



BLUEPRINTS FOR THE CITIZEN SOLDIER: A NATIONWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STUDY OF UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE CENTERS

Blueprints for the Citizen Soldier: A Nationwide Historic Context Study of United States Army Reserve Centers was developed in order to provide the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) with a baseline of knowledge and research that can be utilized extensively throughout USAR. The context study provides improved uniformity in National Register determinations and enhances the potential for integration of cultural and natural resources programs. As a primary source of information and guidance for future Section 106 and Section 110 compliance, the context study encourages higher standards of historic property stewardship.

This study examines the history and development of the USAR. Rather than focusing on operational activities, this study tells the story of the USAR through the buildings and facilities associated with training activities at Army Reserve Centers throughout the nation. To aid National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) evaluations, it identifies historical trends, events, and individuals that influenced the development of the USAR, and it identifies the kinds of buildings and structures that were built, some of which may have significance as good examples of a style, type, or method of construction and/or are associated with the work of an important designer or architect. The study identifies and groups the types of properties that are associated with these aspects of history and identifies the character-defining features that must be present for an Army Reserve Center to have significance as a good example of its type.

This study provides the framework for evaluating the relative significance of Army Reserve Centers from a national perspective and provides the basis for assessing the eligibility of Army Reserve Centers for inclusion in the NRHP.

KEY SERVICES

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- ▶ Historic Contexts and Narratives
- ▶ National Register of Historic Places Eligibility Evaluation

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