

Basic Military Training Instructor....Do you have what it takes?

You have seen the headlines and read the articles addressing the drastic need for basic military training instructors ... but do you have what it takes to become one?

The Air Force is no longer in "Airman draw-down mode," but instead we are working toward increasing our force. Air Force recruiters are working hard trying to find quality recruits and our MTIs are working extra hard to create combat-ready Airman out of civilians. Simply stated: they need your help!

I recently had the opportunity to re-visit Basic Military Training. My visit consisted of a BMT mission brief, viewing a graduation parade and a visit to the dorms. My visit concluded with lunch in the dining facility with the MTIs. During lunch, they discussed the many challenges they are facing with their shortage of instructors. Longer work hours and fewer days off between flights are just a couple of their concerns and challenges. When asked what type of Airmen they are looking for, their reply was simple — your best! Oftentimes, Airmen want to become an MTI for the wrong reasons, such as to get an assignment to San Antonio or to get out of their current location. Most MTIs I spoke with agreed that these reasons for becoming a MTI are wrong and that they make the worst MTIs. Given the manning shortage, they are without a doubt producing the best combat enlisted force I have seen in my 21 years in the Air Force!

Are you ready to accept the challenges and rewards of become a MTI? Visit the MTI website at <http://www.usafmtia.org/Instructors/MTIRecruiting/> This website has a link to the Air Force Portal MTI site. Applicants from all AFSCs are eligible to apply.

If you desire more information about becoming a military training instructor or any other special duty, please contact me at 226-7829 or email me at robin.hawkins@misawa.af.mil to set up an appointment.



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Enlisted Heroes Walk

The first flight formation of Airmen preparing to graduate from basic military training march over the Enlisted Heroes Walk during the Jan. 2 ceremony at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.