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USAFA Aero Club Membership Eligibility – per USAF AFI34-101 (16 Apr 2019)

In summary, those eligible for membership in the USAFA Aero Club are Medal of Honor recipients, former POWs, active or retired military personnel, discharged military personnel with full disability, USAFA cadets, faculty, staff, and alumni; other service academy cadets, ROTC cadets, US government employees, DOD civilian active and retired contractors, dependents of the aforementioned, and Civil Air Patrol members.

Details include the following:

12.5. Membership Categories. Membership eligibility is prioritized. Club managers must ensure eligible personnel join the club using the AFSVA web based membership management system which produces a virtual identification card. **(T-1).**

12.5.1. The installation commander ensure persons eligible for membership who decline to join the club will not be guests of members. **(T-3).**

12.5.2. Membership categories are as follows:

12.5.2.1. All active duty military members and active duty Total Force personnel of the United States Armed Forces assigned to or directly supported by the installation.

12.5.2.2. Current, retired and family members of the DoD and United States Coast Guard civilians (appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund). Civilian members in grade scale General Schedule 7 or Nonappropriated Fund III and above, or equivalent, are eligible for and will be treated as officers if membership in an AF club is desired. General Schedule 6 and below or nonappropriated fund equivalent are eligible for the enlisted club membership.

12.5.2.3. Members of United States Reserve Components and National Guard units.

12.5.2.4. Cadets of Service Academies.

12.5.2.5. Members of Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on active duty.

12.5.2.6. Scholarship and contract Reserve Officer Training Corp Cadets.

12.5.2.7. Delayed entry personnel and their family members: officers and enlisted personnel who join the Armed Service that elect to delay entry into active duty.

12.5.2.8. Honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent Service-connected disability. These members are not charged dues.

12.5.2.9. Medal of Honor recipients. These members are not charged dues.

12.5.2.10. Un-remarried surviving spouses of personnel who died while on active duty or while in retired status. Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card is sufficient documentation of this status. These members may be charged dues at not more than half the normal dues rate, as determined locally (membership in the club is commensurate with the grade of the former spouse or sponsor).

12.5.2.11. Un-remarried former spouses who were married to military members for at least 20 years while the military member was on active duty to the Armed Forces. (Membership in the club is commensurate with the grade of the former spouse.)

12.5.2.12. Orphans of military members, when not adopted by new parents, and under 21 years old (can be over 21 if the orphans are incapable of supporting themselves, or up to 23 years old if the orphans are a full-time student)

12.5.2.13. Medical personnel under contract to the military DoD component during periods when personnel are residing on the installation.

12.5.2.14. Military personnel of foreign nations when on orders from the United States Armed Forces, or in overseas areas when the major command commander grants privileges in the best interest of the United States foreign warrant officers without officer status in their native country are not eligible for membership in officers' clubs.

12.5.2.15. Paid members of the American Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association, United Service Organization, and United Seamen's Service when assigned with United States Armed Forces outside the United States.

12.5.2.16. US employees of firms under contract to DoD working on an installation when assigned in areas outside the United States. The club manager must ensure these memberships are compliant to applicable Status of Forces Agreements and other international agreements. **(T-0)**.

12.5.2.17. DoD contractor personnel and technical representatives working full time on the installation.

12.5.2.18. Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets when participating in field training.

12.5.2.19. Former prisoners of war and spouses of prisoners of war or service members missing in action. These members are not charged dues.

12.5.2.20. Gold Star Families members. Gold Star families include immediate relatives of U.S. Armed Forces members who died in combat or in support of certain military activities (Gold Star Lapel Button Families) or who died on Active Duty (Gold Star Next of Kin Families). These relatives can be parents, sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters as defined in DoDI 1348.36, *Gold Star Lapel Button, Service Flag, and Service Lapel Button*.

12.5.2.21. Other United States Federal employees within the United States. The installation commander must recertify the memberships annually. **(T-3)**. These are Federal employees who are not US DoD and US Coast Guard civilians (appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund).

12.5.2.22. Leaders in the local community designated by the installation commander. These memberships will subject to applicable Status of Forces Agreements and other international agreements. **(T-0)**. These members may be charged dues. Installation commander must recertified these members annually. **(T-3)**.

12.5.2.23. Local national employees working full time on the installation. These members are charged dues. These members must be recertified annually by the installation commander and are subject to applicable Status of Forces Agreements and other international agreements. **(T-0)**.

| CATEGORY | PRIORITY | AUTHORIZED GROUP | COMMENTS |
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| Uniform Service members and their family members | 1 | <p>Member on active duty (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard).</p> <p>Members of the Reserve Components (Ready Reserve, National Guard; Reservists in training).</p> <p>Cadets of Service Academies and U.S. Merchant Marine Cadets.</p> <p>Members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on active duty.</p> <p>Scholarship/Contract Reserve Officer Training Corp cadets.</p> | <p>Child care priorities refer to DoDI 6060.02, <i>Child Development Programs</i>.</p> <p>Reserve Officer Training Cadets refer to Note 1.</p> <p>Delayed entry personnel refer to Note 2 and 3.</p> |
| | | Delayed Entry Personnel and their family members: officers and enlisted personnel who join the Armed Services that elect to delay entry into active duty. | |
| Service retirees and their family members | 2 | Retired from active duty. | |
| | 3 | Members of the Retired Reserve, and retired without pay (including those who have qualified for retired pay at age 60 but have not yet reached age 60), and their family members. | Priority 3 for all category A & B activities. Have the same priority as retired from active duty, and their families, in category C activities. |
| Others separated from the Armed Forces and their family members | 4 | <p>Honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability and involuntarily separated service.</p> <p>Members under the Transition Assistance Management Program. Personnel separated under the Voluntary Separation Incentive and Special Separation Benefit programs for two years after separation.</p> | |
| | 5 | Medal of Honor recipients. | |
| Former and/or surviving spouses and family members | 6 | Un-remarried surviving spouses of personnel who died while on active duty or while in retired status. | |
| | 7 | Un-remarried former spouses who were married to military members for at least 20 years while the military member was on active duty in the Armed Forces. | |
| | 8 | Orphans of military members, when not adopted by new parents, and under 21 years old (can be over 21 | |

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| | | if the orphans are incapable of supporting themselves, or up to 23 years old if the orphans are in full-time study). | |
| US DoD and Coast Guard civilians (including nonappropriated fund employees) and their family members | 9 | When stationed outside the US. | |
| Other supporters of DoD | 10 | US Federal employees when assigned in areas outside the US. | |
| | 11 | Medical personnel under contract to the military DoD Component during periods when the personnel are residing on the installation. | |
| | 12 | Military personnel of foreign nations and their family members when on orders from the US Armed Forces, or in overseas areas when the Major Command commander grants privileges in the best interest of the U.S. | |
| | 13 | Paid members of the American Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association, United Services Organization and other non-Federal Entity identified in DoDI 1000.15, <i>Procedures and Support for Non-Federal Entities Authorized to Operate on Department of Defense Installations</i> when assigned with US Armed Forces outside the US. | |
| | 14 | US employees of firms under contract to the DoD working on an installation when assigned in areas outside the Unites States. | |

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