

NATIONAL RESERVE FORCES STATUS

COUNTRY: DENMARK.

GENERAL INFO

Denmark is like many other nations, using a large part of the defense budget on international operations all over the world. Our capacity is at the moment somewhat between 1200-1500 soldiers constantly abroad. In order to canalize resources into this increasing area as well as considering the non-existing threat towards Danish territory, training and use of reservists in the context of mobilization units, has been almost nonexistent (reaction forces are not included). This has of course been an extremely tough time for all reservists and their organizations, but never the less necessary.

For the time being Denmark is in the middle of ongoing defense agreements, which will probably increase the resources used on international missions, and therefore probably with an extended use of reservists.

- Origin.

It has been quite difficult to find the exact year, but the garrison library at the Royal Danish Defense College, consider 1842 as being the year where Denmark began educating and managing reserve forces.

- Reserves vs active duty (42 percent).

Reserves.

•Ordinary contracts	- 2,870
• <u>Reaction forces contracts</u>	- 3,452
•In all	- 6,322

Regulars.

•M4xx (LtCol and up)	- 422
•M3xx (Captain-Major)	- 3,286
•M2xx (NCO)	- 4,376
• <u>M1xx (Private)</u>	- 6,624
•In all	-14,708

- Male and/or female (role according to the type of unit).

In the Danish Armed Forces both sexes have equal opportunities. In the beginning were females primarily accepted for duty in the signal branch, but today they are also accepted in the combat troops as well.

However it is obvious, that there are more males in some units/branches eg. in tank units, as pilots and so on.

BASIC ORGANIZATION PRINCIPLES

The basic organizational principles vary depending on rank and service. The system are ongoing radical changes as described in point 2, but as of today and after finishing the military service, the Danish Armed Forces offers a contract to all commissioned officers and only a few to non-commissioned officers. The contract varies depending on rank and designation.

- Functional specialists.

The Danish Armed Forces is for the time being establishing a pool of 250 functional specialists. The first courses for the specialists will take place in the beginning of 2004.

- Other/activation.

Previously most of the reserve officers were activated between 10-15 days each year, depending on rank and designation.

MAIN LEGISLATION

- Main references.

The main reference is named *Promulgation for the Armed Forces* in which each group (officers, NCO and privates) have their own Circular on Employment, Pay, etc of personnel of the Reserve with Call-out liability. (KFF B.5-27+28+29).

- Call-out, duration.

It is stated in the circular for each group of personnel and undergoing radical changes.

FUNCTION OF RESERVES

- International, restrictions if any.

They are used similar to regulars. (I can however not remember having heard of any reservists being Company Commanders in international missions).

CATEGORIZATION/READINESS

- Volunteer, regular, territorial.

Nothing to add.

FUNDING

- Identified budget (defense budget).

App. 17 billions.

TRAINING

- Yearly.

Used to be scheduled years ahead for mobilization units and well organized by all involved, but a changed strategic threat have changed that situation dramatically.

- Qualification.

Personnel involved in units assigned to NRF or personnel going into international operations get the necessary qualifications. The rest of the reserve forces are more or less held on a sort of stand by.

- Relationship with regulars.

Whenever they are serving, the relationship with regulars seems good, fruitful and more or less uncomplicated.

INTERNET

Primarily used as information platform concerning courses etc.

- Address.

www.forsvaret.dk (The Danish Defense).

- Other official national sites, links.

www.roid.dk (Reserves officers in Denmark).