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**Army to Muster Individual Ready Reserves (IRR) Soldiers
at Fort Lawton Army Reserve Center**

U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) will conduct two Readiness Musters for Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Soldiers at the Fort Lawton Army Reserve Center (FLARC) Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22

Musters help optimize the operational and strategic value of the IRR by improving individual readiness levels. Soldiers will meet with personnel and medical specialists, who will update their military records, present information on promotion and training opportunities, provide medical and dental screenings, and offer other services. The Readiness Muster is a one-day event for which soldiers are paid. Soldiers are not mobilized at musters.

A Soldier typically becomes a member of the IRR after successfully completing a tour of duty as an Active, National Guard or Reserve Soldier. Soldiers may remain members of the IRR until their total military service obligation expires, or, in the case of officers, until they resign their commission.

The Army is conducting musters at several Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals this year to expand the muster program to areas where there is no Reserve Center. A secondary benefit of being at the VA hospital is having VA counselors available to assist Soldiers who might need medical, counseling or other services offered through the VA for veterans. Many Soldiers leave active duty not knowing of the benefits available to them through the VA.

There will be 13 Readiness Musters conducted between March and August this year. The five musters to be held at VA facilities are Tampa, FL; Phoenix; Denver; Temple, TX; and Kansas City, MO. The remaining musters will be held at Reserve Centers in Seattle; Fort Totten, NY; Atlanta; Los Angeles; Houston; Chicago; Fort Meade, MD;, and Dallas.

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Media representatives are invited to attend the March 21 muster, which will be held inside the FLARC, which is located at 4570 Texas Way West. There is open parking and media are requested to come to the front door of the facility. The muster will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Media are asked to confirm attendance in advance. Please call Lt. Col. Richard McNorton, Public Affairs officer, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, at 703-325-9904; cell 703-695-2383 or e-mail to richard.mcnorton@us.army.mil.

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