DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) ANNOUNCEMENT # 26-1208nat
OPENING DATE: 5 December 2025   CLOSING DATE: 6 January 2026

Position Title: Information Technology (IT) Systems
Unit/Duty Location: ANG CRTC, Gulfport, MS

Min Grade: AB/E1	**Security Clearance:** TOP SECRET
Max Grade: MSgt/E7	**PULHES:** 3,3,3,2,3,2
UMD Position AFSC: 1D771	**ASVAB Requirements:** E:60

Area(s) of Consideration: (1) Members of the MS National Guard (Statewide) and (2) any applicant that can become a member of the MS Air National Guard (Nationwide)

Special Note: This FULL TIME MILITARY duty position vacancy in the Air National Guard is announced and will be filled under the provisions of Section 502(f), Title 32 and United States Code.

Specialty Summary: IT Systems personnel can perform three primary work roles: Technical Support, Systems Administrator, and Network Operations. IT systems technicians qualified as Technical Support manage and maintain client devices and accounts as well as routine tasks on network devices and infrastructure to troubleshoot and resolve network connectivity issues. At the intermediate and advanced proficiency levels, Systems Administrators manage and maintain server operating systems and software applications. Network Operations personnel install, support, and maintain network infrastructure devices and systems. Each role requires a unique set of skills and competencies, and IT systems personnel may specialize in one or more of these work roles depending on their expertise, interests, and the position requirements. IT systems manage and perform Warfighter Communications in all environments in support of the overall requirements to survey, secure, protect, defend, preserve, design, build, operate, and extend data, networks, net-centric capabilities, and other designated systems. This Air Force Specialty Code incorporates the use of DCWF codes to tie this specialty to the framework. The DCWF was developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the DoD to establish a common lexicon and model for all cyber work. The DCWF will universalize training and education between academia, industry, and military. It will also enable talent management by ensuring the right Airmen, for the right assignment, at the right time. DCWF work roles associated with this specialty will be listed in the Career Field Education and Training Plan (CFETP).

Duties and Responsibilities: The available duties and responsibilities can encompass: Technical Support. IT systems personnel qualified as Technical Support design, build, provision, maintain, and sustain information systems, including warfighter communications, within the Department of the Air Force (DAF). This role is responsible for deploying, sustaining, troubleshooting, and repairing standard voice, data, video network, and cryptographic client devices in fixed and deployed environments. The individual will manage client user accounts and organizational client device accounts and perform, coordinate, integrate, and supervise network design, configuration, operation, defense, restoration, and improvements. System Administrator. IT systems personnel qualified as a System Administrator design, build, provision, maintain, and sustain information systems, including warfighter communications, within the Department of the Air Force (DAF)... The individual will install, support, and

maintain server operating systems or other computer systems and the software applications pertinent to its operation, while also ensuring current defensive mechanisms are in place. They will also respond to service outages and interruptions to network operations and administer server-based networked systems, distributed applications, network storage, messaging, and application monitoring required to provision, sustain, operate, and integrate cyber networked systems and applications in garrison and at deployed locations. Network Operations. IT systems personnel qualified as Network Operations, design, build, provision, maintain, and sustain information systems, including warfighter communications, within the Department of the Air Force (DAF This role is responsible for deploying, sustaining, troubleshooting, and repairing standard voice, data, and video network infrastructure systems, IP detection systems, and cryptographic equipment .The individual is also responsible for fabricating, terminating, and interconnecting wiring and associated network infrastructure devices. They will also respond to service outages and interruptions to network operations. Expeditionary Communications delivers cyber capabilities in austere and mobile environments. Expeditionary Communications includes all applicable statutes, but specifically datalinks, the building, operating, maintaining, securing, and sustaining of tactical and communications networks when needed to support warfighter requirements, systems employed in austere, mobile, and/or expeditionary environments, to provide command and control in support of Air and Space Force missions.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Length of Tour: IAW ANGI 36-101, paragraph 6.2.1., Initial tours will not exceed 6 years and constitutes the Probationary Period. Follow-on tour will not exceed six years and will not be extended beyond an enlisted Airman's Expiration Term of Service (ETS) or an Officer's Mandatory Separation date (MSD).
Initial Tour will be 3 years

Appointment: The publication of AGR orders by HRO will be the official appointment into the Mississippi Air National Guard AGR program. **No commitment** will be made by the command to any applicant prior to the review of qualifications by the HRO and TAG approved appointment through the Officer Action Board (if applicable).

