



photo by Lt. Col. Marnee Losurdo

An Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircrew flies into Hurricane Douglas on July 24, 2020.

# Meet the Reserves

We celebrate Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Veterans Day honors both living and dead veterans of the armed services.

This week, The Mini Page salutes the reserve branches of the military: the warrior-citizens who step in to help active-duty service members when needed.

## Reserve support

All branches of the military — the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy — have reserve branches. Many reservists are former active-duty troops.

## A monthly job

Usually, reservists 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 Army Reserve:

- established in 1908
- about 200,000 reservists
- more than 1,200 medical professionals deployed in response to COVID-19



### The Navy Reserve:

- established in 1915
- about 60,000 reservists
- careers include rescue operations and disarming explosives



### The Marine Corps Reserve:

- established in 1916
- about 38,500 reservists
- operates 160 training centers around the United States



### The Coast Guard Reserve:

- founded in 1941
- about 7,000 Guard members
- protects America's waterways and ports



### The Air Force Reserve:

- established in 1948
- about 82,000 airmen
- works in air and space flight and in cyberspace



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



photo by Staff Sgt. Shelton Sherrill

The Air Force Reserve 403rd Wing evacuated planes from bases in Texas before Hurricane Sally struck the Gulf Coast in September.

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## Try 'n' Find

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



AIR FORCE, ARMISTICE, ARMY, BRANCH, CEREMONY, CITIZEN, COAST GUARD, DAY, FEDERAL, MARINE CORPS, MILITARY, NAVY, PRESIDENT, SERVICE, TRUCE, VETERAN, WARRIOR, WEEKEND.

P V X T N E D I S E R P S N V  
Q E V W E E K E N D V F E E L  
C T A V Y O C Y V A N A R Z A  
E E C R O F R I A Y R R V I R  
R R B R A N C H T M A K I T E  
E A E E C U R T Y S G D C I D  
M N Y R A T I L I M I Z E C E  
O W G W A R R I O R P M B T F  
N N A O M A R I N E C O R P S  
Y X C O A S T G U A R D K A V

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- man in the moon

• word MINI

• mitten
- pencil

• letter M

• acorn

• kite

• number 7
- sock

• olive

• letter F

• bandage

• number 3

• heart
- number 2

• jackknife

• pumpkin

## Mini Jokes



**Victor:** Which player on a baseball field pours lemonade?  
**Veronica:** The pitcher!

## Eco Note



In 2015, in Paris, 195 world leaders agreed on measures to cut carbon pollution. The idea was to keep temperatures from rising beyond 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit above where they were in about 1900. That way, scientists said, we could avoid drastic climate change. However, in November 2019, President Trump declared that the United States would withdraw from the Paris Agreement in one year. Future presidents may decide to rejoin the Paris Agreement.

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## For later:

Look in your newspaper for items about Veterans Day.

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