

## Types of Service for Military Personnel

### *Types of active service for military personnel*

“Active service” is defined similarly under both federal law and [Minnesota Statutes section 190.05](#). Active service includes the following three types of service:

- **“Federal active service”**: Service under U.S.C. Title 10, excluding the other two types of active service; this is what one usually thinks of as regular active military duty (e.g., service in the United States, Iraq, the Balkans, or elsewhere)
- **“Federally funded state active service”**: Service under U.S.C. Title 32, typically for training purposes (e.g., reservist weekend drills and annual training (summer camp), but also airport security duty within Minnesota following 9/11, etc.) Title 32 also includes certain full-time voluntary employment in the Guard or Reserves (called AGR).
- **“State active service”**: Activation by the governor (e.g., for flood and tornado emergencies, lost-person searches, riot control, etc.); entirely at state cost

### *Types of reserve military service*

As with any person enlisting in active military service, a person enlisting in the National Guard or other Reserves signs an eight-year contract.

- **“Selective reserve status”**: During the first six years of a person’s enlistment, the Guard or Reserve member serves mostly in this status (except while in “active service” under Title 32 for basic training, summer training, and special training, or under Title 10 for duty in Iraq, the Balkans, etc.). Soldiers sometimes refer to this status as “drill status” or “active reserve status.”
- **“Individual ready reserve status” (IRR)**: During the final two years of the person’s eight-year contract, the Guard or Reserve member typically stops training altogether, and returns to civilian life entirely. However, the person is actually in the IRR and, thus, may be placed on “stop loss” or ordered back into active service; if that happens, the person may be held well beyond the eight-year agreement of the enlistment contract.
- **“Active guard and reserve status” (AGR)**: Full-time employment under Title 32 in the National Guard or Reserves, as a career job (but technically while still in the Guard or Reserves – e.g., an accountant). Most members of the Guard and Reserve never serve in AGR status.