



German Armed Forces Reservists Association (VdRBw)

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Part I

**Outline and Mission of the German
Armed Forces Reservist Association
(VdRBw)**





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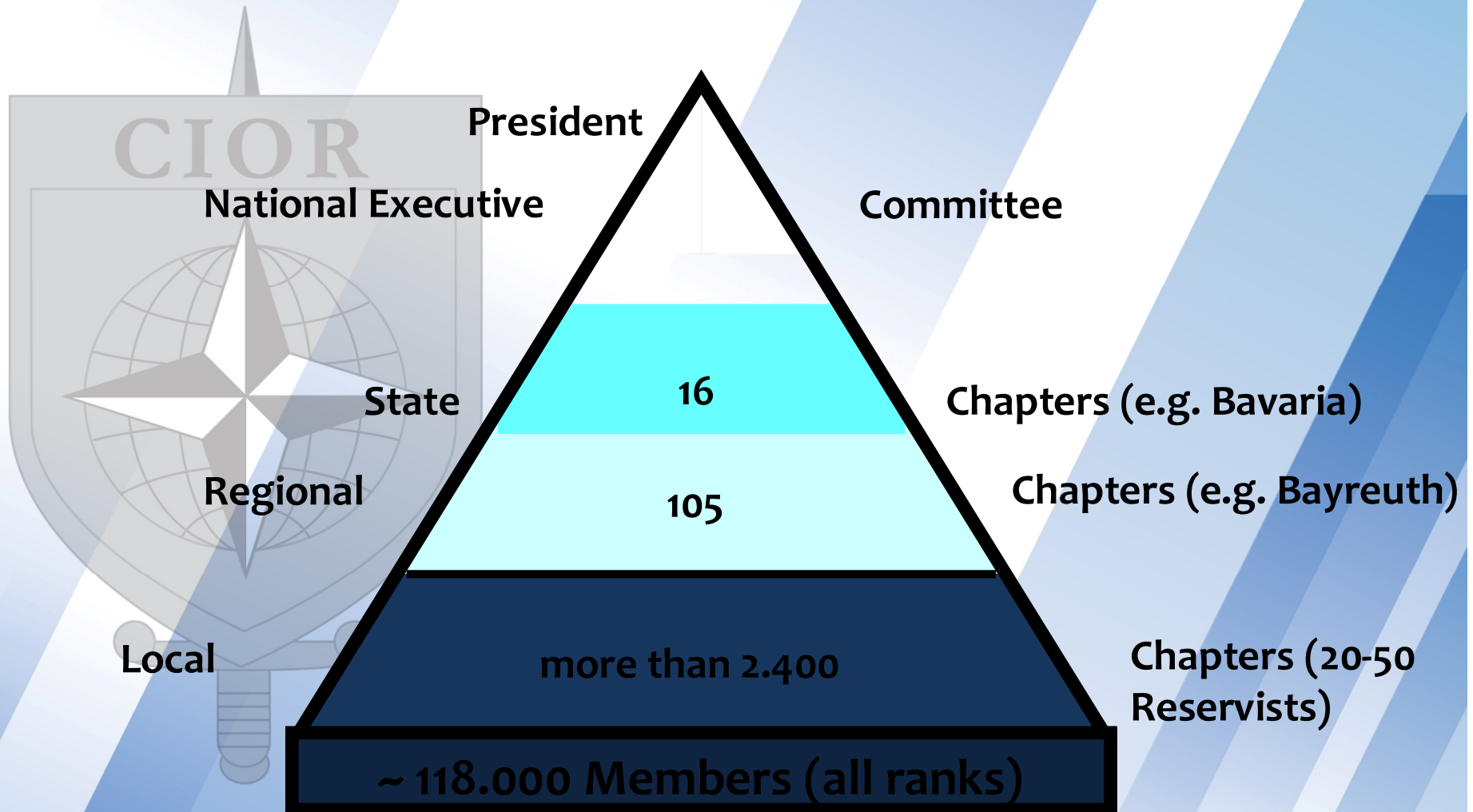
The New Reserve Concept of the Bundeswehr

- The VdRBw is the institution in charge to promote and support voluntary engagement of reservists in close cooperation with the German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr).
- The VdRBw looks after Officers , NCOs and enlisted personnel after their active duty time as well as those persons, who never served in the Armed Forces, but are involved with or interested in the Bundeswehr.
- The role of the VdRBw is to be a “bridge builder “ between the Armed Forces and German society.
- The VdRBw receives support from the German MOD (ca. 13,8 Mill. Euro)



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Organisation Structure





VdRBw

President and Deputies



President
Deputy
Deputy
(from right to left)

Roderich Kieseletter (Member of the Bundestag)
Bernhard Brinkmann (Member of the Bundestag)
Rainer Erdel (Member of the Bundestag)



VdRBw

Mission

CIOR

**Voluntary
Reserve Activities**

**Education/
Advancement
of Military Skills
(incl. sports)**

**Security and
Defence
Policy
Education**

**Support
of the
Armed Forces**

**Public
Relations**

Heimat + Sicherheit + Zusammenhalt



VdRBw

Conclusion

CIOR

The German Armed Forces Reservists' Association

- conducts voluntary reserve training for the Bundeswehr
- Educates its members in a huge variety of topics from basic military skills to security and defense policy and international affairs
- connects the Armed Forces with the German civilian society
- represents reservists from all ranks from Private to General.



