

## From Maj. Gen. John R. Tindall Jr., 100th Division (IT) Commander

**F**riends and citizen-soldiers—the 100th Division is on the march! I am proud to inform you that the state of the 100th Division, its present and future, has never looked better. It became quite clear to me as I listened to the many briefings presented at this year’s Commanders’ Conference in Huntsville, Ala.; that we are truly blessed to have exceptional leaders and soldiers for the exceptional times in which we live.

Seldom does a Commanding General have the satisfaction of working with such a talented team of leaders and soldiers as I do now. We are the “Number One” Institutional Training Division in the Army Reserve; first in retention, readiness, and instructor qualification—thanks to you. It is your leadership, dedication, and competitive spirit that have made the 100th Division first in its class. As you will read in this magazine, throughout the central south the eight brigades of the 100th Division contribute something special and uniquely American to the communities in which they are located. You continue to set standards of excellence which have resulted in such recognition as the Army Community of Excellence award. I commend you and task each and every one of you with bettering the standard.

We are the 100th Division: an “Army of the Heartland”

As we host our first Outreach & Recruiting Fair in Louisville (June 9), I hope you will join me in telling visitors the story of the 100th Division. It is a story of pride, achieve-



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ment, and honor—past and present.

We are an Army of the Heartland, located in the four-state region comprising the central south. Our strength, the building block of our brigades, battalions, and companies, is the

citizen-soldier, an Army Reservist. And as such, an Army Reserve soldier is unlike any American you will ever meet. Reservists are teachers, firefighters, electricians, attorneys, farmers, carpenters, managers, bankers, mechanics — the hundreds of vocations that make up the fabric and flavor of any community. Can you pick out the Army Reservist in your city, town, or county? Chances are you can’t, until they don a uniform and report for duty on a weekend most people don’t work. However, maybe you can spot them out of uniform. Frequently, the Army Reservist gets involved in their community, has a sense of civic duty, small-town pride, and a show of patriotism. It is the stuff which made America. We help defend America — for the U.S. Army Reserve IS America.

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