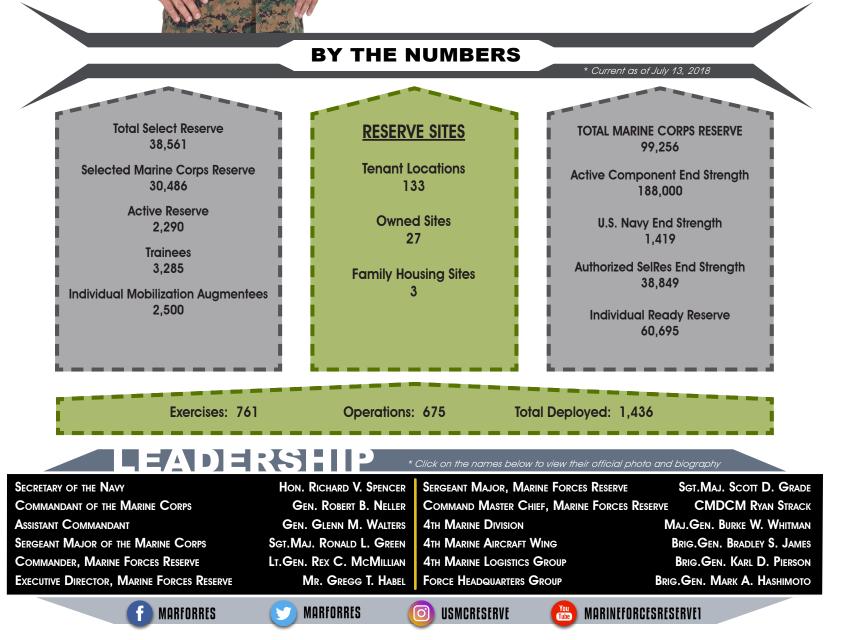
## MARINEFORCESRESERVE | AUGUST 2018

As my career comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to thank the Marines and Sailors of Marine Forces Reserve for your professionalism, spirit and commitment to our nation and Corps. It has been my privilege to serve as your commander these past three years. Our Reserve Force is now at its highest state of readiness, and I want to thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Marine Corps while juggling the responsibilities of families and jobs.

For the past three years, I witnessed your unfaltering warrior ethos that forged a force in readiness. I have seen the fighting spirit of the Marine Corps Reserve during the most challenging exercises, activations and real-world operations.

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in 2017, that ravaged Texas and Florida, exemplified MFR's ability to "fight tonight." We provided immediate disaster relief at the critical stage following the hurricanes to save life and property. Together, we demonstrated MFR is ready to augment, reinforce, and support the active duty forces at any time, in any clime.

Our 31st Commandant, Gen. Charles C. Krulak, once said, "Our Corps has done two things for this great nation: we make Marines and we win battles." The Marine Corps Reserve has done that for more than 100 years, and we will continue to do so long after I'm gone. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your commander. Semper Fidelis.





C-130 landed onto the newly extended runway for the first time during Innovative Readiness Training. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Tessa D. Watts)

Marine Division participated in ITX 4-17 to demonstrate their ability to direct artillery fire and close air support and seamlessly integrate with the active duty component. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Imari Dubose)

## MARFORRES 2015-2018: **READY TO FIGHT TONIGHT**

14th Marines and MWSS-473 mobilized to augment Hurricane Harvey relief efforts by transporting supplies to locals. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Niles Lee)



Marines and MWSS-473 reinforced refueling operations conducted by federal, state and local civil support during search and rescue operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Niles Lee)



SPMAGTE-SC 17 Marines boarded a CH-53E to support Joint Task Force-Leeward Islands with humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts following Hurricane Maria. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Melissa Martens)



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- SPMAGTF-SC worked with USAID to unload water from a CH-53E, in an effort to provide relief supplies after Hurricane Maria. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Serine Farahi)

## AUGMENT

## SUPPORT,



HURRICANE RESPONSE



- Marine Corps Reserve deployed 624 personnel to support Hurricane Harvey relief efforts from Aug. 29, 2017 to Sept. 5, 2017 under Title 10 United States Code 12304(a) orders.

- More than 4,300 man-days were utilized (roughly 12 man-years)

4th

- 4th Marine Aircraft Wing supported operations with five UH-1Y and two MV-22 through 108.2 flight hours and 70.5 sorties.

- 4th Marine Division provided amphibious assault vehicles, high-water vehicles and small boats Zodiac F470 Combat Rubber Raiding Craft. - Rescued more than 1,000 stranded civilians, delivered 35,000 pounds of supplies via air lift and 200 pallets ground delivered.

- 4th Marine Aircraft Wing supported operations with one Forward Arming Refueling Point site established in Marathon, Florida.

- 4th Marine Logistics Group deployed 40 Marines in support of Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations with 20 PAX in Puerto Rico from Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 45.