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Chief, Army Reserve

Dear Colonels of the United States Army Reserve:

Congratulations to the officers who were recently selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel on the Reserve Components Army Promotion List. Your promotion recognizes not only a job well done at your current rank, but more importantly, your potential to perform at a higher level of responsibility. As we move forward in fighting the Global War on Terror and changing the Army Reserve, you will be called upon to lead from the front, often in difficult circumstances. Remember, Mission First – Soldiers Always.

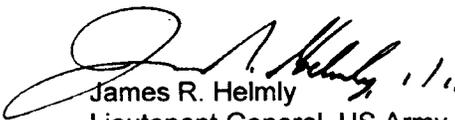
At this important step in your professional career, I encourage you to take time to acknowledge and express appreciation for the contribution of your family members. They have stood by your side and deserve a special "thank you" for their support of your career in the United States Army Reserve, especially during these difficult times in our Nation's history.

Your promotion means new challenges and additional responsibility. I am proud to have you as leaders in the United States Army Reserve. I am confident that you will carry the burden of this promotion professionally, honorably and courageously.

Thank you for the sacrifices you make and the challenges you endure in service to our Nation. Prepare yourself for hard work!

God Bless our Soldiers and their families!

Sincerely,


James R. Helmly
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Chief, Army Reserve