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Army Reserve and Army National Guard partner with U.S. Army Human Resources Command to launch the IRR Affiliation Program

Beginning July 1, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Soldiers and their Families will be able to tap into a geographically local military network of support to ensure their well-being and readiness.

“IRR Soldiers and their Families don’t have easy access to military installations,” said Brig. Gen. Leslie A. Purser, Deputy Chief of the Army Reserve. “Through the IRR Affiliation Program, they’ll be able to turn to fellow Soldiers living nearby for information.”

Purser explained that local Reserve units will help connect affiliated IRR Soldiers and their Families with the resources to address their physical and psychological health needs, career issues, and Family concerns. “IRR members are usually coming off of an active duty tour and they aren’t aware of all the programs in place to assist Reserve Soldiers and families. Putting them in contact with a Reserve unit means they get to talk to people who have already successfully integrated their military and civilian lives,” Purser said.

Affiliated IRR Soldiers will be under no obligation to participate in unit training or to maintain contact with the unit. They will only be required to acknowledge the program and their affiliation to a Reserve Component unit, and their understanding that resources and support will always be available to them while assigned to the IRR.

Beginning July 1, IRR Soldiers will be affiliated with Army Reserve units. While several Army National Guard units will also participate in this initial program, the Guard intends to include all its units in the program later this year. No action is needed on the part of IRR Soldiers other than meeting their statutory and regulatory requirement of notifying U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) of any changes to their contact information and personal status. HRC will notify each IRR Soldier of the unit to which he or she is being affiliated.

Beginning December 1, Soldiers separating from the Active Component and entering into the IRR will be affiliated at Transition Points.

For more information on the IRR, visit the HRC website at www.hrc.army.mil

For more information about the Army Reserve, visit www.usar.army.mil

For more information about the Army National Guard, visit <http://www.arng.army.mil>

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