

ARMY 101

An Introduction to the United States Army



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OVERVIEW

Your United States Army

The Army is older than the country it serves. Authorized by the Second Continental Congress, the Continental Army was established on 14 June 1775.

The Army:

- is the oldest and largest of the military departments;
- has Soldiers in every state and territory (Total Army);
- is the second largest U.S. employer (Walmart is the largest);
- has over 250 Military Occupational Specialties and Officer specialties; and
- is the foundation of the Joint Force.

Fewer than 1% of Americans currently serve in the military. 83% of Soldiers come from families with members who have served in the military.*



PEOPLE ARE OUR ARMY



Soldiers serve and live by a set of seven common values:

LOYALTY

DUTY

RESPECT

SELFLESS SERVICE

HONOR

INTEGRITY

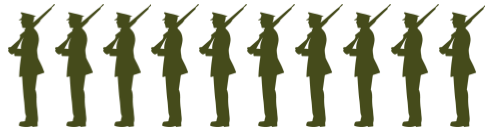
PERSONAL COURAGE

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**Soldiers are not *in* the Army;
Soldiers *are* the Army.**

GEN Creighton Abrams
26th Chief of Staff of the Army

AMERICA'S ARMY



951,800*

Soldiers

~65,000[†]

Deployed worldwide



82%

Male



18%

Female

- 55% Caucasian
- 21% African American
- 16% Hispanic
- 5% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 3% Other/Unknown



340,216

Pieces of equipment



284,344

Wheeled vehicles



26,232

Combat vehicles



20,742

MRAP vehicles



4,300

Aircraft



4,466

Stryker vehicles



132

Watercraft

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER: THEN AND NOW



1968 (Enlisted)

- 22 years old
- 79% high school graduates
- < 1% female
- 21% minority
- 60% draftees
- 36% married
- SGT base pay = \$279/mo*
- SGLI coverage = \$10,000*
- 35 lbs of equipment (\$1,856)*
- Individual replacements
- 62% survival rate if wounded

*Not adjusted for inflation

2020 (Enlisted)

- 28 years old
- 96% high school graduates
- 18% female
- 42% minority
- 100% volunteers
- 52% married
- SGT base pay = \$3,001/mo
- SGLI coverage = \$500,000
- 75+ lbs of equipment (\$19,454)
- Unit rotations
- 88% survival rate if wounded



WHAT YOUR ARMY DOES

The U.S. Army is globally engaged with **over 65,000 Soldiers deployed and 74,000 Soldiers on standby for immediate and crisis response missions.*** These Soldiers conduct combat operations, deter aggression and assure our allies and partners.



Critical Enabling Capabilities

- Joint and Theater logistics, including support to allies
- Military training and education centers
- Military healthcare – operating the majority of military hospitals
- Civil engineering (Army Corps of Engineers)
- Domestic natural disaster response
- Administering Arlington National Cemetery
- Infectious disease research
- State Partnership Program (ARNG: 88 international partnerships)

THE UNITED STATES ARMY

The U.S. Army is a total army—one Army—comprised of three components: Regular Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve.

NDAA Endstrength

	2023 <i>Enacted</i>	2024 <i>Requested</i>	2025 <i>Requested</i>
Regular Army	452,000	452,000	442,300
Army National Guard	325,000	325,000	325,000
Army Reserve	177,000	174,800	175,800
Total Army	954,000	951,800	943,100

CONSTITUTIONALLY AUTHORIZED

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The Congress shall have the power...

To provide for the common defense...To raise and support Armies...To provide and maintain a Navy...
To make rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval forces...To declare war...And to make laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying out the foregoing powers.

Article I, Section 8,
The Constitution of the United States



ROLE OF THE ARMY

Federal law, under Title 10 of the United States Code, states that the Army: “Shall be organized, trained and equipped primarily for prompt and sustained combat incident to operations on land.”

