“We no longer differentiate in an ultimate sense between Army, National Guard and Reserve Forces. Every energy... is bent to the development of the Army of the United States. Our purpose is to think only of the American citizen and to prepare them... for duties in war.”

General John J. Pershing
First Army Commanding General, 1917
**Who We Are**

First Army is US Army Forces Command’s only Field Army. We are a team of fit Army professionals enabling Total Force readiness, composed of more than 8,000 Active and Reserve Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians across the continental United States.

**What We Do**

First Army partners with the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, to enable Reserve Component (RC) formations to achieve Department of the Army directed readiness goals and deliver trained and ready RC units to support Combatant Commanders (CCDR) requirements worldwide.

**Rationale for a Total Force**

- The Army cannot fight and win the nation’s wars without leveraging the Active Component, US Army Reserve and Army National Guard.
- More than half of today’s Army resides in the Reserve Component, including more than 40 percent of our divisions and combat brigades.
- More than 65 percent of combat support – intelligence, logistics, medical, engineering, civil affairs – belong to our Reserve Component.
- These units are not a luxury; they are relevant and essential to the Army’s mission – now and in the face of any future contingency.
- America’s Reserve Component forces have been essential and decisive in every large-scale conflict this nation has ever had – World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Strategic Insurance Policy**

First Army’s Mission is Readiness; our method is the Total Force. Total Force Policy directs that the Army organize, man, train and equip our active and reserve components as an integrated force. A combat-ready, operational reserve component must be poised to mobilize and deploy quickly to meet the nation’s needs in an increasingly dangerous world. These units are not a luxury; they are relevant and essential to the Army’s mission – now and in the face of any future contingency.