Two Weeks a Year - One Weekend a Month

When you join the Army Reserve, you can serve your country and maintain a lifestyle all your own. While living near home you'll be a stronger person. A better citizen. And the world will see your strength.

As a Soldier in the Army Reserve, you can:

* Train close to home
* Earn an extra paycheck while serving
* Continue your civilian career
* Continue and help pay for your education
* Build a military retirement
* Gain valuable skills to enhance your civilian job
* Discipline your body and mind

Compare Active Duty & Reserves

Active Duty Army Reserves Age Requirements Be between the ages of 17-34 years. Be between the ages of 17-34 years. Length of Service 2-6 year commitment/Serve a total of 8 years in the military 1-6 year unit commitment/ Serve a total of 8 years in the military Retirement May Retire after 20 yrs. of qualifying service Modified retirement possible after 20 yrs. of qualifying service Job Choices 200 jobs to choose from 180 jobs to choose from Medical / Dental Benefits Medical and dental benefits Medical and dental benefits when on active duty Job training opportunities Specialized job training (AIT) Specialized job training (AIT) Location of duty May be stationed at home or on foreign soil Stationed at home unless called to active duty Work Schedule Serve 5 days a week Serve one weekend a month and two contiguous weeks a year Vacation & Leave 30 days military leave per year (paid vacation) Paid vacation only if you are on extended active duty Social & Recreational Programs Unlimited access to all military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities or programs Unlimited access to all military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities or programs Education Benefits Educational benefits Some Educational benefits Commissary Privileges Unlimited post exchange and commissary privileges Unlimited post exchange and commissary privileges Unlimited post exchange privileges and up to 24 commissary visits per year Physical Requirements Physical training 3-4 times a week Responsible for maintaining your own physical fitness (you will be tested twice a year)