The purpose of the U.S. Army is to deploy, fight and win our nation’s wars by providing ready, prompt and sustained land dominance by Army forces across the full spectrum of conflict as part of the joint force.

- **Prevent:** The Army deters conflict by maintaining credibility based on capacity, readiness and modernization.
- **Shape:** The Army shapes the environment by sustaining strong relationships with other armies, building their capacity and facilitating strategic success.
- **Win:** If prevention fails, the Army rapidly applies its combined arms capabilities to dominate the environment and win decisively.



ARMY LEADERSHIP



Secretary of the Army
CHRISTINE WORMUTH

- Exercises civilian control of the Army
- Formulates and implements policy guidance for the Army
- Resources the Army



41st Chief of Staff of the Army
GENERAL RANDY GEORGE

- Senior officer of the Army, primary advisor to the Secretary of the Army
- Readiness of the force
- Shaping the Future Army



17th Sergeant Major of the Army
SMA MICHAEL WEIMER

- Senior enlisted advisor to the Chief of Staff
- Advocates for Soldiers

ARMY FOCUS AREAS

Warfighting

“We must ruthlessly prioritize time and resources towards building lethality and cohesive teams.”

Delivering Ready Combat Formations

“We must be ready to get our formations to the fight and sustain them there.”

Continuous Transformation

“We will transform iteratively and continuously... The best ideas often come from the bottom up.”

Strengthening the Profession


“To maintain America’s trust, we must serve with competence and character.”



Michael R. Weimer
Sergeant Major of the Army



Randy A. George
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff



Christine E. Wormuth
Secretary of the Army

THE SOLDIER PROFESSION — ENLISTED

Basic Combat Training

A 10-week training course that transforms Civilians into Soldiers.

Advanced Individual Training

Four to 56 weeks of hands-on training and field instruction to develop proficiency in specific careerfields.

Private – Specialist

- Warrior and a member of a team
- Disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in warrior tasks and drills

Non-commissioned Officer: Corporal – Sergeant Major

- Leaders are responsible for the preparation and accomplishment of the mission and welfare and training of Soldiers
- Backbone of the Army
- Continually advance in expert knowledge and skills throughout their careers



THE SOLDIER PROFESSION — OFFICER

Basic Officer Leader Course

(Pre-Commissioning Training)

- West Point
- Reserve Officer Training Corps
- Officer Candidate School

Basic Officer Leader Course

Provides newly commissioned Army officers with progressive and sequential training at branch schools, in order to produce adaptive officers, who are technically and tactically competent, confident and capable of leading in unified land operations.












Career Progression

- Officers attend additional professional schools as they progress in their career.
- Options are available to obtain advanced civilian degrees, train with foreign militaries and work with industry.








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Officers*

<p>O-1</p>  <p>Second Lieutenant (2LT)</p>	<p>O-2</p>  <p>First Lieutenant (1LT) 18 Months</p>	<p>O-3</p>  <p>Captain (CPT) 4 Years</p>	<p>O-4</p>  <p>Major (MAJ) 10-11 Years</p>
<p>O-5</p>  <p>Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) 16.5 Years</p>	<p>O-6</p>  <p>Colonel (COL) 22 Years</p>	<p>O-7</p>  <p>Brigadier General (BG)</p>	<p>O-8</p>  <p>Major General (MG)</p>
<p>O-9</p>  <p>Lieutenant General (LTG)</p>	<p>O-10</p>  <p>General (GEN)</p>	<p>Special</p>  <p>General of the Army (GA)</p>	

Warrant Officers*

<p>W-1</p>  <p>Warrant Officer (WO1)</p>	<p>W-2</p>  <p>Chief Warrant Officer (CW2) 2 Yrs + WOBC</p>
<p>W-3</p>  <p>Chief Warrant Officer (CW3) 7-8 Years + WOAC</p>	<p>W-4</p>  <p>Chief Warrant Officer (CW4) 12-14 Years + WOILE</p>
<p>W-5</p>  <p>Chief Warrant Officer (CW5) 17-20 Years + WOSSE</p>	

