



RESERVE OFFICER ASSOCIATION

Resetting and Reconstitution of Reserve Component Units Returning From Deployments Resolution No. 16-13

WHEREAS, Reserve Component (RC) units returning from deployments to combat areas are frequently ordered to leave significant portions of their mission essential equipment for use by follow-on units; and

WHEREAS, RC units returning from deployments are in other cases bringing back mission essential equipment that is worn out, damaged, or economically unreparable; and

WHEREAS, significant portions of the good equipment items brought back by RC units returning from deployments are being diverted to other units preparing for deployment; and

WHEREAS, there are significant, continuing shortages of mission essential equipment in RC units that are unfunded; and

WHEREAS, cascading of equipment from the active forces to RC units is not appropriate when RC units are being deployed to perform the same missions and to face the same dangers as active component forces; and

WHEREAS, cascading of equipment from the active forces to RC units does not work because the equipment is not current and outdated so it cannot be used to support current operations; and

WHEREAS, RC units returning from combat areas often have retention shortages or have suffered personnel casualties that must be replaced by new recruits or re-trainees; and

WHEREAS, restructuring of RC units, converting them into high demand specialties such as Military Police/Security Forces, Civil Affairs, Engineer, or Transportation, exacerbates shortages of equipment and shortages of funds for training;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to authorize and appropriate adequate funding for the reconstitution of Reserve Component units returning from deployments, for repair, replacement or procurement of mission essential equipment, for restructuring of Reserve Component units into high demand units, and for individual and unit training as needed.

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