



## Career Finder Scavenger Hunt – Military Careers

In this activity you will learn about career options in the military.

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- 1) Log into your account at [www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov](http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov).
- 2) Select the Career Planning link from the top of the page.
- 3) Next, choose the Explore Careers link. This link is found at the top of the screen and in the middle.
- 4) In the box titled Career Exploration Tools, select the Career Finder link.
- 5) From the Career Finder page, notice the list of characteristics on the left side of the page.
- 6) Select the Military link from the bottom of the left side of the screen.
- 7) From the next screen, check the Military-only careers box. Then choose the See Your Matching Careers link.
- 8) How many Military-only careers are listed? Hint: Look at the top left corner. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Click the back arrow and this time, check the Civilian careers with military equivalents box. Then choose the See Your Matching Careers link.
- 10) How many Civilian careers with military equivalents careers are listed? Hint: Look at the top left corner. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) With your list of Civilian careers with military equivalents list up, select the Education Level characteristic from the top of left corner of the screen.
- 12) Check the one to two years post-secondary training box (Leave the High school not completed (but preferred) and the High school completed (GED) boxes checked). How many careers are listed? \_\_\_\_\_



13) On this same screen, find the listing for Data Key Entry. What are the earnings for this career?

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What type of education is needed? \_\_\_\_\_

14) Further down on the screen, find the listing for Electrician. What are the earnings for this career?

What type of education is needed? \_\_\_\_\_

15) Comparing the education needed and earnings for the careers of Data Key Entry and Electrician, what generalization can you make about education and earnings?

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16) Let's try another search. From the top of your page, select the Explore Careers link. Hint: The link will appear in yellow. From the Career Exploration Tools box select Career Finder. This time around you will need to select the clear your choices and start again link from the middle of the screen.

17) From the list of characteristics on the left side of the screen, choose the Military link. On the next screen check the Military-only careers box. Then, select the See Your Matching Careers link.

18) How many of the careers listed have the designation (Military – Enlisted) in their title? \_\_\_\_\_

19) How many of the careers listed have the designation (Military – Officer) in their title? \_\_\_\_\_

20) Compare the education needed for those careers designated (Military – Enlisted) with those designated (Military – Officer). What level of education is needed to be an officer in the military? -

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21) Now, find and select the characteristic of Work Hours and Travel on the left side of the screen. On the next screen, place a check in the all six boxes. Finally, select the See Your Matching Careers link.

22) How many careers are listed? \_\_\_\_\_

23) If there are a total of 25 military-only careers, and all but six require rotating shift work, irregular hours, weekend work, overtime work, seasonal work and overnight travel, what does this tell you about your life if you were to choose a career in the military?

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**Reflection**

24) After completing this worksheet, are you still interested in a career in the military or a career with military equivalents? Why or why not?

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