Enlisted

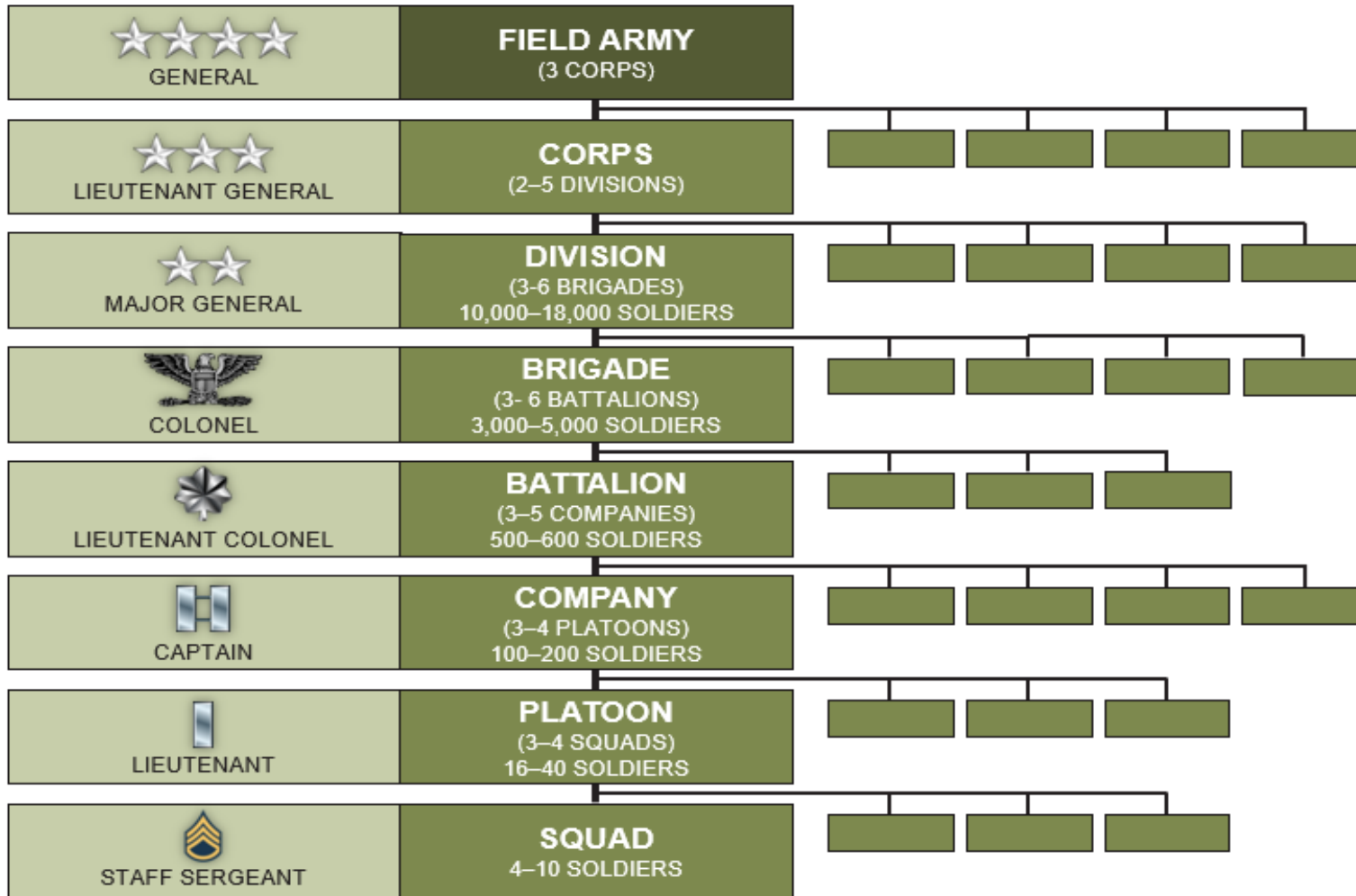
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<p>E-5</p>  <p>Sergeant (SGT) 4.5 Years</p>	<p>E-6</p>  <p>Staff Sergeant (SSG) 8 Years</p>	<p>E-7</p>  <p>Sergeant First Class (SFC) 12.5-14 Years</p>	<p>E-8</p>   <p>Master Sergeant (MSG) First Sergeant (1SG) 17.7-20 Years</p>
<p>E-9</p>  <p>Sergeant Major (SGM)</p>  <p>Command Sergeant Major (CSM)</p> <p>22.6-24 Years</p>			<p>Senior Enlisted Advisor</p>  <p>Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA)</p>

