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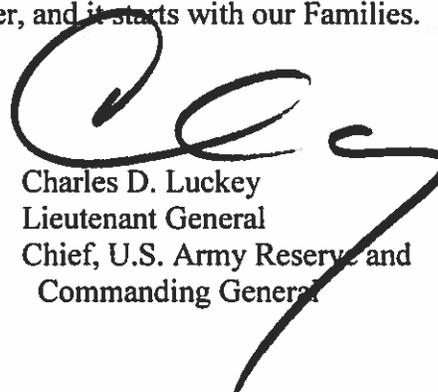
Team:

As we move into November and what has been designated Military Family Appreciation Month, know that Julie and I regard that categorization as an understatement. Every month is Family Appreciation Month. As an all-volunteer team, America's Army Reserve would not exist but for the daily support, devotion, and sacrifice of our Families. Looking to tomorrow, as we continue press down the Road to Awesome in building the most capable, combat-ready, and lethal federal reserve force America has ever known, this bedrock foundation will be more crucial than ever.

Over the past fifteen years, our Families have demonstrated relentless and enthusiastic patriotism in some of the most challenging circumstances in our recent past. They have answered the call of duty and sacrificed much to serve as heroes in the eyes of their fellow Americans. As Julie likes to observe, "We are America's 'One Percent'." It is Families in the broadest sense -- spouses, parents, siblings, children, and relatives in all walks of life -- who ensure that Soldiers are able to balance life's many obligations while doing what their creed calls them to do: Serve the People of the United States and Live the Army Values.

The truth is that, in many ways, our Families have been through far more than we Soldiers have. They have had to worry more, bear more stress, multi-task more artfully, and cover the gaps that we left when we moved out to answer the call. Their quiet, resolute, and selfless loyalty has been the decisive factor in keeping the Army together, ready, and strong. This is no small thing.

Take time to take note. Double-down, as you move forward, to recognize, appreciate, and acknowledge the totality of this awesome team. We are on a journey. This is not a sprint. Where we are going is not where we have been, but it is essential that we bring the entire team along as we move. Julie and I want each of you to know that we are committed to doing all that we can to "walk the walk" of all of us taking care of each other, and it starts with our Families.



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