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Announcement Number: 26-023

POSITION TITLE: Cyber Defense Operations	AFSC 1D771	OPEN DATE: 19 February 2026	CLOSE DATE: 12 March 2026
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UNIT OF ACTIVITY/DUTY LOCATION: 159 th Communications Squadron, New Orleans, Louisiana	GRADE REQUIREMENT: Min: E-6 Max: E-7
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SELECTING SUPERVISOR: Capt Ryan T. Baldwin	Position Number 1080712
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AREAS OF CONSIDERATION

On-board LA ANG AGR (Must Hold *1D7X1)

****This position is not to be filled until it is officially vacated by the incumbent.****

MAJOR DUTIES

Please refer to attached pages for more info on the major duties and initial qualifications for this position for this AFSC or go to: <https://www.my.af.mil> to review the AFECD

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In addition to criteria listed on attached pages
- Security Clearance - Must attain and maintain: Top Secret

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

In accordance with HRO and ANGI 36-101, the Selection Official has requested the following documents. While applications that do not include these documents will not be disqualified by HRO, their omission may negatively impact the selection process.

1. Cover Letter
2. Resume
3. Last three (3) EPRs / OPRs
4. Letter(s) of Recommendation

ACTIVE GUARD AND RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

AGR Program Entry and Tour Guidelines – LA ANG

- **Initial AGR Tours:** Initial tours with the Louisiana Air National Guard (LA ANG) may not exceed five (5) years. AGR tours cannot extend beyond an enlisted member's Expiration Term of Service (ETS) or an officer's Mandatory Separation Date (MSD).
- **Fitness Requirements:** Applicants must meet the minimum requirements in each fitness component and achieve a composite score of 75 or higher to qualify for entry into the AGR program. Members with a documented Duty Limitation Code (DLC) that prevents completion of one or more components of the Fitness Assessment must have an overall rating of "Pass."
- **Medical and Readiness Requirements:**
 - Selected individuals must meet medical qualifications outlined in AFI 48-123, Medical Examination and Standards.
 - Members must be current in all Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) requirements, including immunizations.
 - RCPHA/PHA and dental exams must have been completed within 12 months prior to AGR tour start.
 - An HIV test must be completed within six (6) months of the tour start date.
- **Overgrade Assignments:** Enlisted Airmen voluntarily accepting a position that results in an overgrade must submit a written voluntary demotion letter with their application, in accordance with ANGI 36-2503, Administrative Demotion of Airmen. The application package will not be processed without this documentation.
- **AFSC Qualification:** If the selected applicant does not currently possess the required AFSC, they must complete all required training and meet assignment criteria within 12 months of assignment. Failure to do so may result in termination of the AGR tour. Extensions beyond the 12-month period will be considered only if delays are beyond the applicant's control.
- **For additional details, please refer to ANGI 36-101, Active Guard Reserve Program.**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CRITERIA

- Upon selection additional medical verification will be required prior to start of AGR tour
- Any Individual(s) selected for this position must meet EFMP requirements for the duty location at time of assignment.
- Members that do not meet EFMP standards for the duty location may be subject to a rescinded offer of employment.
- Continuation beyond initial tour may be subject to evaluation based on AGR Continuation Board
- Selection is not a promise of promotion

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be signed and dated. Applications received with an unsigned NGB 34-1 will not be forwarded for consideration. Per ANGI 36-101, the application package must include at a minimum items 1-3 listed below. If the required documents are not submitted, a letter of explanation must be included. Incomplete packages will not be considered for the position vacancy:

1. **NGB Form 34-1** (*announcement number and position title must be annotated on the form*)
2. **CURRENT full Records Review RIP** from Virtual MPF <https://vmpf.us.af.mil/vMPF/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>
3. **CURRENT PASSING Report of Individual Fitness** from MyFSS/MyFitness <(must not show a "fitness due date" that is in the past) (or) a signed letter from the UFPM. If exempt, please include Form 469 with application)
4. **Items requested in the "PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS ORDER" section above.**

Application Documents Order:

- 1. (Mandatory) NGB Form 34-1
- 2. (Mandatory) Records Review RIP
- 3. (Mandatory) **Passing** Report of Individual Fitness
- 4. (Recommended) Cover Letter
- 5. (Recommended) Resume
- 6. (Recommended) Last three (3) EPRs / OPRs
- 7. (Recommended) Letter(s) of Recommendation

EMAILING REQUIREMENTS:

Consolidate all required documents into **ONE single PDF** ([adobe portfolio is not accepted](#)). To preserve signatures, consider printing signed documents to PDF before combining files. **Name the PDF file as follows: Last Name, Announcement Number, Position Title.**