* Only counts commissioned time.

WOBC – Warrant Officer Basic Course
WOAC – Warrant Officer Advanced Course

WOILE – Warrant Officer Intermediate Level Education
WOSSE – Warrant Officer Senior Service Education

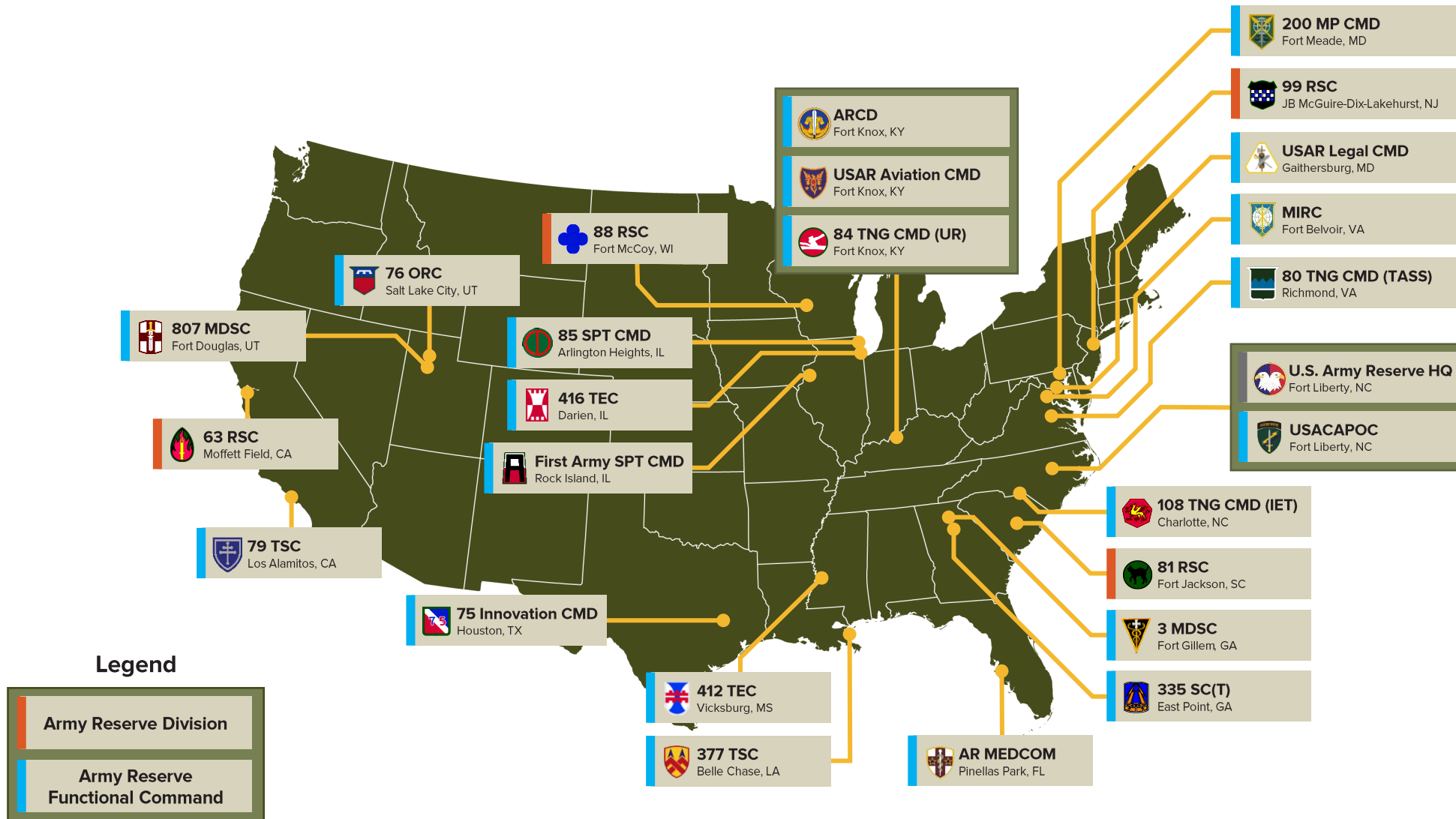
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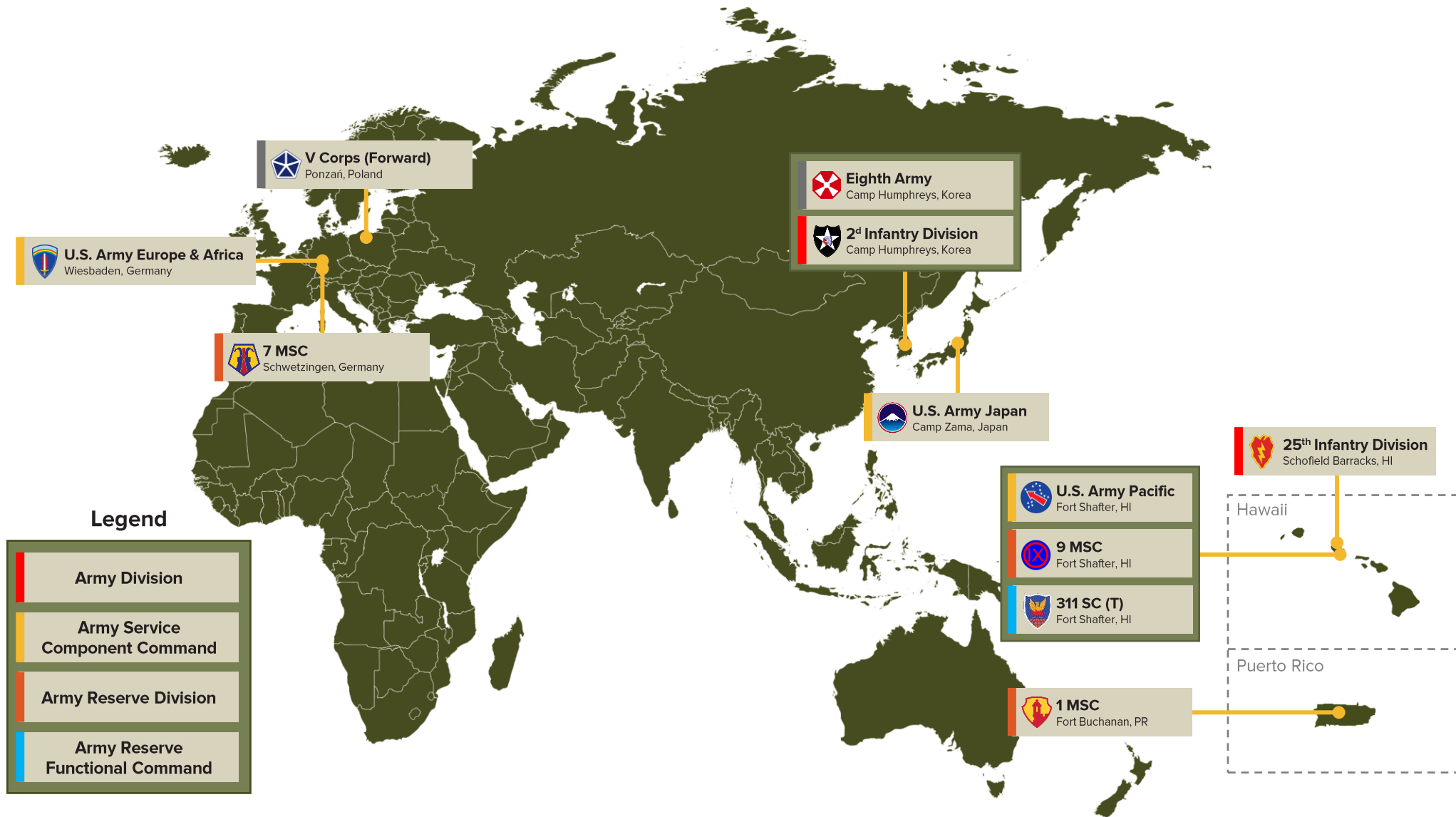
