



## Army Quick Facts<sup>1</sup>

### **Motto**

This We'll Defend

### **Background**

The Army is our Nation's main ground fighting force and is the oldest and largest of the Military Services. In 1784, the United States Army replaced the Continental Army, which was formed in 1775.

### **Mission**

"To fight and win our Nation's wars by providing prompt, sustained land dominance across the full range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of combatant commanders."

Army missions vary greatly and may include:

- Land combat
- Medical assistance in impoverished areas
- Policing in volatile areas
- Base security
- Helicopter missions to drop/resupply troops in hard-to-reach areas
- Counter drug operations
- Large-scale transportation of supplies and troops via ground vehicles
- Humanitarian missions delivering food supplies
- Building schools or basic infrastructure

### **Organization**

The Army is comprised of an Active Duty and a Reserve (Reserve and National Guard) component.

Within the Department of Army there are two components:

- Operational Army
  - Numbered armies, corps, divisions, brigades, battalions, companies, platoons, and squads that conduct full spectrum operations around the world.
- Institutional Army
  - Supports the operational Army by providing the infrastructure necessary to raise, train, equip, deploy, and ensure the readiness of all Army forces.

## Values

Soldiers embrace seven values:

- Loyalty
  - Soldiers bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, the unit, and other Soldiers through devotion, support, leadership, and solidarity.
- Duty
  - Duty means more than fulfilling obligations—it is the ability to accomplish tasks as a part of a team.
- Respect
  - Respect is an important part of creating a successful team. Embracing this value encourages Service members to appreciate and trust one another, thus better providing them with an ability to work as a cohesive unit.
- Selfless Service
  - Soldiers put the welfare of the nation, the Army and your subordinates before themselves. They serve their country loyally without thought of recognition or gain.
- Honor
  - Honor is a matter of carrying out, acting, and living the values of respect, duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity and personal courage all facets of life.
- Integrity
  - Service members in the Army are dedicated to doing what is right, legally and morally. Building integrity and adhering to moral principles helps to build trust with others.
- Personal Courage
  - Personal courage stems from the ability to act honorably, especially during times of fear, danger, and physical or moral adversity.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, please visit <http://www.army.mil/>