

Reserve Pay & Benefits

Reserve soldiers earn what's called Unit Training Pay. Unit Training Pay is money you earn while training on weekends and during full-time training events. Unit Training Pay is only part of your total pay as a Soldier in the Army Reserve. There are many other ways to earn additional money in the Army through allowances, bonuses and educational benefits.

Show me the Money

As a Reserve Soldier you are compensated hourly for work completed. Your wages will increase as your rank increases and your years of experience increase. For training events longer than a weekend, you are given a prorated Basic Pay.

Annual Pay for Reserve Soldiers		Rank	Years of Army Experience		<2 Years	4	
Years	6 Years	Private—E1	\$2,363**	\$2,363	\$2,363	Private—E2	
\$2,809	\$2,809	\$2,809	Private First Class	\$2,955	\$3,330	\$3,330	
Corporal	\$3,272	\$3,810	\$3,972	Sergeant	\$3,570	\$4,181	\$4,474
						Specialist or	

*Pay is based on two weeks of training each year and one weekend each month.

**Pay for Private—E1 will be slightly lower for first four months of service.

Reserve Officers	Rank	Years of Army Experience		<2 Years	4 Years	6 Years	Annual Pay for
Second Lieutenant	\$4,755	\$5,982	\$5,982	First Lieutenant	\$5,477	\$7,428	\$7,580
Captain	\$6,340	\$8,457	\$8,862	Major	\$7,426	\$9,028	\$9,545
Colonel	\$8,357	\$10,188	\$10,594	Cost of Living Allowance			Lieutenant

In addition to salary and bonuses, the Army provides for housing, meals and uniforms for Army Reserve Soldiers on Active Duty status. Other Bonuses

In addition to your Unit Training Pay, there are many opportunities to earn additional money in the Army Reserve. This extra money is available if you choose a specific Army job, complete special training, take on extra responsibilities or have served in the military before. This extra money changes in amount frequently.

You can find out more information about the different kinds and amounts of bonuses offered by the U.S. Army Reserves in our Incentives section.

Life Insurance

The Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, better known as SGLI, is group term life insurance currently available to all members of the U.S. Army. SGLI is a group life insurance policy purchased by the VA from a commercial life insurance company, and is partially subsidized by the federal government.

SOC - Servicemenbers' Opportunity Colleges

The Servicemenbers' Opportunity Colleges are a network of approximately 1,400 colleges and universities whose policies and programs are designed especially to help meet the higher education needs of service members (and their families).

Other Benefits

Retirement

Modified retirement possible after 20 yrs. of qualifying service

Job Choices

180 jobs to choose from

Medical / Dental Benefits

Medical and dental benefits when on active duty

Job Training Opportunities

Specialized job training (AIT)

Location of duty

Stationed at home unless called to active duty

Work Schedule

Serve one weekend a month and two contiguous weeks a year

Vacation & Leave

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

Commissary Privileges

Unlimited post exchange and commissary privileges Unlimited post exchange privileges and up to 24 commissary visits per year

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