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DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI**

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To the Missouri Congressional Delegation of the 118th Congress:

The Reserve Organization of America, ROA, represents all military reservists and guard members in all services. MOROA is the acronym for the 1300 Department of Missouri members. ROA was founded by outstanding military leaders following WWI; Missourian General of the Armies John J. Pershing was the most prominent. A widely recognized need for a continued strong defense brought world war leaders together in 1922 to form ROA. In 1950 the ROA charter was formally recognized by Congress. The President at that time, Missourian Harry S Truman, signed the charter. Truman had been a reservist himself in Missouri. ROA celebrated 100 years-service last October. As part of the celebration and with great appreciation for his advocacy of National Security and support of ROA, Senator Roy Blunt was presented the Minuteman of the Year Award.

Section 3 of our historic charter eloquently states the purpose of the ROA; “the object and the purpose of the corporation shall be to support military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security and to promote the development and execution of”. With that in mind, an Air Force issue over the A-10 aircraft has plagued the service for the last decade. The Air Force wishes to rid itself of the A-10, however other services needing close air support (CAS) with the support of Congress have been able to keep the fighter active. Now the Air Force leadership is withholding CAS training and assignments. See Section V, item 6 page 8.

The annual 2023 MOROA Department Convention will be held in Independence, Missouri the home of former President Truman. The beautiful Presidential Library and Museum will be the venue for the program on May 19-21. MOROA will recognize President Truman’s action by conducting a special ceremony celebrating his signing the ROA charter on June 30, 1950.

The United States is relying to a great extent on Reserve and Guard forces for discord around the world in addition to disputes within the United States. It is important that Reserve programs remain attractive to recruit and retain sufficient numbers of high-quality, long-serving, well-trained service members. Transitioning smoothly from active duty to the Reserve is another area of emphasis needed to retain trained soldiers. Finally, the most challenging issues facing ROA and the armed forces in general, are recruiting and retention which will likely require increased incentives to compete with the private sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you the information presented in this publication and for your service to our nation as a member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation of the 118th Congress.

Very Respectfully,

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SECTION II

ROA AND ITS HERITAGE

The Reserve Officers Association (ROA) was founded in the years following the end of World War I. The founders of the ROA believed America was vulnerable to return to its pre-war lack of preparedness, complacency, and isolation.

General of the Armies, John J. (Blackjack) Pershing, a Missouri native, met with several hundred officers in Washington, DC. Many of those original participants were combat veterans of WWI, and on October 2, 1922, they formally established ROA as an organization.

Since its inception, ROA has been a prominent voice in the cause for preparedness. In the beginning, ROA successfully fought for the right of the Reservist, as of any other citizen, to appear before Congress in support of appropriations and matters affecting the national defense. At the same time, ROA fostered the birth of the Reserve programs that were to become invaluable in the mobilization period of 1941 and 1942.

During World War II, the Organization became inactive "for the duration," as its members went off to war. ROA was reactivated in 1946 and in 1948, Reserve Officers of the Naval Services (RONS) merged with ROA. The Marine Corps and Coast Guard came on board about the same time. When law created a separate Department of the Air Force, for the first time the nation had a Reserve association embracing all the Services. In the early nineties the reserve mission changed to a total force as reservists were regularly called to active combat duty in the middle east. In 2013 membership eligibility was expanded to Non-Commissioned Officers. In September of 2018 membership was again expanded to include all service members and our name was changed to the

"Reserve Organization of America". In October 2021 ROA began its centennial year with military events across the country. The centennial celebration culminated in Washington D.C. at the Willard Hotel on October 22, 2022.



Public Law 595 of the 81st Congress, second session, was "**An Act to Incorporate the Reserve Officers Association of the United States.**" This act established the mission of ROA: "**...support and promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate National Security**"...

Another Missouri native, President Harry S Truman, one of the early members of ROA, signed the charter on June 30, 1950.

Legislative policies are established at two national meetings each year. A national convention is held annually. Each department sends delegates to the convention in proportion to the number of members in the department. Additionally, ROA's National Council meets each year in Washington. The Council consists of a representative from each department and the 17 voting members of the National Executive Committee.

Our national headquarters is in the Minuteman Memorial Building, at One Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. This building is dedicated to the citizen-service members who have given their lives for their country, and to those ready to serve when needed. The building stands out prominently on Capitol Hill, directly across the street from the United States Capitol.

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SECTION III

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| Total 18,312 | * MO Selected Reservists and Members of the National Guard ~ Actively Drilling as of 12/31/22 | | |

