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- First, my most interesting AFSC was "0216, International Politico-Military Affairs Officer." How to qualify for this AFSC; Be fluent in a foreign language—I suggest Chinese, Japanese or Russian at this time. Have an area studies major: Asia, Sino-Soviet, for example. Know US national security strategy, found at Department of Defense website. Write research papers on topics in this area. Get your instructor's help in selecting relevant topics.
- How to get assigned in this AFSC. Find where you want to work and call the Director, such as at Headquarters USAF, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, etc. Ask what he or she is looking for and how to qualify, who to contact, etc. Visit them in person.
- How to succeed in this field (or any other AFSC). First impressions are important. General Lafayette, just after arriving from France and promoted to Major General to lead US Forces, told General Washington he was there to learn, not to dictate, as other European "volunteers" were prepared to do. Ask what your supervisor's expectations are and meet them 200%. HE or she will adopt and mentor you because many do not do this.
- How else to get ahead in this AFSC and others. Find good friends in the profession. Stick together. Help one another out. "Cooperate and Graduate." is a lifelong formula for success. Mentor those who come after you.
- How to stay grounded. Nurture your faith. Check in with your priest, rabbi or minister. Read sacred scripture, grow, and apply it. It works!

