

## MISSION

Provide the Secretary of War with quality recommendations to ensure that America's Reserve Components are integrated, capable, and ready to support the Nation.

## HISTORY

The Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB), established in 1951 and codified in 1952, is a federal advisory committee under the Office of the Secretary of War. It independently advises the Secretary of War on strategies, policies, and practices to enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

## THE BOARD

In accordance with Title 10 U.S.C. section 10301, membership consists of 20 individuals, of whom 18 have voting rights, including:

- A Civilian Chair
- A Reserve Component General or Flag Officer serving as Military Executive (non-voting)
- A Senior Enlisted Advisor (non-voting)
- 7 Active or Retired Reserve Officers or Enlisted Representatives from each of the Reserve Components
- 10 federal or non-federal members who contribute diverse perspectives and a wide range of experience in national security matters

The RFPB is a Federal Advisory Board codified in Title 10, Section 10301.  
The RFPB adheres to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) enacted in 1972.

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The importance of adequate reserve forces to the security of the nation has been clearly demonstrated by recent world events...I am confident that the Reserve Forces Policy Board will continue to achieve the success it has demonstrated in the past.”

- Gen. George C. Marshall  
*June 13, 1951*

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# Reserve Forces Policy Board

Advising on the Future  
of the Reserve Components



# STRATEGICALLY POSTURED, OPERATIONALLY READY

## THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The U.S. Army's combat-arms reserve which provides capable operationally employable units, strategic depth, and integrated capabilities to the Total Force.

## THE ARMY RESERVE

provides combat-ready Soldiers and formations precisely when needed, answering the call of the Army and the nation.

## THE AIR FORCE RESERVE

is a combat-proven force, offering cost-effective air power with experienced surge capacity and strategic depth.

## THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Provides mission-ready Airmen to safeguard the homeland, serve our communities, and to execute global operations.



## THE NAVY RESERVE

Provides strategic depth as part of the integrated Total Force contributing warfighting capability and capacity in the maritime domain.

## THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE

seamlessly and rapidly augments the Marine Corps Total Force in support of Combatant Command and NDS requirements.



## THE COAST GUARD RESERVE

enhances the Defense Enterprise's surge capabilities as a flexible and responsive contingency-based workforce for national defense missions and domestic disasters.



## RFPB'S ROLE

The RFPB supports the Secretary of War in optimizing the Total Force and successfully implementing the NDS. It is crucial for leaders and policymakers to recognize:

- ✓ The Reserve Component (RC) comprises 38% of the Total Force.
- ✓ The RC provides key capabilities at a lower cost than a full-time force.
- ✓ Reservists and Guardsmen encounter distinct challenges when volunteering.
- ✓ The RC is vital for operational capabilities and strategic depth, essential for deterrence and meeting domestic demands in an era of strategic competition.

## PRIORITIES

The RFPB advises on key issues relevant to our evolving security environment, ensuring a lasting impact on the Reserve Component, such as:

- Enactment of Duty Status Reform
- RC role in Homeland Defense
- RC role in National Mobilization
- Strategic Depth
- Support for Reserve Component stakeholders across the DoW and all levels of government

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Secretary of War praised the RC for its role in border enforcement operations.
- Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness emphasized the invaluable role the Reserve Component has played in meeting the Department's operational requirements.
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff highlighted RC contributions to Operation Midnight Hammer.