

Training: Fully Resource Training

ROA urges Congress to provide funding to support the strategic and operational requirements of the Reserve Components.

The change from a strategic to an operational reserve requires the services to budget 100 percent of training. However, because they are forced to balance and mitigate risk in the current fiscally constrained environment the services have budgeted a lower percentage of training, thereby introducing risk into missions. When Congress chooses to mark down the Reserve Personnel appropriation, they compound the risk already programmed into the President's budget request.

The Reserve Personnel appropriation provides resources that enable the military services to train units and qualify personnel used to respond to national emergencies and for national security requirements. Funding training days will allow the RC to meet these requirements.

The consistent and recurring demand for Reserve Component capabilities will not be waning in the future, as active missions remain dynamic. The Reserve must maintain a trained force to be ready at a moment's notice. The projected increases in the table below reflect increased participation as Selective Reserve members perform annual training and inactive duty training due to a reduction in mobilizations and overseas deployments.

Guard and Reserve members are committed to training because they have seen the need for proficiency during their exemplary participation in war. We must support this commitment by providing the resources they need to continue training.

Reserve Personnel – Reserve Components

(in thousands of dollars)

Component	FY2016 Enacted	FY2017 Requested*	FY 2017 and FY 2016 Difference
Army National Guard	\$7,892,327	\$7,910,694	\$18,367
Army Reserve	\$4,463,164	\$4,561,703	\$98,539
Navy Reserve	\$1,866,891	\$1,924,155	\$57,264
Marine Corps Reserve	\$702,481	\$744,995	\$42,514
Air National Guard	\$3,201,890	\$3,280,065	\$78,175
Air Force Reserve	\$1,682,942	\$1,742,906	\$59,964
Coast Guard Reserve	\$110,614	\$112,302	\$1,688

*Reflects president's budget request