SECTION IV



ROA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2023

ROA's 118th Congress-Public Policy Portfolio

- Ensure the Department of Defense and Military Construction and Department of Veterans Affairs budgets are fully funded; oppose continuing resolution(s).
- Deliver 24/7/365 medical and dental care for Selected Reserve members.
- Exercise ample oversight over the T-5 managed care contracts and network reductions in military treatment facilities and local/independent pharmacies.
- Provide concurrent and proportional fielding of equipment; replace equipment used beyond the functional life cycle.
- Re-elevate and advance duty status reform.
- Certify incentive pay parity for reserve component members receiving hazardous duty and aviation incentive pay.
- Extend tax credit(s) to employers of reserve component service and military spouses.
- Ensure time spent on active-duty training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post 9/11 GI-Bill.
- Amend the Internal Revenue Service code to allow reserve component members who travel more than 50 miles to their drilling location to deduct non-reimbursable tax expenses from their annual taxes.
- Establish Department of Defense policy/guidance for computing fully burdened Military Personnel Costs for the Total Force and a formal definition for the operational reserve.
- Stand up a White House conference on the citizen warrior.
- Establish a Department of Veterans Affairs Reserve Component Health Care and Benefits Task Force to modernize benefit(s) eligibility criteria and eliminate disparities between components.
- Ensure PACT Act implementation meets congressional intent.
- Bar binding arbitration agreements on USERRA issues and override agreements to submit future disputes to binding arbitration.
- Allow retired service members with more than 20 years of service, who possess a skill for which a critical shortage exists, to serve as a paid member of the Ready Reserve and concurrently receive retired pay.
- Expand TRICARE Reserve Select eligibility to members of the Selected Reserve who are enrolled or eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.
- Align eligibility for TRICARE health coverage with the age at which personnel of the Retired Reserve begin receiving retired pay.
- Confer veteran status for purposes of federal hiring veterans' preference on Reserve Component members after 180 "cumulative" days on active duty.

House Resolution Reintroductions

For the 118th Congress, ROA seeks the reintroduction of various pieces of legislation (introduced in previous Congress') that align with our resolutions – and by extension, our portfolio. A comprehensive list of these measures are as follows:

H.R.2974/S.3909, *Military Spouse Hiring Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Delgado, Rodgers, Beyer, Kelly, and Sens. Boozman, Hassan, and Rounds, the *Military Spouse Hiring Act* expands the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to include the hiring of military spouses. The goal of this legislation is to provide incentives for employers to hire military spouses, who face additional barriers to employment as evidenced by an approximate 23 percent unemployment rate.

H.R.1282/S.344, *Major Richard Star Act* As part of a longstanding effort to provide concurrent receipt to all veterans with a

disability rating of 50 percent or less, the *Major Richard Star Act*, introduced by Reps. Bilirakis and Ruiz and Sens. Tester and Moran in the 117th Congress, provides concurrent receipt to the approximate 42,000 Chapter 61 military retirees.

H.R.1695, *TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Kelly, Ryan, Larsen, and Garamendi, the *TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act* expands TRICARE Reserve Select eligibility (on the date of enactment, as opposed to in 2030) to include members of the Selected Reserve who are enrolled or eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

H.R.1836, *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act* Passed by the House of Representatives in the 117th Congress, the *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act* ensures that the time during which members of the National Guard and Reserve serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. H.R.1836 also requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide important transition assistance information to Reserve Component members upon retirement, including a description of the medical care and services for which the member is eligible to receive.

H.R.1854/S.1178, *RECRUIT Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Ryan, Palazzo, Spanberger, Kelly, Kilmer, Bustos, and Sens. Duckworth, Moran, Durbin, Baldwin, Blumenthal, Feinstein, and Rosen, the *RECRUIT Act* provides employers (with less than 500 employees) with a new tax credit for up to 40 percent of the wages paid to a member of the Reserve Components.

H.R.1997/S.829, *TRICARE Fairness for National Guard and Reserve Retirees Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Johnson and Phillips and Sens. Portman and Warren, this bill aligns eligibility for TRICARE health coverage with the age at which Retired Reserve members begin receiving retired pay. Specifically, members who are not yet aged 60 but are receiving their retirement pay may purchase the standard TRICARE health coverage for retired personnel, as opposed to TRICARE Retired Reserve.

H.R.2196, *Justice for Servicemembers Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Cicilline, Takano, Reschenthaler, and Golden, the *Justice for Servicemembers Act* prohibits a pre-dispute arbitration agreement from being valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of a dispute related to USERRA.

H.R.2433, *Veterans Preference for Hiring Act* Introduced in the 116th Congress by Reps. Hartzler and Cook, this bill modifies the eligibility criteria for conferring veterans' preference on Reserve Component members from serving more than 180 consecutive days on active-duty service to more than 180 cumulative days. This bill was not re-introduced in the 117th Congress.

H.R.3512/S.5142, *Healthcare for Our Troops Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Kim, Kelly, Ryan, Palazzo, Stefanik, Veasey, and DesJarlais and Sens. Baldwin and Collins, this bill provides premium free, zero cost-sharing medical and dental coverage for all Selected Reserve members.

H.R.3626/S.1859, *National Guard and Reserve Incentive Pay Parity Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Ryan and Palazzo and Sens. Duckworth and Cortez Masto, this bill requires hazardous duty and aviation incentive pay parity for Reserve Component members with their Active Component counterparts. While the *FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act* included a provision that would provide HDIP and AvIP parity upon a signed certification from the Secretary of Defense (stating that incentive pay parity would not negatively harm Active Component recruiting or retention), the certification has yet to be signed.

H.R.3944, *Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Pappas, Palazzo, and Kuster, this bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs from establishing a condition for a cemetery grant that restricts the ability of a state to inter certain Reserve Component members (or their spouses and children) at a state-owned veterans' cemetery. Specifically, the VA cannot restrict the ability of a state to inter a Reserve Component member whose service was terminated under honorable conditions, a member of the ROTC of the Army, Navy, or Air Force who died under honorable conditions, and the spouse, minor child, or unmarried adult child of any member described above.

H.R.4343, *Patriot Retention Act* Introduced in the 117th Congress by Reps. Wenstrup and Panetta, this bill allows a retired service member (who has more than 20 years of service and possesses a skill for which a critical shortage exists) to serve as a paid member of the Ready Reserve and concurrently receive retired pay.

