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Greetings Reservists and Guard Members:

I'm Tom Graves, the new managing editor at AmeriForce Publishing. My wife Sara Graves held this post for almost 10 years and has now moved on to pursue charity work. We met in 1997 when I was managing editor at Off Duty, the Military Leisuretime Magazine.

It's great to be serving the U.S. military again.

Let me take this opportunity to encourage you at this pivotal time in America's history, during which the Department of Defense is making major changes in how U.S Reserve components and the National Guard operate and are managed.

The days in which our citizen-soldiers took a back seat to active-duty service members are fading fast. Also going by the wayside is the era when equipment procurement for Reserve units and the National Guard meant obtaining used or outmoded equipment, vehicles and weapons. The Department of Defense is implementing policies recognizing our Reservists and Guardsmen as integral — not ancillary — service members.

Through Reserve & National Guard, we plan to keep you informed on changes to benefits such as the G.I Bill, your exchange and commissary privileges, and insurance and healthcare needs. Likewise, we want to focus on achievements that get overlooked in mainstream media, with Unit Spotlights that tell your stories and honor your glories.

Most importantly, I'm writing this to remind you that Reserve & National Guard is your magazine. I report to Publisher Brian Dunbar, but my real bosses are all of you. I invite you to take part in the vision of Reserve & National Guard.

So what would you like to see more of in your magazine? In what way can we help you cut through red tape to get benefits you need? What kinds of regular features or columns would you like to see? Feel free to contact me by e-mail any time at editor@AmeriForce.net.

I am honored to be able to serve you.

Respectfully,

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