



# Branches of the Military

The United States Armed Forces is made up of five different branches. The largest of these branches is the Army. The Army is responsible for land-based military operations. The Navy is responsible for ocean-based military operations. The Air Force is responsible for military operations that take place in the air. Until 1947, the Air Force was part of the Army. The Marine Corps are the main land force of U.S. Armed Forces operating in other countries. They work closely with the Navy, and they are usually the first soldiers to go into battle. Unlike the rest of the Armed Forces, which are commanded by the President and are collectively known as the Department of Defense, the Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard is the smallest branch of the military. It is responsible for patrolling the U.S. Coastline, enforcing border laws, and assisting with ocean rescues. During wartime, the Coast Guard sometimes augments the Navy.

1. Which branch is part of the Department of Homeland Security?  
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2. Which branch is the largest?  
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3. Which branch is responsible for military operations at sea?  
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4. Which branch is responsible for military operations in air?  
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5. Which branch is usually the first into battle?  
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6. Which branch is responsible for U.S. borders and coastlines?  
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7. Which branch is responsible for land-based military operations?  
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