

Report - Air Force Might Bring 1,000 Pilots Out of Retirement

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(READ THE CONTRACT!!!)

What is Stop Loss?

It's also important to be familiar with the rules of [stop-loss](#), that is, how military personnel can be required to stay past an agreed-upon date of separation in the event of a national emergency. Created after the Vietnam War, stop-loss, or involuntary extension of an enlistment contract is a controversial provision. It has been put into effect in recent years in several conflicts, including following the Sept. 11, 2001 , terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City.

Rules for Military Retirees and Recall

Retirees (those who spend at least 20 years in the military and draw retired pay) can be recalled to active duty for life. However, the policy established in DOD Directive 1352.1 - Management and Mobilization of Regular and Reserve Retired Military Members, makes the recall to active duty unlikely for those who have been retired for more than five years, and those over age 60.

Before enlisting, know the specific rules for the job you want to do in the military, and what the expectations are for your term of service.

BOTH of the above clauses were used extensively when the Iraq war broke out, to the extent that promising 6-figure incomes were SUDDENLY and SIGNIFICANTLY reduced!

~ Don Chapin)

The Air Force might soon be putting some retired pilots back in the cockpit — even for combat duty — in a program to ease a [shortage of qualified aviators](#), according to a [Stars and Stripes report](#).

As many as 1,000 retired pilots, combat systems officers, and air battle managers might be returned to active duty for up to 48 months under a major expansion of a voluntary recall program, Stars and Stripes reported.

"This represents a very significant expansion" of the program, Michael Dickerson, a spokesman for the Air Force Personnel Center, told Stars and Stripes.

The Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps have all experienced pilot shortages in recent years, with fighter pilots a particular need, according to a Government Accountability Office study released earlier this month, Stars and Stripes reported.

In September, the Air Force announced it was accepting up to 25 retired fighter pilots to return to active duty for up to 12 months to fill critical-rated staff positions. The next month, President [Donald Trump amended an executive order](#) that expanded the Air Force's authority, allowing it the option to return up to 1,000 retired pilots to active duty.

Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson approved the extension for implementation May 11, Stars and Stripes reported.

According to Stars and Stripes, to be eligible, officers must have retired from active duty within the past five years, or be within 12 months of retiring — and must be captains, majors or lieutenant colonels under 50. Those older than 50 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.