



U.S. ARMY RESERVE DENTISTRY

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THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

You're one of a rare breed. Motivated. Committed to serving others. You seek to broaden your professional horizons. Perhaps it's by learning a new procedure, treating a more diverse patient base, or networking with colleagues from other parts of the country. Whatever your personal goals, if you have the desire to go beyond the boundaries of your civilian practice, earn a second income and serve your country, then the Army Dental Corps could be just the right choice. You can train part time, ready to serve when needed.

YOUR ROUTINE IS ANYTHING BUT ROUTINE

As a member of the Army Reserve Health Care Team, you'll have an opportunity to travel to places and perform tasks you may never get to do in your civilian practice, which is certain to be enriching, both personally and professionally, but your biggest source of satisfaction will come from the treatment you provide your Soldier patients.

BROADEN YOUR PROFESSIONAL HORIZONS

Picture yourself in a country like Panama or Honduras, where you might be called upon to provide dental care to underprivileged children and adults as part of a humanitarian mission. As part of the Army Health Care Team, you could travel to Army installations throughout the United States to examine Soldiers during field exercises. You may have the opportunity to attend professional conferences and seminars as part of your training, at government expense.

In the process, you'll learn new skills like teamwork and leadership. You'll sharpen the clinical skills you already possess. And since you'll be part of an outstanding team of health care professionals from diverse disciplines and backgrounds, you'll be able to share ideas, network and form lasting friendships.

YOU'RE A DENTIST AND AN OFFICER

Your Army Reserve experience begins with the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Direct Commissioned Course (DCC) followed by the Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC). These courses are designed to cover the basics of being an Army and AMEDD officer. You and your colleagues will experience the physical and mental challenges you'll face as a member of the Army Reserve Health Care Team. After completing DCC and BOLC, you'll be assigned to the Army Reserve unit.

During your Army Reserve training, you may work at an Army dental clinic, medical center or community hospital. There you will treat a diverse patient base of Soldiers, providing our nation's service members dentistry-access to care — many for the first time.

Or, you could train in an Army field exercise, attend a dental conference or even take part in a humanitarian mission. But, no matter how you spend your Army Reserve training, you will return to your civilian practice with a new sense of pride and accomplishment.

PRACTICE IN STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Being one of the world's largest and most comprehensive health care organizations, the Army Dental Corps is extremely well-equipped. Which means you'll be able to practice your specialty in modern facilities that utilize state-of-the-art technology. You'll also be able to try out the latest equipment, accessories and restorative materials that you may want to purchase for your own practice. Field dental units are capable of providing full-scope dentistry even in remote settings.

WORK WITH COLLEAGUES FROM ALL DENTAL DISCIPLINES

Depending on your specialty, you're likely to be exposed to every major facet of dentistry: diagnosis and treatment, oral surgery, fixed and removable prosthodontics, endodontics, periodontics and preventive dentistry. You may get an opportunity to participate in research and dental care administration. Best of all, you'll be in a position to collaborate with leading dental professionals from various disciplines, not to mention physicians, nurses and other health care providers. All of which makes dentistry in the Army Reserve an excellent learning opportunity.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

In addition to the income you'll earn as an officer in the Army Dental Corps, qualified dentists may be eligible for one or more of the following financial incentive programs:

Medical/Dental School Stipend Program (MDSSP) — If you're currently enrolled in an accredited dental school, you may be eligible to receive a monthly stipend of more than \$2,300 a month (adjusted each July). Your Army Reserve obligation begins after you complete dental school.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STRAP) — If you're currently enrolled in an accredited dental residency program, you may be eligible to receive a monthly stipend of more than \$2,300 a month (adjusted each July). Your Army Reserve obligation begins after you complete residency.

SPECIAL PAY — You may be eligible for a competitive accession bonus depending on your dental specialty.

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (HPLRP) — As a dentist on the Army Health Care Team, you may be eligible for up to \$250,000 to pay down your dental school debt through the Reserve Component Health Professions Loan Repayment Program.

YOUR BENEFITS, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENT

ARMY RESERVE BENEFITS

- ★ Paid continuing education, including specialized training course
- ★ Training to become a leader among your peers
- ★ Travel opportunities, including humanitarian missions
- ★ Low-cost life and dental insurance
- ★ Networking opportunities
- ★ Rank and privileges of an officer in the U.S. Army
- ★ Commissary and post exchange shopping privileges
- ★ Work towards a pension and also have access to a flexible, portable retirement savings and investment plan similar to a 401(k)

ARMY RESERVE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Must be a U.S. citizen or be a permanent resident
- ★ 21 to 46 years of age (dentists 47 years of age or older may apply for an age waiver)
- ★ Graduate of an American Dental Association accredited dental school in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia or a territory of the United States
- ★ Current, unrestricted license to practice dentistry in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or a territory of the United States
- ★ Meet the prescribed medical and moral standards for appointment as a commissioned officer
- ★ Favorable security investigation completed

YOUR NEXT STEP

Ready to learn more? Please contact your local Army Reserve Health Care recruiter. To find the one nearest to you, visit www.goarmy.com/locate-a-recruiter.html or call 1-888-550-ARMY. Our recruiters are available to help you with any questions you may have.