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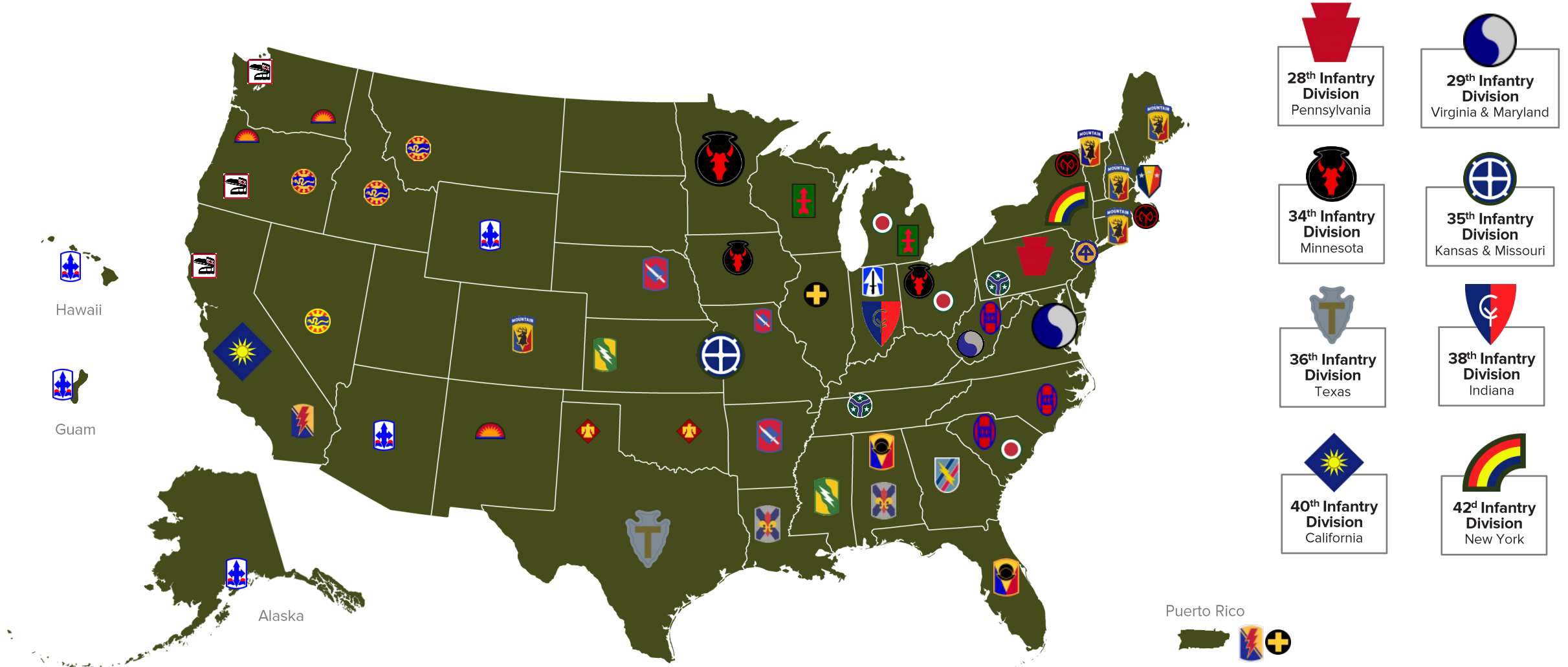
ARMY RESERVE — DIVISIONS & FUNCTIONAL COMMANDS



