

NATIONAL RESERVE FORCES STATUS / FORMAT

COUNTRY: CZECH REPUBLIC

GENERAL INFO

- ORIGIN

Reserve Forces (consisting of soldiers having a reserve status) are established in order to augment the Czech Armed Forces in case of threat for the country or in state of war. Reserve Forces consist of soldiers having completed either their active professional service and/or those having completed their conscript or alternative service.

- RESERVES VS ACTIVE DUTY (PERSONNEL STRENGTH & %)

Of all registered reservists in files of Regional Military Commands (RMC) approximately 500,000 reservists are applicable to mobilization augmentation. The figure equals to all personnel having completed to date their conscript or alternative service (from 18 to 60 years of age). However, only 40 000 of them are able to be qualified for Armed Forces augmentation. Approximately 26 000 troops (professionals) are performing their active duty these days.

- MALE AND\OR FEMALE (ROLE ACCORDING TO THE UNIT TYPE)

The position of women in the Armed Forces of the Czech republic is at the same level as the position of men. Executing the conscription, both men and women have the same rights. The women in the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic can execute the functions without exceptions, it means that they perform the functions analogous as men.

Reservists – women are in evidence of the Regional Military Commands similar as men and in case of a need, they are used for the replenishment of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic.

BASIC ORGANIZATION PRINCIPLES

A conscription is preserved. In the peacetime, the conscription is settled on the principle of voluntary service. In case of threat for the country or in of war, the principle of voluntary service will be abandoned and the service duty will come into force.

The duty to complete the conscription comes into existence as of the day of completing 18 years of age and ends after reaching 60 years. After the end of active duty, the soldier's files are transferred to Reserve Registers at Regional Military Commands.

Conscription procedure will be realized under a threat to the country or in state of war. It will be under direction and co-ordination of the Regional Military Commands.

Reserve consists of two groups: **Compulsory Reserve** and **Active Reserve**.

Compulsory Reserve – consists of soldiers having completed their military service duty (professional, conscript or alternative service)

Active Reserve – consists of soldiers having completed their military service and having signed a contract incorporating them into the Active Reserve. The contract takes 3 years.

The Active Reserve and a part of the Compulsory Reserve (if needed) are earmarked for CAF augmentation. If there is a need to augment some units, reservists are called up for an active or an extraordinary service. The procedure is initiated by a delivery of a call-up paper or by declaring a mobilization.

MAIN LEGISLATION

- MAIN REFERENCES

- Act No. 585/2004 Coll., on Scale of Military Service Obligation (Military Service Obligation Act)
- Act No. 220/1999 Coll., on the Course of a Compulsory Military Service or an Alternative Service, on Military Exercises, and on Some Legal Aspects relating to Reservists
- Act No. 65/1965 Coll., Labor Code as amended
- Internal Rules defining individual activities within the Armed Forces

- CALL-OUT, DURATION

In the peacetime, a training of reserve is organized only for Active Reserve. Active Reserve is called out for military exercises by the Regional Military Commands usually with a 4 weeks notice before the assembly day. The call-out procedure is initiated by a delivery of a call-out paper and reservists have to appear in a specified place at a specified time. Total length of military exercises is 3 weeks per year during duration of contract.

FUNCTION OF RESERVES

NATIONAL MISSIONS

– Active Reserve can be activated in order to assist of both military and non-military crisis situations occurring at the territory of the Czech Republic.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

– having made a voluntary commitment to fulfil international mission tasks, the reservists are called up to an active service duty with a regular soldier status.

CATEGORIZATION/READINESS

- VOLUNTEER, REGULAR, TERRITORIAL

See; please „BASIC ORGANIZATION PRINCIPLES“

FUNDING

- IDENTIFIED BUDGET (DEFENCE BUDGET)

For 2006 it is planned total CZK 65 mil for reservist military exercises (only Active Reserve), training and financial benefits and allowances.

- EMPLOYER SUPPORT/EMPLOYEES

Based on Labor Code, employers have an obligation to release their employees-reservists called up for a military exercise.

Active Reserve is entitled to CZK 500 per month in the course of the time their contract is in force and double salary in accordance with position and rank.

During the exercise, reservists are entitled to a salary, loss of wages compensation and reimbursement of all travel costs.

TRAINING

- YEARLY

The training of the reserves is settled on the principle of voluntary service and only for Active Reserve. This reserve serves preferentially for augmentation of the units with short-term

readiness. In harmony with the conditions defined by law, the members of the Active Reserve may be already called to operational deployment in peacetime. In case of operational deployment and exercise, the employers are bound to let the reservists to participate. Total length of military exercises is 3 weeks per year during duration of contract.

- **QUALIFICATION**

A Follow-up (Perfection) Training is held in case of shortcomings within some of specialized professions in relation to CAF needs.

- **RELATIONSHIP WITH REGULARS**

Regular (peacetime) units and the training base provide for reservists a training (from logistic and organizational point of view); interaction is also coordinated within the framework of the Thematic Exercises (simulation of an allied/cooperating unit, enemy unit, etc.)

INTERNET

- **OTHER OFFICIAL NATIONAL SITES, LINKS:**

www.army.cz