



Reserve Forces



Army photo by Sgt. Russell Toof

Mini Fact:

Army reservists, like Sgt. Ian Rivera-Aponte, learn how to disappear into the landscape.



Army Reserve photo by Spc. John Russell

Army Pfc. Matthew Joy, left, and Deontrius Martin participate in a training event in August with more than 12,000 service members from the U.S. and six other nations.

Our country celebrates Veterans Day on Nov. 11, the anniversary of the end of World War I. This U.S. holiday was created in 1919 to honor members of our armed services.

A military **veteran** is a person who has served in the armed forces. Do you know any veterans?

This week, The Mini Page looks at the reserve branches of the U.S. military.

Reserve support

The idea for a reserve force goes all the way back to Founding Fathers George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. They thought all men should be trained for military service so they could support the Army if needed.

The Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy also have reserve branches. Many reservists are former active-duty troops.

A monthly job

Usually, reserve soldiers work part-time, just one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer. Sometimes, such as in wartime, they are called upon to be full-time. They might fill active-duty positions when those soldiers go to war.

The president of the U.S. is the commander in chief of reserve units. They answer to the federal, or national, government.

The National Guard is another branch of service. Each governor serves as commander in chief of the National Guard units in his or her state. They can be called to federal service by the president.

The Reserve branches

Reserve soldiers receive pay and other benefits, such as education and insurance. Many of them like the idea of serving their country while continuing their civilian lives at home.

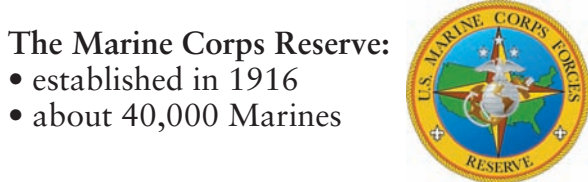
The Army Reserve:

- established in 1908
- about 202,000 warrior-citizens



The Navy Reserve:

- established in 1915
- about 47,000 sailors



The Marine Corps Reserve:

- established in 1916
- about 40,000 Marines



The Coast Guard Reserve:

- founded in 1941
- about 7,500 Guard members



The Air Force Reserve:

- established in 1948
- about 69,000 airmen

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of military reserves are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

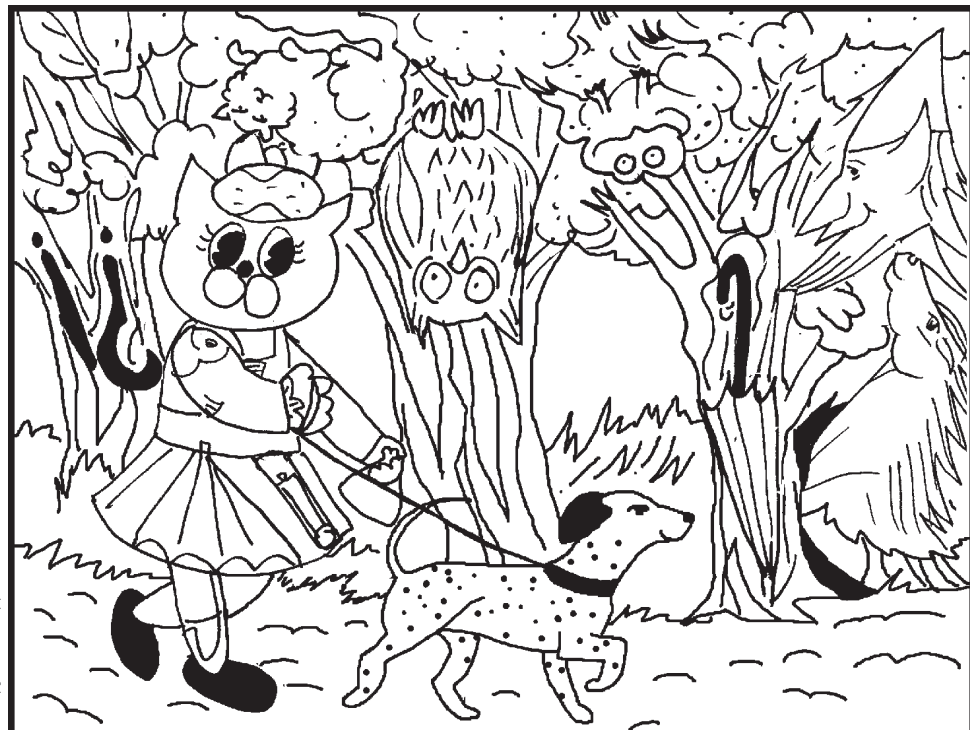


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- cat
- two umbrellas
- fish
- frog
- horse's head
- peanut
- tooth
- question mark
- elf
- owl
- safety pin
- number 8
- exclamation mark

Mini Jokes



Joe: Why did the soldier salute the tiger?

Jack: Because the tiger had more stripes!

Eco Note



Earth's atmosphere is a layer of gases about 560 miles thick, surrounding the planet like a protective blanket. The gases are densest near the surface and thin out toward space. The atmosphere contains life-giving oxygen. It keeps in warmth and screens the planet from harmful radiation. Earth's atmosphere is mainly nitrogen and oxygen. Argon and traces of other gases are also present.

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