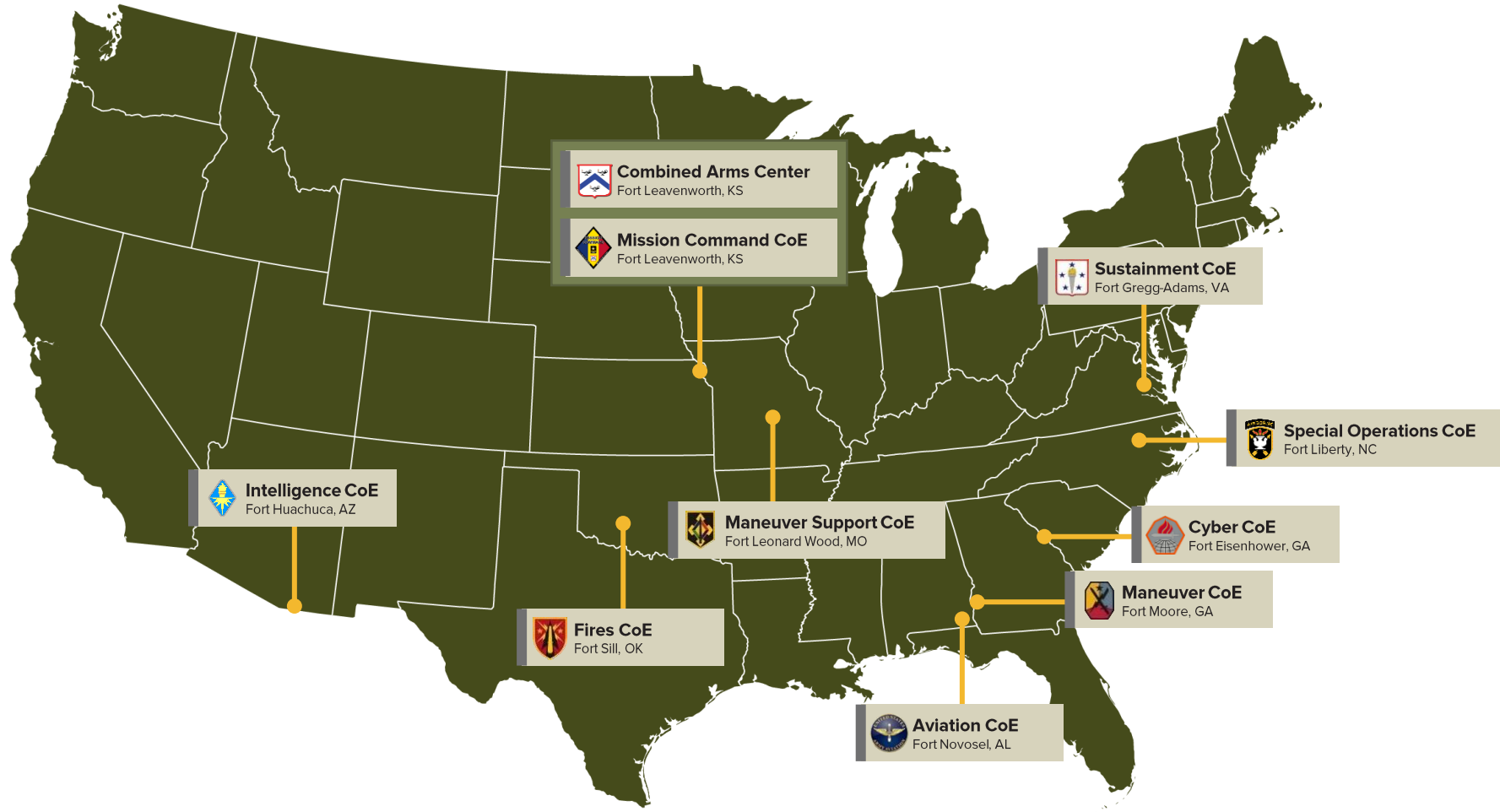
REGULAR & RESERVE ARMY — OCONUS-BASED UNITS