Example: Doe, 26-XXX

Email Subject should be: Last Name, Announcement Number, Position Title

Example: Doe,26-XXX, Cyber Defense Operations

Email Application Package to: nq.la.laarnng.mbx.agr-branch-air@army.mil

**** There is a known issue that digital signatures are being removed from the NGB Form 34-1 once combined as one PDF. To avoid this, once you sign and save the NGB Form 34-1, go to Print, then select "Microsoft Print to PDF". Click Print. Use this copy of the form to combine into the required documents and send to HRO. Always verify the signature is present before you sent to HRO. ****

QUESTIONS: Applicants may call HRO for initial review of application and to verify receipt prior to closeout date. DSN 278-8753/8754 or Commercial 504-278-8753/8754 cassie.l.ellis.mil@army.mil / khisha.m.donald.mil@army.mil. Assistance will be rendered in the order the request was received.

AFSC 1D771, Craftsman
 AFSC 1D751, Journeyman
 AFSC 1D731, Apprentice
 AFSC 1D711, Helper

★INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SYSTEMS (Changed 31 Oct 25)

1. ★**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).

2. ★**Duties and Responsibilities:**

2.1. The available duties and responsibilities can encompass:

2.2. ★**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.

2.3. **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

2.4. ★**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.

2.5. **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.

3. ★**Specialty Qualifications:**

3.1. Knowledge. This specialty requires knowledge principles, technologies, capabilities, limitations, and cyber threat vectors of servers, clients, operating systems, databases, networks and related hardware and software. Cybersecurity principles include national and international laws, policies, and ethics related to operational cybersecurity; operational risk management processes; and specific operational impacts of lapses in cybersecurity. The installation and maintenance management functions include wire transmission principles; electrical and light wave communications; wireless fundamentals, and cable testing procedures.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, completion of high school or general educational development equivalency is mandatory. Additional courses in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are desirable. Associate degree or higher in related fields and/or Information Technology (IT) certification is desirable.

3.3. Training. For award of the 1D731X, completion of the suffix-specific initial skills training course is mandatory.

3.4. Experience. The following experience is mandatory for award of the AFSC indicated:

3.4.1. There are no specific upgrade requirements for the slick AFSC 1D7X1 not already defined in the training AFI.

3.4.2. For award of the 1D751, qualification in and possession of 1D731X, and experience in suffix specific functions.

3.4.3. For award of the 1D771, qualification in and possession of 1D751 and experience in suffix specific functions.

3.4.4. For award of the 1D791, qualification in and possession of 1D77 and experience managing and directing cyber activities.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:

3.5.1. For entry into this specialty:

3.5.1.1. See attachment 4 for additional entry requirements.

3.5.1.2. ★ Personnel with prior qualification of attaining and maintaining DoD Cyber Workforce qualifications based on approved cyberspace requirements IAW DAFMAN 17-1305, *DAF Cyberspace Workforce Management Program* for retraining can request an Exception to Policy (ETP) to waive minimum ASVAB requirements on a case-by-case basis.

3.5.2. For award and retention of these AFSCs:

3.5.2.1. ★ Must obtain or meet DoD Cyber Workforce qualifications based on approved cyberspace requirements applicable for cyberspace tasks required for any position held IAW DoDM 8140.03, *Cyberspace Workforce Qualification and Management Program*, and DAFMAN 17-1305, *DAF Cyberspace Workforce Management Program*.

3.5.2.2. Must maintain local network access IAW AFI 17-130, *Cybersecurity Program Management* and AFMAN 17-1301, *Computer Security*.

3.5.3. Specialty requires routine access to classified information, systems, missions, and environments to include but not limited to Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIF), Airborne platforms, Nuclear Command Control & Communications (NC3), and a multitude of emerging mission requirements in a highly contested domain IAW DoDM 5200.01-DAFMAN 16-1405.

3.5.4 ★ Must be eligible for Top Secret (Tier 5) and maintain security clearance or based on current position requirements.

3.5.4.1 Completion of a background investigation according to DoDM 5200.01 - DAFMAN 16-1405, *Personnel Security Program Management*, is mandatory.

NOTE: Award of the 3-skill level without a completed investigation is authorized provided minimum of interim Tier 5 (Top-Secret) clearance has been granted according to DoDM 5200.01 - AFMAN 16-1405.

4 *Specialty Shreds:

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Portion of AFS to Which Related</i>
A	Network Operations
B	Systems Administration

NOTE: Suffixes A and B, are only applicable to the 3, 5, and 7skill level. Suffix W is only applicable to the, 5, and 7- Skill Level and is NOT authorized for award until a W awarding Initial Skills Training (IST) course has been established. * At this time, the 39th IOS course is NOT considered an official IST course.