

# Operation Salute

## U.S. Air Force



**Guidelines:** Complete the required number of activities for your grade level according to the grid.

	Discover	Connect	Take Action	Any Activity under Any key	Total number of Activities
Girl Scout <b>Daisy</b>	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout <b>Brownie</b>	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout <b>Junior</b>	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout <b>Cadette</b>	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout <b>Senior</b>	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout <b>Ambassador</b>	1	1	1	5	8

### DISCOVER

- Find the U.S. Air Force base located closest to your hometown. Name and describe the mission of this base. Who is the Commander of this base? Describe the wing, groups, and/or squadrons located there.
- Listen to and sing the Air Force song. Try searching online or at the library.
- Describe how earning the Girl Scout Gold Award affects one's rank and salary upon joining the Air Force.
- Identify and describe or draw the following aircrafts: fighter, transport, bomber, tanker, and intelligence collecting.
- Learn about the military protocols for reveille, retreat, and taps. Describe these activities, and the proper behavior expected.
- Learn the military phonetic alphabet and 24-hour clock. Practice these skills during the meeting or a day at home.
- Learn about the current security procedures enforced at the local Air Force base.
- Explain the difference between an enlisted service member and an officer.

### CONNECT

- Invite a member of the United States Air Force to visit your troop or interview them. Have them explain what their role in the Air Force is. Ask them to explain some of the differences between the Air Force and other branches of the military. Ask them some of the places you can be stationed while in the Air Force. Is this something you would like to do?
- Invite the spouse or a child of an Air Force member to visit your troop meeting and/or interview them. What is it like to have a family member in the Air Force? Where have they lived? How does their life differ from yours?
- Visit an air and space, flight, or aircraft museum.
- Tour an Air Force museum, monument, memorial, or cemetery. Find out what volunteer opportunities are available for you. Could your troop do a flag ceremony on location?
- Attend an Air Force air show. Document with photos or describe to your troop or another Girl Scout, what you heard, saw, and learned at the show.

### TAKE ACTION

- Attend a tattoo, change of command ceremony, plane dedication, or parade. Document this event with photos and/or write a news article to send to a local newspaper, blog, YouTube or other networking site.
- Write a letter or draw a card of support to an Air Force member.
- Create a five-minute skit teaching other about the Air Force and perform it for family, friends, or another Girl Scout troop, and encourage them to complete the patch program too!
- Create a local blog or other networking site about military events, people, and pride.
- As a troop or on your own, make a "Quilt of Valor" for injured service members.