Defence Policy Guidelines 2011

„Reservists are an indispensable element of the Bundeswehr and will become even more important in future. Wherever possible, they will **reinforce the active duty force** and **increase sustainability** even on operations. With a number of civilian and additional, individual qualifications, reservists can be employed at short notice and based on the crisis at hand. They can fulfil a broad spectrum of tasks and support the armed forces in building up new capabilities, if necessary. As **mediators between the Bundeswehr** and **society** and as **“Citizens in Uniform”**, they serve as an indispensable link that will benefit both **recruitment** and the **integration** of the armed forces into society.”



Part II

VdRBw Membership in International Organisations



CIOR

VdRBw + International Organisations

Confédération Interalliée des Officiers de Réserve

- The Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers, commonly referred to by its French acronym CIOR, was founded in 1948 and represents the interests of over 1.3 million reservists across 36 participating nations within and beyond NATO, making it the world's largest military reserve officer organization.
- The CIOR has two main roles: to provide advice on Reserve issues and support to the NATO Alliance, and to foster the professional development of reserve officers.
- The relationship between CIOR and NATO is fully defined in NATO Military Committee (MC) 248/1.





CIOMR

VdRBw + International Organisations

Confédération Interalliée des Officiers Médicaux de Réserve

- The Interallied Confederation of Medical Reserve Officers (CIOMR) – founded in 1947 - is an umbrella organisation, in which the national existing associations of reserve medical surgeons of the NATO member states are united.
- As political independent and separate organisation the CIOMR makes a significant contribution to force the alliance and the further development of the military medicine, pharmacy and security policy in their homelands with the aid of further and professional training activities.





AESOR

VdRBw + International Organisations

Association Européenne des Sous-Officiers de Réserve

- The mission of the Association Européenne des Sous-Officiers de Réserve - AESOR - is to safeguard the prestige of NCOs, bringing to light their merits, spreading a positive image and by all means promoting their growth in a joint context, involving all military staff. AESOR was founded in 1963
- AESOR participates in the development of an European reservist status that is common to all countries of the European Union
- AESOR encourages the improvement of military knowledge and skills of all its members in order to maintain and durably develop the spirit of defense and security





GI

VdRBw + International Organisations

GAMING INITIATIVE



- The GAMING INITIATIVE is an association of officers and reserve officers associations from Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Poland.
- In 1995, the so called GAMING TALKS changed the name in GAMING INITIATIVE to show new political objective. In 2002, the GAMING INITIATIVE and CIOR signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- The objective of the GAMING INITIATIVE is the exchange between reserve associations from Central European NATO and PFP nations.

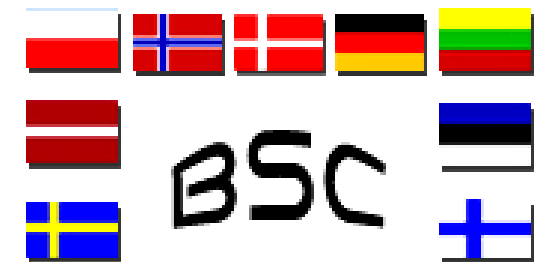


BSC

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Baltic Sea Co-Operation

- The Baltic Sea Co-Operation (BSC) was founded in 1989 under the name of „Baltic Talks“ by the initiative of the Baltic Sea resident states.
- BSC serves the exchange and discussion amongst nations of the Baltic reg



Baltic Sea Corporation



**- Part III -
Bilateral Partnerships
of the VdRBw**



ROA

Bilateral Partnerships of the VdRBw

Reserve Officers Association of the US Chapter Europe

- The Partnership with ROA-Europe was founded in 1988.
- ROA und VdRBw are co-hosting the annual German-American Partnership Seminar (organisation alternates between the two partners)
- Purpose: Information and mutual exchange on current foreign, defense and military affairs – in the framework of NATO/ CIOR





UNOR-FNASOR-D/F Brig

Bilateral Partnerships of the VdRBw

- Union Nationale des Officiers de Réserve since 1987
- Fédération Nationale des Associations de Sous-Officiers de Réserve since 1996
- German-French Brigade since 2010





MATASZ

Bilateral Partnerships of the VdRBw

MATASZ (Reserve Association of Hungary)

- The partnership with VdRBw was founded in 2002.
- MATASZ and VdRBw co-host the annual Partnership Seminar.
- The Bavaria state chapter of VdRBw is tasked with the preparation of the seminar





Thank you for your attention



Questions?