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512th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del.

## Air Force Reserve plans to change about 3,000 jobs

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The Air Force Reserve announced about 3,000 job changes on March 6 that will realign affected reservists into growing new career fields and help the Total Force reduce manning by 9,900 Airmen in fiscal 2013.

As some Air Force reservists have to move or travel to new jobs, the AF Reserve plans to decrease its end strength manning from 71,400 to 70,500 people in FY13.

“We expect to lower the majority of our manning numbers through normal attrition and reduced recruiting accessions,” said Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., chief of Air Force Reserve at the Pentagon. “As we do this, we’re realigning our people into the missions that we expect to endure or be new areas of growth in the future.”

Besides the reduction of 900 Air Force reservists, the Air Force plans to decrease 3,900 active-duty Airmen and 5,100 Air National Guard Airmen. These manning cuts are part of the Air Force’s force structure changes to align with the president’s FY13 budget plan presented to Congress Feb. 13.

Faced with austere budget times, the Air Force is refocusing and reducing the size of its forces to comply with the Department of Defense’s new defense strategy and the Budget Control Act’s requirements to cut \$487 billion from the defense budget over the next 10 years. The Air Force’s share is about \$54 billion, and Air Force leaders plan to save \$8.7 billion in FY13.

“We need reservists in every Air Force career specialty in order to fulfill the nation’s need for cost-effective and efficient daily operations as well as a ready global surge capability,” Stenner said. “As people face career and life changing plans, we want them to know that the Air Force Reserve offers them an opportunity to continue to serve.”

As the manning changes take effect, they will cause reservists to move or change units as their old jobs get realigned to new growth areas such as nuclear, space, cyberspace, special operations, training, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance career fields.

One of the biggest changes for the Air Force Reserve Command is the planned closure of the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa. If the 911th AW is deactivated as planned, the Pittsburgh ARS is expected to close. However, the Pittsburgh ANG Base is planned to remain operational.

Officials at AFRC have assistance programs to help civilians and reservists affected by these changes to find new jobs. Officials plan to announce details on further assistance programs as information becomes available. Force shaping programs may be offered if officials deem them necessary to facilitate the planned force structure changes.

Air Force plans call for the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve to be deactivated in FY13. The 45 active-duty Airmen currently assigned to the AFRC headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., will be reassigned to other active-duty bands.

For the planned manning reductions to take effect, the FY13 budget must be approved by Congress and signed into law by the president.

Although subject to change, some of the Air Force Reserve’s man-

ning changes submitted as part of the FY13 budget proposal include:

- Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. - lose one full-time Active Guard Reserve position
- Joint Base Andrews, Md. - add one part-time drilling reservist position; add one fulltime air reserve technician/civilian position
- Barksdale AFB, La. - lose 409 part-time drilling reservists positions; lose 171 fulltime ART/civilian positions
- Dover AFB, Del. - add two part-time drilling reservist positions; add one fulltime ART/civilian position
- Joint Base San Antonio, Texas - lose 385 part-time drilling reservist positions; add one fulltime Active Guard Reserve position; and lose 178 fulltime ART/civilian positions.
- Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. - lose one fulltime AGR position.
- Pentagon - lose five fulltime AGR positions
- Pittsburgh ARS, Pa. - lose 1,122 part-time drilling reservist positions; lose 45 fulltime AGR positions; and lose 281 fulltime ART/civilian positions
- Robins AFB, Ga. - lose 35 fulltime ART/civilian positions; lose 45 active-duty positions
- Westover ARB, Mass. - lose four part-time drilling reservist positions; lose 13 fulltime ART/civilian positions.

To see all of the Air Force’s planned manning changes state-by-state, go to [www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120307-050.pdf](http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120307-050.pdf).



### Diamond Sharp Award

**Tech. Sgt. Maria Bassaro, 512th Security Forces Squadron member, receives the Diamond Sharp Award from Master Sgt. Sheryl Donley, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, at the 512th SFS building March, 3. There is no preparation required to earn this award. One must only be noticed by a first sergeant as being among the best and brightest performers. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Andria J. Allmond)**