Greetings MS I and MS II Cadets,

On behalf of the MG Combs, the Army ROTC commanding general, we are delighted to see that you have chosen to participate in Army ROTC. In time, many of you will ultimately make the decision to earn a commission as a second lieutenant and serve in the U.S. Army as an officer. Approximately half of the Cadets who graduate will serve on active duty. The other half will serve in one of the two U.S. Army reserve components. This letter is to provide information to you about the U.S. Army Reserve.

The Army Reserve consists of nearly 200,000 Soldiers who serve in every state of the union, four U. S. territories, as well as Germany, Korea and Japan. More than 70% of the Civil Affairs Soldiers, and more than half of the Army’s Legal, Medical, Logistics, Postal and Psychological Operations capabilities are in the Army Reserve. What is important to remember is that for every Soldier fighting in a combat role, there are eight other Soldiers supporting them. Many of them are Army Reserve Soldiers.

Army Reserve Soldiers serve part time, typically one weekend a month and two weeks a year is the basic requirement of Army Reserve service. Army Reserve Soldiers also have successful civilian careers. Our Soldiers come from all walks of life: pilots, judges, managers, salespeople, engineers, doctors, nurses, and even congressional representatives are in our ranks. One of the great assets the Army Reserve brings to the Total Army is expertise. Half of the Master’s degrees and 75% of the Ph.Ds. held by Soldiers are in the Army Reserve.

We invite you to take a closer look at the Army Reserve. The [[Army Reserve website](http://www.usar.army.mil/)](http://www.usar.army.mil/) and [Army Reserve Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/#!/usarmyreserve/?fref=ts) page are two great places to start. Your Army ROTC program cadre may also have a full time Army Reserve Soldier who can answer your questions about the Army Reserve. Finally, if you have specific questions about a career field in the Army, we invite you to send us an email to [usar.usarc.ocar.mbx.ar-recruiting-communications@mail.mil](mailto:usar.usarc.ocar.mbx.ar-recruiting-communications@mail.mil), and we can connect you with an officer in your area of interest.