H.R.9020, *Savings for Servicemembers Act* Introduced by Reps. Ryan and Kelly and the 117th Congress, the *Savings for Servicemembers Act* modifies the tax deduction for the travel expenses of Reserve Component members attending drill weekends by decreasing the "distance from home requirement" from 100 or more miles to 50 or more miles.

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SECTION V

ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF MISSOURI RESERVE/GUARD MEMBERS

As the 118th Congress begins, the members of the Reserve Organization of America, Department of Missouri, call to the attention of the members of Congress several issues and concerns to ensure our nation continues to have a strong defense force. Nearly 50% of the total United States defense force is composed of members of the Guard and Reserve and it is essential we keep these individuals motivated to serve. Over the next year we recommend support of these items to enhance recruiting and retention:

1. MILITARY PERSONNEL ACCOUNT-BIENNIAL FUNDING-It appears the military personnel account has gone back to being funded on an annual basis, resulting in several problems for the service and service members. The problems are complicated when Continuing Appropriations are passed instead of Budget Appropriations. It is not uncommon for a budget to be delayed 3-6 months or longer. Accordingly, the military services are often required to cancel or reschedule unit training, annual training, etc. This could impact a member's retirement eligibility, family and employer relations and cause an increase in resignations. By funding military appropriations through a biennial account, the personnel and funding problems associated with a continuing resolution and government shutdown could be eliminated.

RECOMMENDATION

MOROA urges Congress to return the Military Personnel Account (MILPERS) as a biennial fund so service members will not experience disruption in service.

2. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR PLANNED INCREASES IN NAVY SHIPBUILDING-During the last few years congressional and naval leaders have indicated support to increase the number of Navy ships. Over the last three decades the number of Navy ships has decreased from 335 to 242. The current long-term naval strategy indicates a need to build to a level of 335-350 ships. The operational tempo created by today's foreign policy directives continues to accelerate, thereby mandating increased time at sea, maintenance costs, etc. In addition to the critical need for ships for national defense/policy issues, a fleet of sufficient size is also critical to the continued health of our national economy by ensuring that sea lanes around the world remain open for commerce.

RECOMMENDATION

We urge Congress to provide timely appropriations along with the authorizations to increase our Navy fleet size to 335-350 ships, as recommended by our military leaders.

3. NGREA ACCOUNT-The Reserve and National Guard face challenges with the replacement of equipment that is worn out, expended in combat operations or legacy equipment that has become obsolete. The National Guard Reserve and Equipment Account (NGREA) provides funds to procure and modernize equipment that is critical to readiness. Continued receipt of NGREA and funds added by Congress allows the Reserve Components, to keep the services modern and compatible.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend Congress continue to fund the NGREA account which will reduce shortfalls and ensure units have equipment necessary for training and mission execution.

4. RECRUITING AND RETENTION IN THE RESERVE COMPONENTS- With the transition of the Reserve to an operational force, recruitment and retention of trained/qualified individuals has become paramount to National Security. The demands placed upon today's reservist often conflict with civilian employment, personal demands of family and disparities between civilian and military benefits...often leading to first term and mid-career members choosing to leave the service. MOROA believes that the recruitment/retention of Reserve personnel will be of grave concern over the next 3-5 years. In addition, projected retirements in the next five years compound

the problem. With this in perspective, we feel that our elected officials and military leadership need to retool our ability to maintain a strong force structure without lowering career standards to join.

RECOMMENDATION

In the near term, initiate shorter contracts with larger bonus/incentive packages (e.g., 2 or 3-year contracts for \$25 -40k). Incentives of this type will allow recruiters to attract new recruits as well as enable leadership to entice a 6–8 -year veteran over the “hump” that is half way to retirement at the 10 year mark. With officers facing an initial 8-year obligation, a similar concept should be employed to make an additional 3–4-year commitment reasonable.

5. MODERNIZATION FOR RIVER TRANSPORTATION-VESSELS SUPPORTING COMMERCE-INLAND RIVERS-

The total Marine Transportation System (MTS) in our nation accounts for over \$4.6 trillion dollars in economic activity, sustains more than 13 million jobs and contributes \$212 billion dollars in annual port, sector, federal, state and local taxes. The U. S. Coast Guard Upper Mississippi River (SUMR) based in St. Louis along with its reserve and auxiliary components plays a critical role in maintaining the region's economic health, by ensuring the cost-efficient movement of commerce on the nation's inland river system. The movement of goods on our inland waterways is contingent on the timely placement/maintenance of navigation aids and the U.S. Coast Guard River Tenders (WLR's) that serve them. The nation's inland river infrastructure is aging. The average age of the WLR fleet is 57 years, well past its service life.

RECOMMENDATION

The Missouri Congressional Delegation is strongly urged to keep a watchful eye on the budgeting, equipment replacement and maintenance for the fleet of WLR's whose job it is to keep the inland waterways safe and secure for the transit of commercial goods, thus contributing to a stable vital economy. We also recommend consideration of infrastructure investments to ensure the waterways can handle the significant increase expected in waterborne commerce in the SUMR district in the next ten years.

6. IS THE AIR FORCE ABANDONING ITS CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION? -The subject of the future of the A-10 aircraft and its close air support mission continues to be debated in the Air Force and by congressional and industry leaders. There are indications the Air Force has reduced CAS training for the newer aircraft pilots.

RECOMMENDATION

We request Congress and the Air Force maintain full combat capability of all Active, Reserve and Air National Guard A-10 units as the primary AF platform for close air support, until such time that there is a proven dedicated alternative airframe that can conduct this Air Force core vital tactical mission for our armed forces. Currently A-10 unit personnel are being told by their leadership to contact their congressional representatives because there is no mission, activations or a suitable A-10 replacement airframe on the horizon.

