

75 percent of the 4,000 U.S. Army soldiers on the ground will be Army Reserve and Guard soldiers from 17 states—not just headquarters' staff, but operational units as well.

This is just one of many such deployments that have taken place in recent years, but it highlights the ever-increasing role of reservists in defending America's security interests around the world, and marks a radical departure from the past.

The figures are quite staggering when considered in total. Today, reservists and National Guardsmen are deployed under three presidential call-up orders for Bosnia, Kosovo and Southwest Asia. For Bosnia, more than 21,000 U.S. reservists have been called involuntarily since 1995, with another 14,000 having served in a voluntary capacity. For Kosovo, more than 7,100 have been called involuntarily, and these have been joined by more than 4,000 volunteers. For Southwest Asia, 2,800 have been called and some 11,000 have volunteered.

During each of the past five years, Reserve and National Guard servicemembers have performed between 12 and 13.5 million duty days in support of the active force. These numbers are a direct contrast to 1990, when just one million duty days were performed, yet there were 25 percent more reservists.

Reservists also currently make up more than half of the airlift crews and 85 percent of the sealift personnel needed to move troops and equipment in either wartime or peacetime operations. In addition, reserve medical and construction battalions, as well as other specialists, are critical to a wide range of operations. Consequently, efforts by the reserve components to move beyond a traditional wartime backup role and to provide peacetime support to active units are desirable. The Naval Reserve and Air Force Reserve components have made particularly impressive progress in this direction.

Reservists are performing many vital tasks, from patrolling the no-fly zones in skies above Iraq to rebuilding schools in hurricane-stricken Honduras and fighting fires in our western states, from overseeing civil affairs in Bosnia, to augmenting aircraft carriers short on active duty sailors with critical skilled enlisted ratings during at-sea exercises as well as periods of deployment.

I believe that the civilian and uniformed leadership of our Armed Forces and the Congress must recognize this involvement, and, at a minimum, provide equality in benefits for reserve component servicemembers when they put on the uniform and perform their weekend drills as well as all other critical training evolutions. Quality of life is not just an active duty obligation that Congress must provide. Reservists, on duty, who resemble their active duty counterparts during training evolutions and are deployed at times around the world, should be treated

equally when the administration and Congress provide for quality of life benefits.

I am pleased to pay homage to the many wonderful reserve servicemen and women who serve in our armed forces, and in some small measure thank them for their dedicated service to our country by recognizing the confirmation by the U.S. Senate of the Reserve Service Chiefs to three-star rank. Congratulations to Vice Admiral John B. Totushek, Chief of the Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, Commander of the Marine Forces Reserve; Lieutenant General Thomas J. Plewes, Chief of the Army Reserve; Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard, III, Chief of the Air Force Reserve; and, Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz, Director of the Army National Guard. I am confident that our Reserve Component forces will continue to flourish under your leadership. All of you have already demonstrated that the key to your strength as leaders is in supporting the servicemen and women who work very hard in our military. I trust in your willingness and ability to uphold the honor of our country. Congratulations on your continued sacrifice and service to our Nation.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, May 24, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,660,965,921,275.71, five trillion, six hundred sixty billion, nine hundred sixty-five million, nine hundred twenty-one thousand, two hundred seventy-five dollars and seventy-one cents.

One year ago, May 24, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,676,762,000,000, five trillion, six hundred seventy-six billion, seven hundred sixty-two million.

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Ten years ago, May 24, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,481,461,000,000, three trillion, four hundred eighty-one billion, four hundred sixty-one million.

Twenty-five years ago, May 24, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$607,559,000,000, six hundred seven billion, five hundred fifty-nine million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,053,406,921,275.71, five trillion, fifty-three billion, four hundred six million, nine hundred twenty-one thousand, two hundred seventy-five dollars and seventy-one cents during the past 25 years.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### IN RECOGNITION OF THERMOANALYTICS, INC.

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I wish to acknowledge the achievements of ThermoAnalytics, Inc., a small business from my home state of Michigan

that has been once again recognized for its quality products and high tech innovation. On May 9 of this year, ThermoAnalytics was selected by the Small Business Administration as the Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year 2000 for Region V, an area that includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. This is the third quality award bestowed upon ThermoAnalytics, Inc. by the Federal Government in the past year.

ThermoAnalytics has worked with the automotive industry and the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) to develop a world class software tool that is considered standard in the auto industry and Department of the Army. As the Army continues to transform itself into a smaller, lighter and more efficient fighting force, computer analysis tools, such as these, are used to design performance vehicles before they are built and tested. The products designed by ThermoAnalytics are helping the Army achieve this important goal.

ThermoAnalytics developed a computerized model for heat management to aid in the assessment of the susceptibility of Army vehicles to threat sensors. This technology was commercialized into a state-of-the-art image based radiation solver. The commercial product was released in July 1999 and provides engineers with a quick and simple thermal predication tool. A second commercial product was developed for more advanced use by the Big 3 automotive manufacturers and associated automotive markets. The products are used widely by the automotive industry and military labs and contractors.

In addition to the Contractor of the Year Award, ThermoAnalytics received the Small Business Administration's Tibbetts Award for their accomplishments in the area of high technology innovation on October 3, 2000. Tibbetts Awards are presented annually to small technology firms which have achieved excellence under the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program. The winners, one from each state, are selected based on the economic impact of the technological innovation, overall business achievement and demonstration of effective collaborations.

Prior to the Contractor of the Year Award and the Tibbetts Award, ThermoAnalytics received the Army Phase II Quality Award on August 22, 2000. These three awards highlight the ingenuity and innovation that have come to typify ThermoAnalytics.

ThermoAnalytics, Inc. is an outstanding company that has played a vital role in assisting the United States Army and private industry. I know that my Senate Colleagues will join me in congratulating ThermoAnalytics on being named the Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year for Region V. •