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

1. Individuals must meet Physical Fitness Standards. Applicants must provide a printed copy of the electronic Air Force Fitness Assessment Results dated within the past 12 months of application close date, reference AFI36-2905. (Note: Your full name must be printed on the official copy)
2. Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve or the United States Air Force members who have not achieved a passing Fitness Program score are not eligible for entry into the AGR Program.
3. Air National Guard members must meet the physical qualifications outlined in AFI48-123. Submit AF Form 422 validated by your medical personnel, current within 12 months.
4. An applicant on a medical profile may apply and be selected for an AGR tour; however, the selectee may not begin the AGR active duty tour until the medical restrictions are released.
5. Must meet any Special Requirements outlined in the AFECD/AFOCD.
6. Failure to maintain a security clearance will result in removal from the AGR program.
7. Selected individual must extend/re-enlist for a period equal to or greater than initial tour end date.
8. Enlisted applicant's military grade cannot exceed the maximum UMD military grade authorized. Overgrade enlisted applicant must indicate, in writing, the willingness to be administratively reduced in grade when assigned to the position. Officers may not enter into the AGR program in an overgrade status.
9. IAW ANGI 36-101, paragraph 5.2, the intent of the AGR program is to access AFSC qualified individuals. However, any applicant selected that does not possess the AFSC, must sign an agreement to retrain to include the statement in paragraph 5.2.1.1 of ANGI 36-101. Failure to meet and maintain training requirements will result in removal from the AGR program.
10. IAW ANGI 36-101, paragraph 5.7, an individual must not have been previously separated for cause from active duty or previous Reserve Component AGR tour.

11. IAW ANGI 36-101, paragraph 5.10, applicants should be able to attain 20 years of Total Active Federal Military Service (TAFMS) in the AGR career program. Waiver authority of this requirement is The Adjutant General (TAG). Individuals selected for AGR tours that cannot attain 20 years of active federal Service prior to reaching mandatory separation must complete a Statement of Understanding contained in Attachment 3 of ANGI 36-101.

12. IAW ANGI 36-101, paragraph 6.6.1., members should remain in the position to which initially assigned for a minimum of 24 months. TAG may waive this requirement when in the best interest of the unit, State, or Air National Guard.

13. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of their education, experience, training, and performance. Consideration will be based on available information contained in the individual's application.

14. Eligibility/Mandatory requirements for the AFSC(s) advertised are located in the current AFECD/AFOCD.

15. ASVAB requirements must be met prior to submitting application. Any application received not meeting ASVAB requirements will be disqualified.

Bonus/Incentive Recipients: If you currently receive any type of incentive such as bonus, student loan repayment, or GI Bill Kicker, these incentives will stop effective on the first day of full time employment with the Mississippi Air National Guard. ***Contact your RETENTION OFFICE MANAGER.***

Equal Opportunity: The Mississippi National Guard is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Assignment will be made without discrimination for any reason such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, politics, or marital status. The management of AGRs will be free of discrimination IAW ANGI 36-7, ANG Military Equal Opportunity Program.