7. RECEIPT OF FORM DD-214-Currently not all Reserve Component members receive a DD Form 214 or National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22 when they leave military service. This is an issue for RC members because the Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal and state government agencies normally require veterans to have one of these forms to direct veteran's eligibility determinations. For example, a DD 214 is needed to get credit for the 9/11 G.I. Bill education benefits.

RECOMMENDATION

ROA urges Congress to direct all members separating, retiring from the reserve component or reenlisting to receive a Form DD 214 or, if already retired, upon request by the service member, family or legally recognized entity. Also, we urge Congress to direct DOD to establish a e-Form DD214 that is automatically populated from the military personnel system for service members to access when needed; eliminating the need for an "issued" DD Form 214.

SECTION VI

ROA COMMUNICATIONS

The congressional charter of the ROA provides, "The object of the Association shall be to support a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate National Security and to promote the development and execution thereof". Our ability to communicate with the legislators about these important matters was greatly hampered by the pandemic.

The annual leadership conference in Washington D.C. provides an excellent opportunity to inform legislators about Reserve/Guard issues and ROA agenda items. Prior to the meeting each legislator is provided a point paper of current reserve issues and concerns. During the meeting, each of the legislators is given the opportunity to respond to the group. Major concerns for the 118th Congress include the continuation of the biennial budget process and the effect of the continuing resolution activity on recruiting, retention and utilization of our reserve forces. This issue along with others listed in Section IV of this report (ROA National Legislative Agenda for 2023) will promote the effectiveness of the reserve forces to our nation.



President's Message
by Col. Michael Clarke (USA Ret.)

This centennial year of Missouri ROA has been a banner year marked by the tragic death of our outstanding president Col Risk Nelson in March of 2022.

Sister General John J. Pershing founded ROA in 1922. Pershing was born in Leake, Missouri and his boyhood home is a fine museum. In September 2022, leaders of MOROA formally presented to the museum staff a proclamation prepared by our past national president Lt Col Don Stockton. (See page 5).

In addition to his proclamation to General Pershing, Don Stockton, has spearheaded fundraising activities for ROA. The Second Century Campaign has submitted ROA operating revenue for our second century.

In September of 2022, the centennial annual meeting of ROA was held in Washington, DC, and was a tremendous success. A highlight was the gala speaker, Clifton Truman Daniel, President Harry Truman's grand son. Mr. Daniel is a gifted speaker who highlighted special moments in the life of his grandfather.

The MOROA 2023 Convention Committee is working to secure a date and location for next year's convention April 21-23 in the preferred date but it could be as late as 19-21 May. Using some of the Truman Library facilities would be ideal. More specifics of this annual meeting will be confirmed soon.

Happy Holidays

The Missouri Department of ROA has provided national presidents multiple years during its 100 years. Three Missouri national past presidents were present for the 2022 annual meeting: Col. Rudy Davenport, Lt Col Don Stockton, and CAPT Mike Nolan. The election of the national president went to Lt Col Layne Wislocki who is a past MOROA president.

Finally, on a less positive note, membership continues to be challenging. Our average age of members continues to creep up along with the percentage of retirees. If you have influence with younger military officers, direct them our way. There are several excellent programs available for membership. For example, five years of five membership if under the age of 35 or half-priced ROA life membership.

Congratulations and thanks are extended to CAPT Mike Nolan for his many years of service and leadership in MOROA and numerous national ROA leadership positions including president. For many years Mike has led the department's legislative committee. His leadership has maintained communications with all the Missouri U.S. congressional members by informing them of the ROA legislative agenda and crucial bills that impact the reserve's performance and national security. CAPT Nolan is stepping down from this most important role and a successor is greatly needed. Self nominations are encouraged. If you are interested please contact me. Last year we had a fine meeting of the CIRCULAR in Greece. The 2023 meeting will be held June 25-29 in Idaho. If the ratification process goes smoothly in all allied countries, there is a good chance Finland will be a full NATO member in time for the Summer Congress 2023.

On another note, army researchers have developed techniques for identifying nonviable tissues during the debarkment of war wounds. This advance will decrease, to some extent, excessive debarkment of injured body tissues. Debarkment is an important procedure for reducing infections in war wounds.

The legislators have a high regard for ROA because we have a joint membership base and focus on matters of national security. Department members routinely communicate with congressional leaders on the home front as well. At the base of the ROA organization are the local chapters. Some of the chapters are unit related while others may be branch of service related or joint service. They meet at various times and locations with different themes and agendas. Within the congressional districts the representatives are invited to speak at chapter meetings on a variety of issues which affect military policy and personnel. Members are encouraged to make personal visits to local offices, thus keeping communication channels open and developing relationships with the legislative staff members.

The ROA Department of Missouri has several award-winning communication tools including our quarterly newsletter the *Transmitter* and website www.MissouriROA.org. In addition, National ROA publishes the *Reserve Voice* magazine, monthly Reserve Voice ONLINE, and the twice weekly ROA SmartBrief email blast roasmartbrief.com. For matters that must be communicated by constituents to Congress immediately we use the "Call to Action" message service.

