



MARFORRES COMMUNICATOR

Marine Forces Reserve
Force Structure Review
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Marine Forces Reserve: Ready, Relevant, Responsive

“During our FSR, Department of Defense planning scenarios and analytical planning tools were used to evaluate capabilities and risks. Risks were mitigated through the use of an operational reserve where possible.”

–Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps



A 3rd Civil Affairs Marine talks with village elders about projects to improve their remote Afghan village. The number of Marine Corps civil affairs units will increase from two to four in the coming years, all of which will belong to Marine Forces Reserve. This change is being brought about as a result of the Force Structure Review.

• Leadership (with links to commands and biographies)

- Secretary of the Navy [Honorable Ray Mabus](#)
- Commandant of the Marine Corps [Gen. James F. Amos](#)
- Assistant Commandant [Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr.](#)
- Sgt Major of the Marine Corps [Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett](#)
- Commander, MARFORRES [Lt. Gen. Steven A. Hummer](#)
- Executive Director, MARFORRES [Mr. Robert Braithwaite](#)
- Sgt Major of MARFORRES [Sgt. Maj. James E. Booker](#)
- CMD Master Chief, MARFORRES [CMDCM Eric E. Cousin](#)

▪ Commanding Generals (with links to biographies):

- [4th Marine Division](#) [Brig. Gen. James M. Lariviere](#)
- [4th Marine Aircraft Wing](#) [Maj. Gen. Rex C. McMillian](#)
- [4th Marine Logistics Group](#) [Brig. Gen. Roger R. Machut](#)

AN INTEGRAL ELEMENT OF THE TOTAL FORCE

BY THE NUMBERS (as of 15 FEB 2012)

AUTHORIZED END STRENGTH INVENTORY 39,600

Members of Reserve Units	31,756
Active Reserve	2,173
Officer	339
Enlisted	1,834
Individual Mobilization Augmentees	2,978
Trainees	3,041

SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE 39,948

INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE 57,550

TOTAL MARINE CORPS RESERVE 97,498

U.S. NAVY SERVING MARFORRES 2,423

Reserve	2,204
Active	219

ACTIVE COMPONENT END STRENGTH 4,409

Marine:	4,118
Navy:	291

CURRENTLY DEPLOYED 1,458

Theater Security Cooperation	82
OEF	880
OIF	0
HOA	4
Other	492
Percentage of Units Deployed for OEF/OIF	100%

OCO CONTRIBUTION SINCE 11 SEP 01 75,870

(64% of current USMCR personnel have activated at least once)

AVERAGE AGE OF FORCE 25.3 years

CACO SUPPORT CY2011 375

FUNERAL SUPPORT CY2011 15,523

RESERVE SITES 183

Located in 48 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico	
Owned Sites	32
Tenant Locations	151
Family Housing Sites	3
Marine Barracks	1

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MARINE FORCES RESERVE: *Ready, Relevant, Responsive* Monthly Communication Priority: **FORCE STRUCTURE REVIEW**



FORCE STRUCTURE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION

 The Nation's projected future security environment demands a future force that remains capable across the spectrum of missions, fully prepared to deter and defeat aggression and to defend the homeland and our allies.

 The Force Structure Review (FSR) was a capabilities-based assessment informed by DoD strategic guidance as well as guidance from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Defense.

 The FSR matches Marine Corps capabilities with the Nation's needs, specifically in regards to the changing nature of the security environment while reflecting new fiscal realities.

 Building on our historic role as the Nation's force-in-readiness, the FSR will reshape organizations, capabilities, and capacities to increase utility and flexibility across the entire range of military operations, optimizing us for crisis response and forward-presence roles as we return to our amphibious, "soldier of the sea" roots.

 Marine Forces Reserve will keep faith with our Marines, Sailors, and their families during FSR implementation and work to ease the transition in numerous ways to include:

-  Opportunities to train in a new MOS if necessary for continued service.
-  Movement of personnel and equipment at facilities that are due for closure
-  Working with each individual Marine to find a solution that best fits his or her situation.

 **Why did the Marine Corps conduct the FSR?**

To evaluate and refine the organization, posture & capabilities required to maintain our role as America's expeditionary force in readiness in a post-OEF security environment.

 **Is the FSR related to the drawdown of the Total Force to 182,100?**

No. The FSR was conducted in 2010 and approved for implementation in 2011 for the reason listed above. However, the FSR has been updated to reflect the reality of the FY-13 Budget Proposal. As further restriction on the DoD budget developed and are incorporated into the President's FY13 Budget, further updates will be made.

 **How will the FSR affect the Reserve Forces?**

Although not reducing Reserve component end strength, the FSR re-postured & balanced capabilities within the Reserve to better enable and integrate the Total Force. Examples include eliminating higher headquarters overhead to increases in civil affairs, human intelligence and air & naval gun fire capabilities.

 **In what ways will Reserve units be affected by the FSR?**

The current plan is expected to affect 147 of our 183 Reserve centers. Many of these 147 units may not be directly affected, but instead, the parent command or subordinate unit may be affected. Some units may be attached to a new parent command without a physical relocation. Other units may receive a new mission but maintain the same physical location, possibly with a structure increase. The most extreme possibility for some units is that they may be disestablished entirely.