Application Submission Instructions: Submit all forms in their entirety. Additional documents such as resumes, may be included but are not required. **Be advised that applications are not reviewed until after the announcement closes. HRO does not notify members of missing or erroneous information. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

Minimum required documents to be submitted (in this order):

Air Force Applicants:

1. **NGB Form 34 -1** - Application for Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Position signed. Ensure an explanation is attached for required answers given in Section IV
2. **AF Form 422** – Must be obtained from your Medical Group. Must be dated within last 12 months
3. **Physical Fitness Report -** Fitness Tracker Report from myFITNESS or current system of record for physical fitness– Official printout from current physical fitness database showing a current, passing score of 75 or higher. Official copy must have your name printed on it. The Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment Scorecard is NOT an acceptable substitution
4. **Records Review (aka RIP)** - Virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF) version is preferred but the MilPDS version is acceptable. Print and submit all pages (Do not send a Career Data Brief or PCARS as they do not provide all of the required information to validate qualifications)
5. **College Transcripts** (only when listed as required)
6. **Other Documents** – Resume', special training certificates, etc.

Army Applicants (may apply to un-restricted announcements only):

1. **NGB Form 34 -1** - Application for Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Position signed. Ensure an explanation is attached for required answers given in Section IV
2. **IMR Record** - Most recent Medical Protection System (MEDPROS) Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) Record accessible through Army Knowledge Online (AKO). The PHA date on the IMR must be dated within the last 15 months to be valid
3. **DA Form 3349 -** Physical Profile (if applicable)
4. **DA Form 705** – Army Physical Fitness Test Scorecard

5. **Soldier Record Brief (SRB)**
6. **REDD Report** (enlisted only) – can be obtained through recruiters
7. **College Transcripts** (only when listed as required)
8. **Other Documents** – Resume', special training certificates, etc.

Applications must be sent electronically via GEARS 6.0 and must be received before 2359 hours on the closing date of the announcement to be processed. Any missing required documents will result in disqualification. Submittals of any missing required documents after the closing date will **NOT** be accepted.
GEARS is an automated packet/document routing and tracking system built on a SharePoint platform that implements global management of business processes. It provides both pre-built and custom user-defined workflow. GEARS can be located via the AF Portal by typing GEARS in the AF Portal Search Engine or by copying and pasting the link below into your web browser.

***New GEARS 6.0 website - https://gears.army.mil/dashboard

Step 1: Scan and save **all** application documents as **one (1)** .pdf file (do not send individual pdf files)
Step 2: Save file as: **Announcement # LastName FirstName** (ie. 20-1201 Doe John)
Step 3: Log into GEARS 6.0 - https://gears.army.mil/dashboard
Step 4: Select the **Create a Packet** (located in the upper right header information)
Step 5: In the **Packet Name** field, enter your file name (i.e. 20-1201_Doe_John)
Step 6: For **Organization**, click "Choose", then select applicable organizations to find your unit, ensure "Make this my default organization" is checked, click "Submit". (For MS ANG members: select US Air Force, Air National Guard; for MS ARNG members: select US Army, Army National Guard)
Step 7: For **Packet Type,** click "Choose", then select the "Hiring Actions" icon.
Step 8: Select the blue **Save Draft icon** at the bottom of the screen
Step 9: On the left-hand side under **Discussion/Instructions**, type in Application (required field)
Step 10: Scroll down and enter **Deadline** date (date announcement closes)
Step 11: Under **Packet Files,** click Supporting. Navigate to your saved file and double click the file to be uploaded. If the file is uploaded successfully, you will see the file listed under Support Files.
Step 12: At the top, middle of the page, click on **Enter Assignee**
Step 13: Type my last name: **Hammarstrom**, then click on my name when it appears
Step 14: Under **Action Requested**, select Concur/Nonconcur
Step 15: Click **Save Draft** at the bottom of the screen
Step 16: The **Save Draft** should change to **Submit Packet**, if not, click **Save Draft** again, then **Submit Packet**
Step 17: Log out of GEARS 6.0

The GEARS platform is not intended to be used for long term storage of files. All applications received through GEARS 6.0 will be downloaded to the HRO network as they are received and deleted from GEARS. Once received, all application documents to include selection documentation become the property of HRO and will not be released to any applicant for any reason.

The HRO is not responsible for any malfunctions when using electronic means to transmit job

applications. Be sure to allow yourself enough submission time.

==Applications may be submitted by email ONLY if the GEARS platform is malfunctioning.**==**

Questions and concerns can be addressed to:

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