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD PROGRAMS

The Department maintains a scholarship fund from donations by ROA members in Missouri. The fund is dedicated to fostering education opportunities for cadets/midshipmen, junior officers and NCOs. We invite selected junior members to attend programs in order to increase their leadership and professional military skills. Some of these programs include:

- **Joint Professional Development Seminar (JPDS).** These seminars are held on a periodic basis and include briefings on many military and leadership topics. Senior officer and enlisted personnel lead these discussions and the forum provides a good opportunity for the younger members and cadets to discuss timely topics and interact with their peers.
- **Annual Leader of the Year Awards.** From each of the services, up to six junior level officers and NCOs may receive Missouri's award for outstanding Leadership, Community Involvement, Job Performance and/or Fellow service member/family assistance. Recipients and their immediate families are guests at the Missouri convention with opportunities to informally communicate with congressional representatives, senior officers and fellow service members from other services.

SECTION VII

MISSOURI RESERVE AND GUARD ASSETS

| U.S. ARMY RESERVE | | | | |
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| COMMAND | ADDRESS | CITY | PHONE | C D |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 4301 Goodfellow Boulevard | St. Louis, MO 63120 | 314-263-3555 | 1 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 4350 S. Kingshighway Boulevard | St. Louis, MO 63109 | 314-263-4337 | 1 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 26 Sherman Road, Jefferson Barracks | St. Louis, MO 63125 | 314-260-8705 | 2 |
| Army Reserve Training Center OMS | 266 Soldiers Drive | Weldon Spring, MO 63304 | | 2 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1749 Tanner Bridge Road | Jefferson City, MO 65101 | 573-636-2342 | 3 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1101 North Park Drive | Washington, MO 63090 | 636-239-3231 | 3 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1200 Westover Road | Belton, MO 64012 | 816-318-0007 | 4 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 2375 Nebraska Avenue | Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473 | 573-596-0841 | 4 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1306 Business Loop 70-W | Columbia, MO 65202 | 573-449-5416 | 4 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 11101 NE Independence Avenue | Independence, MO 64054 | 816-836-0005 | 5 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 2900 Miller Street | Bethany, MO 64424 | 660-425-6430 | 6 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1201 N. 36 th Street | St. Joseph, MO 64506 | 816-232-9038 | 6 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 4500 Paris Gravel Road | Hannibal, MO 63401 | 314-248-1100 | 6 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 3105 Industrial Road | Kirksville, MO 63501 | | 6 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1001 N. Murphy Boulevard | Joplin, MO 64801 | 417-623-3904 | 7 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1110 N. Fremont Avenue, #A | Springfield, MO 65802 | 417-869-5864 | 7 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 1610 W. Columbia Street | Farmington, MO 63640 | 573-756-3129 | 8 |
| Army Reserve Training Center | 201 Fairgrounds Road | Rolla, MO 65401 | 573-368-2246 | 8 |
| U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE | | | | |
| Marine Corps Reserve Center | 10810 Lambert International Blvd | Bridgeton, MO 63044 | 314-263-6204 | 1 |
| Marine Corps Reserve Center | 3805 155 th Street | Kansas City, MO 64147 | 816-510-7088 | 5 |
| Marine Corps Reserve Center | 1110 N. Fremont Avenue | Springfield, MO 65802 | 417-869-2857 | 7 |
| U.S. NAVY RESERVE | | | | |
| Navy Operational Support Center | 10810 Lambert International Blvd | Bridgeton, MO 63044 | 314-263-6417 | 1 |
| Navy Operational Support Center | 3100 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd | Kansas City, MO 64130 | 816-377-6846 | 5 |
| Navy Operational Support Center | 1110 N. Fremont Avenue | Springfield, MO 65802 | 417-869-5721 | 7 |
| U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE | | | | |
| 442 nd Fighter Wing | 931 Arnold Avenue | Whiteman AFB, MO 65305 | 660-687-4008 | 4 |
| U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVE | | | | |
| USCG Sector Upper Mississippi River HQ | 1222 Spruce Street | St. Louis, MO 63103 | 314-539-3900 | 1 |
| USCG Sector Upper Mississippi River OPS | Foot of Arsenal Street | St. Louis, MO 63118 | 314-771-4325 | 1 |
| MISSOURI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SENIOR COMMANDS | | | | |
| 157 th Air Operations Group | Jefferson Barracks | St. Louis, MO 63125 | | 2 |
| HQ MO Army National Guard/70 th Troop Command | 2302 Militia Drive | Jefferson City, MO 65101 | 888-526-6664 | 3 |
| 35 th Engineer Brigade | 2229 Iowa Avenue | Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473 | | 4 |
| Combat Air Brigade, 35 th Infantry Div. | 100 West Ninth St. | Sedalia, MO 65701 | | 4 |
| 110 th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade | 7600 Ozark Road | Kansas City, MO 64129 | | 5 |
| 35 th Infantry Division | 408 S. 26 th Street | Lexington, MO 64067 | | 5 |
| 1107 th Aviation Group | 1400 N. Fremont Avenue | Springfield, MO 65802 | | 7 |
| MISSOURI AIR NATIONAL GUARD | | | | |
| 131st Bomb Wing | 323 Spirit Blvd | Whiteman, AFB 65305 | 660-687-7362 | 4 |
| 139 th Airlift Wing | 705 Memorial Drive, Rosecrans Airport | St. Joseph, MO 64503 | 816-236-3201 | 6 |

SECTION VIII

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAMS (ROTC) IN MISSOURI

Ten Missouri universities currently host eight Army, one Navy/Marine Corps and four Air Force ROTC commands. Those thirteen commands train prospective officers enrolled in fifty colleges and universities.

