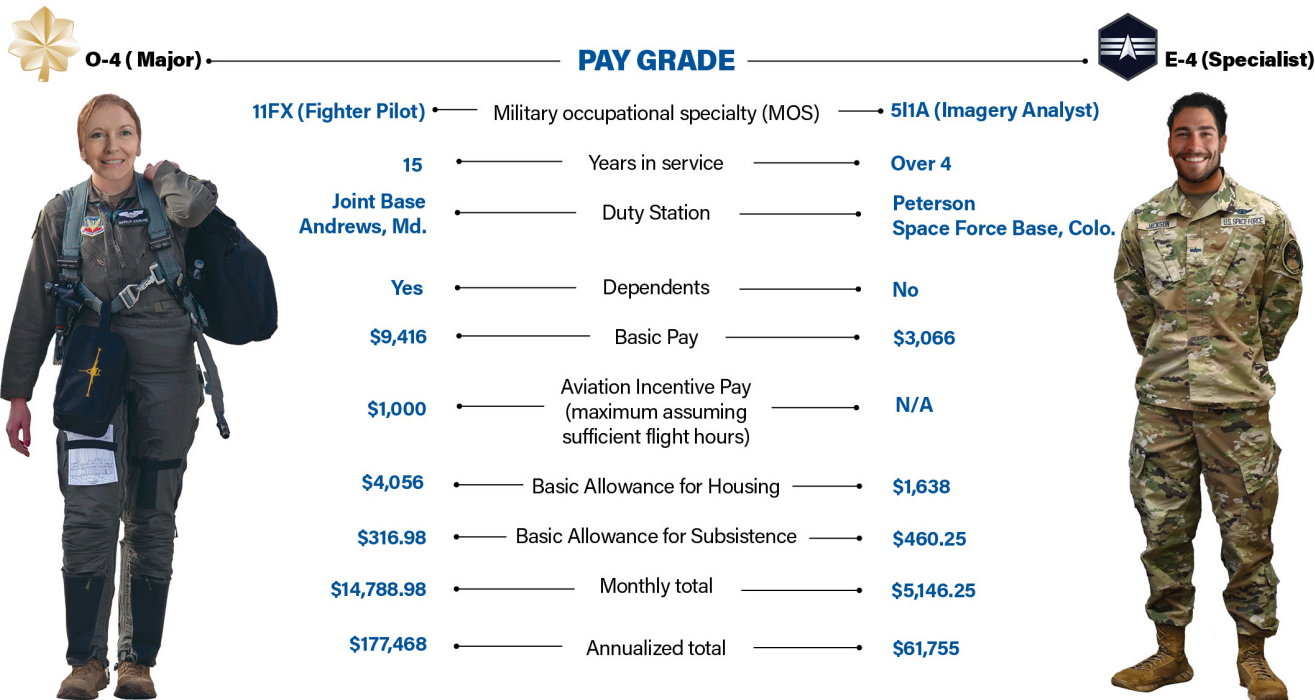


What Goes Into Military Pay

Many factors go into military compensation, from paygrade (responsibility) and time in service (experience) to job skills and incentives. How two notional service members' compensation breaks down:



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