

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