... aircraft

**PERSONNEL**  
 - (13) 550 active duty .....  
 - (14) 3,000 active duty ..... members  
 - nearly (15) 5,000 ..... members  
 - more than (16) 950 ..... , including maintenance contractors

**Task 3** (2) Listen to the rest of the briefing and write true or false.

- 1 The 62d Wing was first established in 1991. ....
- 2 The Wing is assigned to the 15th Air Force. ....
- 3 Operation Just Cause involved airdrop and airlift operations in the Persian Gulf.  
 .....
- 4 Operation Desert Shield took place in 1990. ....
- 5 Operation Joint Endeavor was a humanitarian assistance mission in the  
 Philippines. ....

Now listen to track 2 again and correct the false statements.

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