

**E-PME**  *Enlisted*  
**PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION**

Role of the Reserve 3.B.02

**Learning Objective(s):** **EXPLAIN** the role and configuration of the Coast Guard Reserves.

**Why You Need to Know This**

The Coast Guard Reserve Program offers citizens the opportunity to serve in the military part-time while maintaining a separate civilian career. The Reserve provides the Coast Guard highly trained and well qualified personnel for active duty in time of war and national emergency, and for augmentation of Coast Guard forces during natural or man-made disasters or accidents. The Coast Guard Reserve also provides the Coast Guard surge capacity and flexibility to respond to all threats and all hazards.

As an active duty member, it is import that you understand the role and configuration of the Reserve and how they contribute to the Coast Guard missions in general and your unit’s missions in particular.

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**Topics Covered**

This section will cover the following topics:

- Role of Ready Reserves
- Reserve Policy Statement
- Role of Select Reserves
- Role of Individual Ready Reserves
- Role of Investigators

At the end of this lesson, you will be required to participate in a learning activity. You are encouraged to first review the learning activity and the sign off requirements located in the “**You and Your Supervisor**” section of this lesson. Reviewing this information before you begin the lesson will allow you to take proper notes and focus on key learning points.

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## Coast Guard Reserve and Reserve Policy Statement

Reservists are one of the many dedicated people who make up Team Coast Guard. Team Coast Guard includes:

- Active Duty
- Reservists
- Civilians
- Auxiliarists
- Contractors

The Coast Guard Reserve Policy Statement includes:



## Ready Reserve

The **Ready Reserve** consists of reservists available for immediate recall to active duty. All Ready Reservists are considered to be in an active status. They train during peacetime to prepare for active duty in time of war, national emergency, or during times when national security dictates their activation.

Reservists develop their skills during monthly drills and annual two-week training periods. Reservists may also attend:

- Recruit training
- Officer Candidate School
- Specialized training

The Ready Reserve is divided into two components which include:

- Selected Reserve (SELRES)
- Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)

**Selected Reserve**

The **Select Reserve (SELRES)** is made up of former active duty members and recruits within the Ready Reserve designated as essential to initial contingency requirements having priority over all other Reserve elements. They are assigned to Coast Guard or selected Joint Service units, and they are required to train for mobilization as prescribed in 10 U.S.C. 10147.

Selected Reservists participate in both inactive duty training periods and in active duty for the purpose of annual training. Coast Guard SELRES members are generally authorized 48 paid Inactive Duty Training (IDT) drills and at least 12 paid Active Duty for Training (ADT) days per fiscal year.

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**Individual Ready Reserve**

The **Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)** is a manpower pool principally consisting of individuals who have had training and have previously served in the Active forces or in the Selected Reserve.

The IRR consists of individuals who:

- Must fulfill the remaining portion of their eight year Military Service Obligation (MSO) under 10 U.S.C. 651.
- Have fulfilled their MSO and voluntarily remain in the IRR.

IRR members are not required to meet the same paid Inactive Duty Training (IDT) and Active Duty for Training (ADT) training requirements as Selected Reservists (SELRES).

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**Investigator**

Reserve personnel serve in all Coast Guard rates, including the investigator rating which is only open to members of the Reserve. Investigators provide support to Coast Guard law enforcement and intelligence missions by performing the following functions:

- Conduct criminal investigations
- Collect and analyze intelligence information
- Provide personal protection services to high-ranking Coast Guard officials and other VIPs

Most investigators receive their training on-the-job and through correspondence courses. Depending on the nature of the assigned duty, additional training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), in Glynco, GA may be provided.

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## Learning Activity



To successfully complete this requirement you will need to discuss the topics listed below with your supervisor.

- Different Reserve components
  - Role of Investigators
  - Role of Reservists at your unit
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## For You and Your Supervisor

In order to meet the sign-off requirement for this lesson **YOU** must perform the following:

1. Prior to meeting with your supervisor review the contents of this lesson and organize your thoughts.
2. Discuss your chosen topic.

Before signing off on this requirement your **SUPERVISOR** must:

1. Make sure the member knows the role and structure of the Coast Reserve.
  2. Provide the member with corrective feedback and answer any questions they may have related to this topic.
  3. Sign-off the check-off sheet on the Record of Enlisted Professional Military Education (E-PME) Performance Requirements.
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## References

The following references were used in this lesson, they can be found at [CG Directives at CG-612](#):

- Coast Guard Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6(series)
  - Coast Guard Reserve Policy Manual, COMDTINST M1001.28(series)
  - [Coast Guard Publication 1 \(CG Pub 1\)](#)
  - [Coast Guard Reserve Affairs \(CG-131\) website](#) (<http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/>)
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