ARMY NATIONAL GUARD – DIVISIONS & BRIGADE COMBAT TEAMS

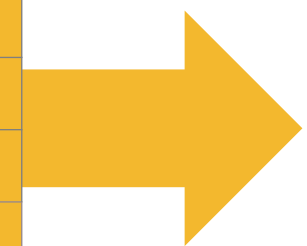


REGULAR ARMY — CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

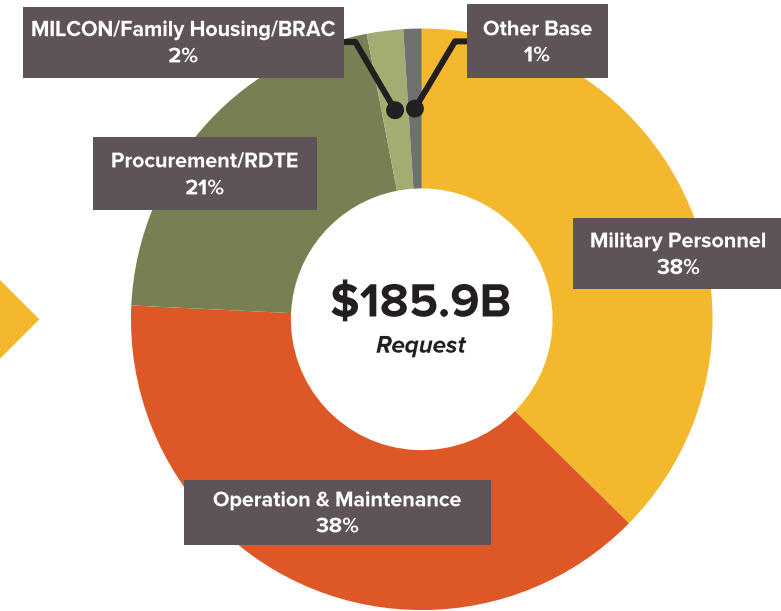


FY25 ARMY BUDGET REQUEST – PRESIDENT’S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Base Funding Program Request (\$B)	FY23 Enacted	FY24 Requested	FY25* Requested
Military Personnel ¹	68.0	69.8	70.7
Operation & Maintenance ²	70.6	72.1	71.4
Procurement/RDTE	40.7	39.2	38.5
MILCON/Family Housing/BRAC	4.0	2.8	3.9
Other Base ³	1.8	1.7	1.5
Totals	185.2	185.5	185.9



FY25 Budget



¹ Includes Medicare Eligible Retirement Healthcare Fund

² Includes Environmental Restoration Account (ERA) Funding

³ Other Base: Chemical Agent and Munitions Destruction; Army Working Capital Fund; Arlington National Cemetery; Counter-Islamic State of Iraq/Syria Train and Equip Fund; Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (FY22 Only)

- FY 2025 Army budget allows the Army “to resource our enduring capabilities while setting the conditions for the Army of 2040.”*
- The FY25 budget continues to:
 - Invest in quality Soldier and family housing
 - Invest in combat ready formations
 - Deliver on modernization and innovation
 - Build a more resilient industrial base*
 - Prioritize taking care of people and quality of life
 - Transform Army recruiting
 - Enhance capability and training in Pacific theater



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