UNITED STATES ARMY

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| <p>Lincoln University Soldier's Hall, 903 Lafayette St. Jefferson City, MO 65101 <i>Including:</i> Westminster College</p> | <p>LTC Nicholas Bell, USA Professor of Military Science 573-681-5350 belln@lincoln.edu</p> | <p>Cole County</p> | <p>3rd Cong. District</p> |
| <p>Missouri State University 901 S. National Avenue Springfield, MO 65897 <i>Including:</i> College of the Ozarks Drury University Evangel University Southwest Baptist University Ozarks Technical Comm. College</p> | <p>LTC Michael A. Lengel, USA Department Head, Professor of Military Science 417-836-4357 michaellengel@missouristate.edu</p> | <p>Greene County</p> | <p>7th Cong. District</p> |
| <p>Missouri University of Science and Technology 301 Harris Hall, 500 W. 13th St. Rolla, MO 65409</p> | <p>MAJ Matt Burmeister, USA Chair, Professor of Military Science 573-341-4744 mrb34d@mst.edu</p> | <p>Phelps County</p> | <p>8th Cong. District</p> |
| <p>Missouri Western State University 4525 Downs Drive St. Joseph, MO 64507 <i>Including:</i> Avila University Benedictine College Calvary Bible College Northwest Missouri State University Rockhurst College Park University University of Missouri-Kansas City William Jewel College</p> | <p>LTC Forrest M. (Mitch) Taylor, III, USA Dept. of Military Science 816-271-4541 ftaylor3@missouriwestern.edu</p> | <p>Buchanan County</p> | <p>6th Cong. District</p> |
| <p>Truman State University Barnett Hall 2230C Kirksville, MO 63501</p> | <p>LTC John Clark USA Dept. Chair, Professor of Military Science 660-785-4282 johnc@truman.edu</p> | <p>Adair County</p> | <p>6th Cong. District</p> |
| <p>University of Central Missouri Humphrey's Bldg. 101 B Warrensburg, MO 64093</p> | <p>LTC Brandon Boatwright, USA Professor, Military Science & Leadership 660-543-4867 boatwright@ucmo.edu</p> | <p>Johnson County</p> | <p>4th Cong. District</p> |
| <p>University of Missouri – Columbia 202 Crowder Hall Columbia, MO 65211 <i>Including:</i> Central Methodist University Columbia College</p> | <p>LTC Tara Bradley, USA Professor, Military Science & Leadership 573-882-7721 tara.bradley@missouri.edu</p> | <p>Boone County</p> | <p>4th Cong. District</p> |

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| <p>Washington University in St. Louis 700 Rosedale Avenue St. Louis, MO 631122 <u>Including:</u> Fontbonne University Lindenwood University Maryville University Missouri Baptist University Saint Louis University University of Missouri-St. Louis Webster University</p> | <p>LTC Raymond Kuderka, USA Professor of Military Science 314-305-9024 kuderka@wustl.edu</p> | <p>St. Louis City</p> | <p>1st Cong. District</p> |
| UNITED STATES NAVY/ MARINE CORPS | | | |
| <p>University of Missouri – Columbia 105 Crowder Hall Columbia, MO 65211 <u>Including:</u> Columbia College</p> | <p>CAPT David Dry, USN Professor of Military Science Commanding Officer, Naval ROTC 573-882-6693 drydw@missouri.edu</p> | <p>Boone County</p> | <p>4th Cong. District</p> |
| UNITED STATES AIR FORCE | | | |
| <p>University of Missouri – Columbia 217 Crowder Hall Columbia, MO 65211 <u>Including:</u> Central Methodist University Columbia College Stephens College University of Central Missouri Westminster College William Woods University</p> | <p>Lt. Col. Gregory A Vice, USAF Commander, AFROTC DET 440 573-882-7621 umcasafrotc@missouri.edu</p> | <p>Boone County</p> | <p>4th Cong. District</p> |
| <p>MO University of Science & Technology 206 Harris Hall, 500 W. 13th St. Rolla, MO 65409</p> | <p>Col. Daniel Willis, USAF Commander, AFROTC DET 442 573-341-6540 dcw4mk@mst.edu</p> | <p>Phelps County</p> | <p>8th Cong. District</p> |
| <p>Saint Louis University 3450 Lindell Boulevard, Ste. 1033 St. Louis, MO 63103 <u>Including:</u> Harris Stowe State University Lindenwood University University of Missouri-St. Louis Washington University in St. Louis McKendree University (IL) SIU-Edwardsville (IL) Southwestern Illinois College (IL) Webster University</p> | <p>Lt. Col Michael Vyn, USAF Commander, AFROTC DET 207 314-977-8328 michael.vyn@slu.edu</p> | <p>St. Louis City</p> | <p>1st Cong. District</p> |
| <p>SE Missouri State University (via) SIU Carbondale, IL AFROTC DET 205 Kesnar Hall MC 6718, 1225 Douglas Dr. Carbondale, IL 62901</p> | <p>Lt. Col Jessica H. Dwyer, USAF Commander, AFROTC DET 205 618-453-2481 afrotc@semo.edu afrotc@siu.edu</p> | <p>Cape Girardeau County</p> | <p>8th Cong. District</p> |

SECTION IX

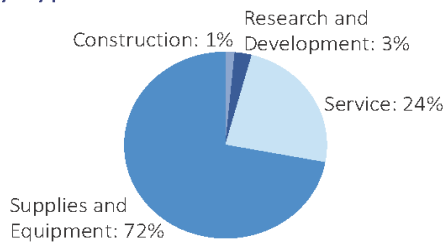
DEFENSE CONTRACT CONTRACTORS AND SPENDING

