



# Ready Reserve Corps Fact Sheet



The U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps is an all-officer uniformed service of public health professionals from various public health and clinical disciplines. The mission of the USPHS Commissioned Corps is to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the nation.

The Ready Reserve Corps supports this mission by providing trained, ready and equipped public health professionals, capable of mobilizing and deploying to augment the active duty Commissioned Corps, under the authorities of the Secretary for Health in response to national emergencies and public health crisis.

The Ready Reserve Corps offers a unique opportunity for officers to lead their own lives in the civilian world and serve their country when needed in under-served communities and during public health emergencies.

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## Ready Reserve Officers

- Respond to regional, national, and global health emergencies
- Support active duty Commissioned Corps officers by backfilling in clinical and public health roles
- Deploy alongside active duty Commissioned Corps officers in various public health and humanitarian missions
- Enhance skills through continuous development and learning opportunities unique to Ready Reserve officers
- Are assigned to a region based on their geographical location
- Are structured using the same ranks as active duty officers
- Are protected by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

## Requirements Needed to Serve

- You must be a U.S. citizen
- You must be able to meet the mental, moral, physical, and security standards for service
- You must possess a qualifying degree
- You must be age 40 or under at time of commissioning (must complete 20 years of total credible service by age 60)
- You must medically qualify (must pass a physical exam for commissioning)

## Service Obligations

- Officers must complete a six-year service obligation
- Officers must train one weekend per month and two weeks per year
- Officers must maintain physical readiness
- Officers must be prepared to mobilize and deploy for urgent or emergent public health needs
- Officers must commit to displaying respect for country and service, in and out of uniform

## Benefits

- Officers are paid for drill weekends, two weeks of Annual Training, and any other time spent on active duty
- Officers will receive retirement pay after 20 qualifying years of satisfactory service with pay based on time
- Medical Insurance: officers are eligible for Tricare Prime when on active duty for at least 30 days
- Retirement Planning: officers are eligible to participate in Thrift Savings Plan and Service Member's Life Insurance

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