



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) ANNOUNCEMENT # 26-0506
OPENING DATE: 29 May 2026 CLOSING DATE: 11 June 2026

Position Title: RF Transmissions and Electromagnetic Activities

Unit/Duty Location: 172 AW, Jackson, MS

Min Grade: TSgt/E6

Max Grade: MSgt/E7

UMD Position AFSC: 1D772R

Security Clearance: SECRET

PULHES: 3,3,3,2,3,2

ASVAB Requirements: M:42

Area(s) of Consideration: (1) Members of the MS National Guard (Statewide) *(Applications from members not currently assigned to a unit or duty station in MS will not be considered for this announcement)*

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: Radio Frequency (RF) Transmissions and Electromagnetic Activities (EMA) **involve** the use of electromagnetic energy to support a wide range of military and civilian operations. An RF Technician is responsible for installing, integrating, maintaining, and repairing RF communication equipment. They work with a variety of RF systems, including radio, and cellular communication networks, and specialize in propagation techniques such as Line of Sight, HF, SATCOM, and Troposcatter in both fixed and tactical environments. Spectrum Operations personnel are responsible for managing and coordinating the use of the electromagnetic spectrum in a particular geographic area. They analyze requirements and requests for frequencies, and work to ensure that different systems and devices can operate without interfering with each other. This may involve coordinating with other spectrum users, such as government agencies or commercial entities, and making recommendations for the allocation of frequencies. Spectrum Operations Technicians must have a deep understanding of wireless communications systems and the principles of electromagnetism, as well as knowledge of relevant regulations and standards. They may also be involved in the development of new spectrum-dependent technologies and applications. Together, RF and EMA technicians play a critical role in ensuring the effective and secure use of the electromagnetic spectrum in a variety of contexts. DCWF work roles associated with this specialty will be listed in the Career Field Education and Training Plan (CFETP).

Duties and Responsibilities: Performs/supervises wireless radio and satellite systems and equipment maintenance activities. Oversees work in progress and reviews completed repairs for sound maintenance practices. Establishes requirements for maintenance equipment, support equipment, tools, and spare parts. Requisitions, accounts for, and turns in supplies and material. Interprets inspection findings and determines adequacy of corrective action. Reviews and ensures compliance with maintenance management publications and procedures. Identifies maintenance problem areas and recommends corrective action. Recommends methods to improve equipment performance and maintenance procedures. Evaluates justification and practicability of proposed modifications. Develops and enforces safety standards for ground RF system maintenance activities

Inspects wireless radio/satellite communications activities. Determines equipment operational status. Serves on teams to evaluate transmission systems activities. Interprets inspection findings submitted by other inspecting activities and initiates corrective action. Determines adequacy of corrective action. Checks installed and repaired components for compliance with technical publications. Resolves installation, repair, overhaul, and modification problems associated with communications equipment. Employs orbiting communication satellite, line-of-sight, and tropospheric scatter techniques. Installs, maintains, reconstitutes, removes, and modifies coaxial cabling, waveguide and antenna systems. Conducts tests to restore and maintain systems. Uses anti-jam equipment and techniques to neutralize effects of communication jamming. Uses layout drawings, schematics, and pictorial diagrams to solve maintenance problems. Analyzes construction and operating characteristics of equipment to determine source of malfunction. Performs intricate alignment and calibration procedures to ensure maximum operating efficiency. Determines repair procedures necessary to correct defective equipment. Installs ground radio, satellite, and telemetry communications equipment. Consults layout drawings to ensure equipment is properly positioned. Checks equipment for serviceability prior to installation. Assembles, connects, secures, and interconnects components such as transmitters, power supplies, and antenna assemblies. Tests installed equipment for proper assembly of components and compliance with technical orders. Places in operation and tunes, adjusts, and aligns components to obtain maximum operating efficiency. Identifies and locates Radio Frequency interference sources. Deploys and activates mobile and transportable transmission equipment. Refers to plans and equipment specifications to conduct site and equipment surveys and establishes equipment systems interface. Unpacks, inspects, and positions communications equipment; erects antennas; and interconnects communications facilities. Performs preventive maintenance on communications systems and related equipment. Inspects equipment at specified intervals to determine operational status. Replaces defective components. Performs operational checks. Updates maintenance data collection records and systems to document actions completed. Repairs, overhauls, and modifies communications and related equipment. Isolates malfunctions using system checking procedures, required test equipment, analyzing voltage and waveform measurements, schematic diagrams, and equipment operating characteristics. Repairs equipment, including transmitters, receivers, transceivers, and related equipment. Tunes and adjusts components. Adjusts, aligns, and calibrates equipment for maximum operating efficiency. Fabricates and connects various types of antenna systems and transmission lines. Understands antenna fundamentals, including antenna theory and principles of rotators, amplifiers and control cables. Tests repaired components using bench mockups and related test equipment. Maintains inspection and maintenance records to include organizational device accounts. Posts entries on maintenance and inspection records. Records meter readings and other pertinent data in equipment logs. Completes maintenance data collection forms. Performs installation spectrum management duties as required. Engineers, nominates, assigns, and proactively ensures access to frequencies that support communications and operational requirements. Coordinates frequency needs with Federal, military, civil, and international spectrum management agencies. Secures operating authority and ensures the least possible interference is caused or received by Air Force electromagnetic systems. Drafts and reviews spectrum interference reports. Resolves electromagnetic interference problems with the use of spectrum analysis software, and spectrum scanning equipment.

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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