MISSOURI

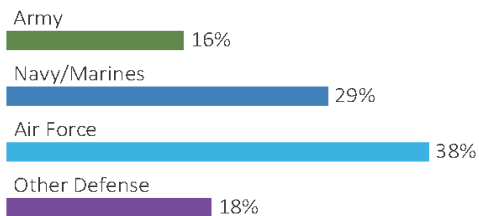
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| #16 \$12.2 B SPENT IN STATE | #12 3.3% OF STATE GDP | 2.2% OF TOTAL U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING | \$1,979 PER RESIDENT | #14 \$10.5 B CONTRACT SPENDING | #20 42,815 NUMBER OF PERSONNEL | #27 \$1.7 B PERSONNEL SPENDING |
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DEFENSE CONTRACTS

By Type



By Service



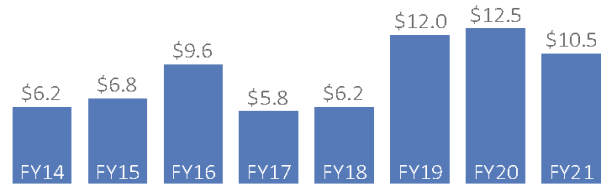
Top Defense Contractors

(M = millions, B = billions)

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Boeing | \$6.9 B |
| Express Scripts | \$742.5 M |
| Leonardo SpA | \$476.5 M |
| World Wide Technology | \$414.6 M |
| Olin Corp. | \$333.1 M |
| Cerner Corp. | \$181.2 M |
| AECOM | \$84.0 M |
| Melrose Industries | \$68.1 M |
| McCarthy HITT- Next NGA West, JV | \$60.7 M |
| Energys | \$60.5 M |

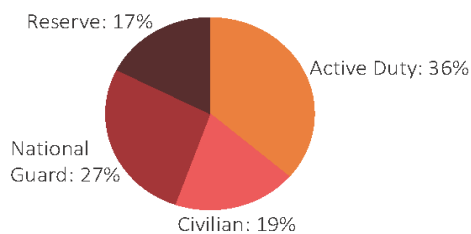
Contract Awards Performed

(By Fiscal Year, billions)



DEFENSE PERSONNEL

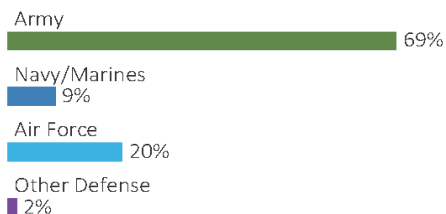
Allocations, By Type



\$1.7 BILLION
TOTAL PAYROLL

42,815
TOTAL PERSONNEL

Allocations, By Service



Top Defense Personnel Locations

| County | Active Duty | Civilian | National Guard | Reserve | Total |
|----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|---------|--------|
| Pulaski | 10,480 | 3,094 | 281 | 396 | 14,251 |
| Johnson | 3,852 | 1,073 | 1,091 | 990 | 7,006 |
| Jackson | 89 | 856 | 942 | 1,840 | 3,727 |
| St. Louis | 61 | 332 | 1,490 | 1,147 | 3,030 |
| Greene | 21 | 271 | 946 | 660 | 1,898 |
| St. Louis City | 250 | 979 | 0 | 475 | 1,704 |
| Buchanan | 13 | 300 | 1,276 | 77 | 1,666 |
| Cole | 22 | 339 | 809 | 108 | 1,278 |
| St. Charles | ND | 113 | 0 | 860 | ND |
| Cass | 0 | 25 | 130 | 407 | 562 |

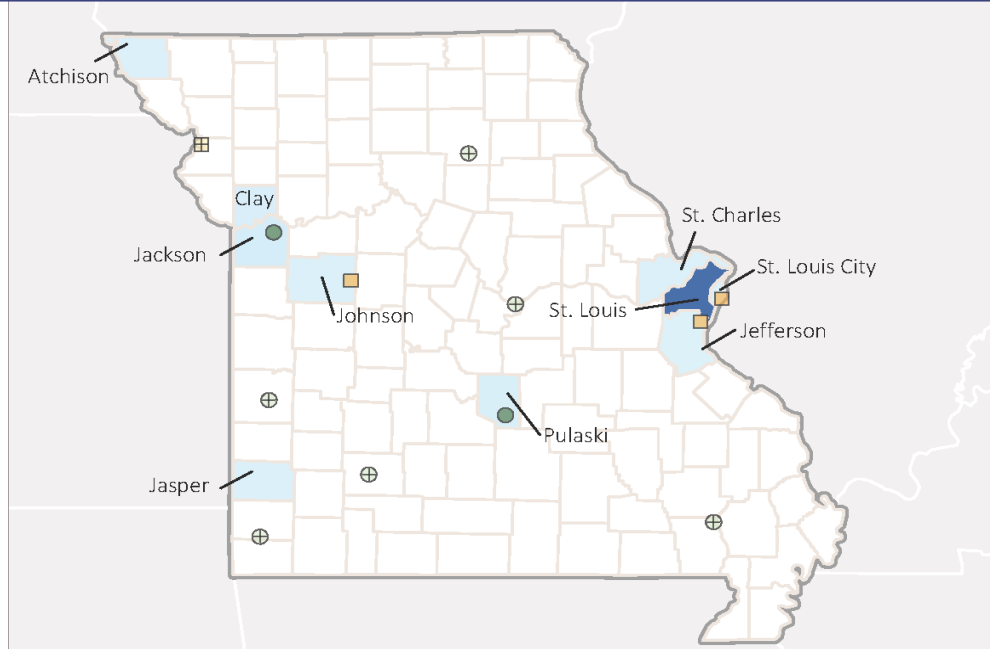
MISSOURI

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TOP DEFENSE CONTRACT SPENDING LOCATIONS

