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## National Guard



The difference between the Air Force Reserves and the Air National Guard is the Air Force Reserves are controlled by the federal government where the Air National Guard is under the directorship of the state governor. You know the governor can activate you, although now they have changed it in the last ten years where you can be activated in the guard system for active duty. It has a lot of wonderful benefits for younger people because they will pay for your college. [The commitment is] One weekend a month and then two weeks for summer camp. But the bad part about it is, and a lot of people are finding this out now, you can be activated. See a lot of these reservists and Air National Guard people and Army National Guard are being called up for this crisis in Iraq right now. In fact, the Reserves are actually taking on a much bigger portion of national defense than ever before. They're activating them because they can keep more reservists and it's less money for the government. They used to have a system where they would only activate you for just a few months. But now some of these people will be activated - I mean it's a lot more months now. I'm not sure what the limit is but that has changed. **-Louis Lete**

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