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A Message from The Judge Advocate General and the Deputy Judge Advocate General



AC/RC Integration Next: Total Force Readiness

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How we lawyer and fight as one team demands that each of us commit to improving our integration—everyday. We have, therefore, approved Active Component (AC)/Reserve Component (RC) integration protocols (enclosed) to ensure Total Force Readiness—a single united, highly trained, agile, and innovative Judge Advocate General's Corps. It is imperative that we create a cohesive team amongst all components to attain the readiness level that supports the warfighting mission of the future. We will accomplish this through the establishment of habitual, tethered relationships between AC and RC partners, both the Army Reserve and National Guard. These relationships will include regular training events that help to build and sustain viable partnerships between the Active and Reserve Components.

Active Component Staff Judge Advocates will identify training/support opportunities and work with their RC partners to plan integration events as early as possible. The enduring training and support relationships that this initiative requires will provide mission-enhancing opportunities for Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve members. At the same time, the process will also enhance the AC teams by increasing the overall readiness of our Regiment. Leaders must ensure that training events foster a shared commitment to service, promote understanding of RC capabilities and serve as the foundation for effective AC/RC Total Readiness.

To receive the full benefit of this initiative, leaders must ensure integration in other areas. This includes AC and their RC partners participating in each others' Article 6 inspections and On-site visits. Additionally, AC and RC Field Screening Officers will work collaboratively, in conjunction with the Judge Advocate Recruiting Office, to execute recruiting events at law schools, and federal, state, and local bar associations, as well as many other events. Such collaboration will promote a symbiotic relationship that will improve Total Readiness throughout the Corps.

As always, we thank each of you for all that you do every day, for our Regiment, our Army, and our Nation.

Be Ready!

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