(M = millions, B = billions)

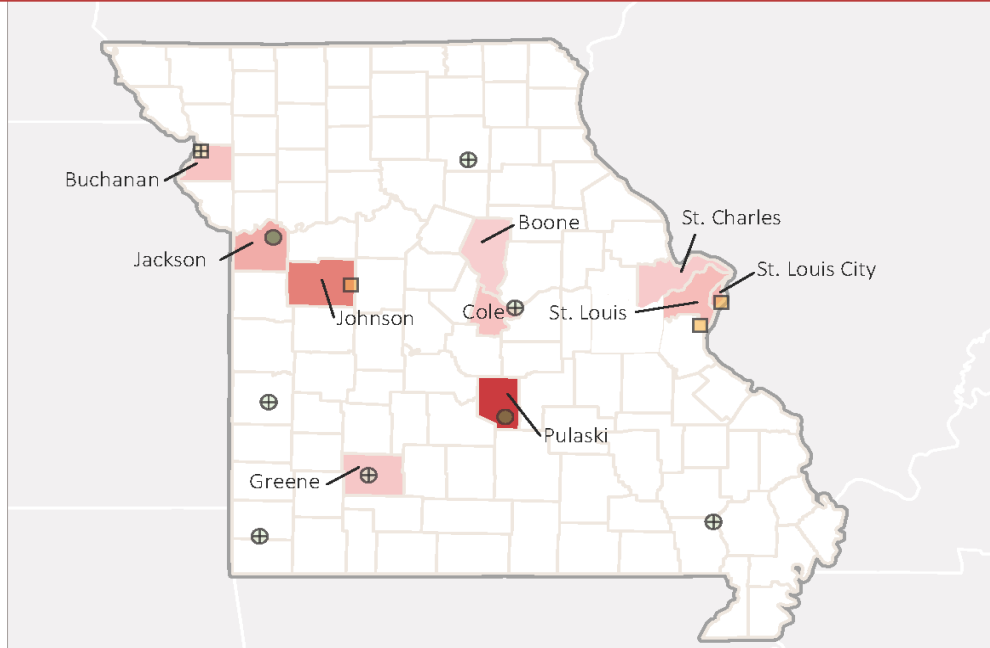
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|----------------|------------------|
| St. Louis | \$8.8 B |
| Jackson | \$459.9 M |
| Pulaski | \$255.3 M |
| Clay | \$207.6 M |
| Johnson | \$134.1 M |
| Jasper | \$101.7 M |
| Atchison | \$93.2 M |
| St. Charles | \$92.2 M |
| St. Louis City | \$91.0 M |
| Jefferson | \$48.9 M |



TOP DEFENSE PERSONNEL SPENDING LOCATIONS

(M = millions)

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Pulaski | \$617.0 M |
| Johnson | \$342.5 M |
| Jackson | \$158.5 M |
| St. Louis City | \$115.8 M |
| St. Louis | \$91.8 M |
| Cole | \$68.5 M |
| Buchanan | \$64.2 M |
| Greene | \$49.4 M |
| St. Charles | \$31.1 M |
| Boone | \$16.5 M |



■ AF Active
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 AF Reserve
 ● Army Active
 ⊕ Army Guard
 Army Reserve
 ◆ MC Active
 ▲ Navy Active
 ✱ WHS



Charter from the Congress

TO THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

(EXCERPT OF PUBLIC LAW 595, 81ST CONGRESS)

An Act

TO INCORPORATE THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (there is) hereby created a body corporate by the name of Reserve Officers Association of the United States, and by such shall be known, and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations and restrictions contained in this Act.

SEC. 3 The object and purpose of the corporation shall be to support military policy for the the United States that will provide adequate national security and to promote the development and execution thereof.

SEC. 4 The corporation shall have perpetual succession and power ***

SEC. 7 (a) The governing body of the corporation shall be a national executive committee consisting of the president, the last past president, three vice presidents, three junior vice presidents, three national executive committeemen, and the executive director.

(b) The national officers of the corporation shall be elected at an annual national convention and shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, except the executive director, the national treasurer, and the national public relations officer, who shall be appointed by the national executive committee.

(c) In conducting the official business of any department or chapter each active member of such department or chapter shall have one vote.

SEC.10 The corporation, and its members and officers as such, shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for elective public office.

SEC. 15 (a) The financial transactions shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with the principles and procedures applicable to commercial corporate transactions.

(b) A report of such audit shall be made by the corporation to the Congress not later than January 15 of each year.

SEC. 16 The national headquarters of the corporation shall be located in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 18 The corporation and its subordinate departmental subdivisions and local chapters shall have the sole and exclusive right to have, and to use in carrying out its object and purpose, the name of "Reserve Officers Association of the United States," and such seals, emblems, and badges as to the corporation may lawfully adopt.

SEC. 19 The right to alter, amend or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

PUBLIC LAW 595—81ST CONGRESS
CHAPTER 431—2ND SESSION
(HR-5002)

APPROVED JUNE 30, 1950

Alben W. Barkley
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Sam Rayburn
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Harry Truman
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES