



Royal Association of Dutch Reserve Officers

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- **Founded in 1917 as General Dutch Association of Reserve Officers**
- **Granted the predicate: ROYAL in 1980**
- **Was a large association until the wall fell**

KVNRO

Objectives



- **To support and promote the defence capability of the Dutch society**
- **To support a well organized Defence force**
- **To promote a good relationship between Defence Force and population**

- **To be advocate towards the Defence Organization for all active- and retired Reserve Officers**

- **To promote comradery amongst the members**

Changes NL Army



Changes

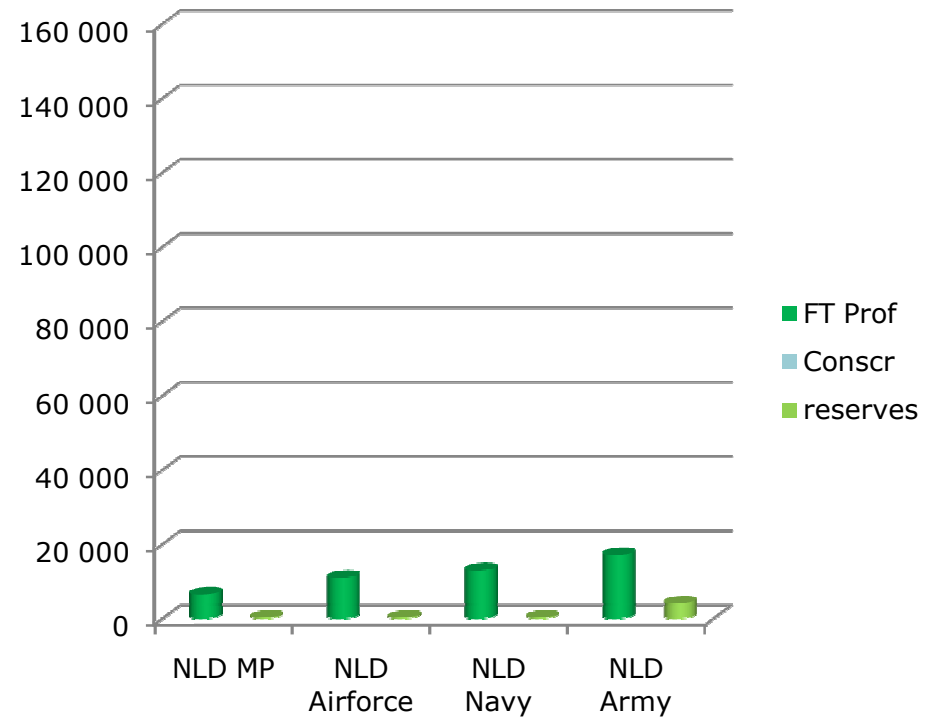
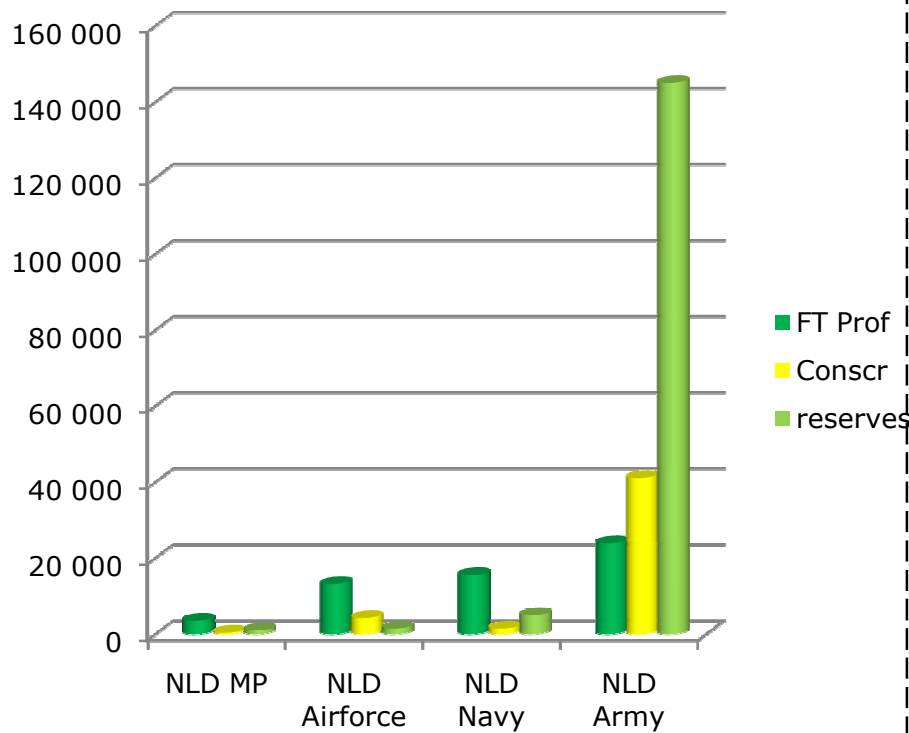
- **1994 abolishment of last mobilisable units**
- **1996 last conscripts left the army**
- **1998 legislation change**
 - no obligations for reservists
- **Start recruitment professionals**

Historical overview



89

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Changing Membership



**Open to all reserve officers
of the Defence force**

Numbers of Reservists

- **In the 80's up till 150.000 reservists**
 - **Amongst them 15.000 reserve officers.**

Now:

- **Only 5.000 reservists remain**
- **Amongst them 1.000 reserve officers.**

Changing Membership



Special member

King Willem Alexander



KVNRO Organization



KVNRO is organized as a Federation

- **12 Departments**
 - **1 on the Antillies**
- **Only 1118 members left**
 - **450 of them are active reserve officers**
 - **all others are retired**



What KVNRO offers to its members

- **Preparation for military tasks**
 - **Possibility for shooting mil weapons**
Neth. Intern. Shooting Competition

- **Training for Mil. Competitions**

- **Two days**

Military Competition





What KVNRO offers to its members

- **Platforms for discussion and exchange of expertise**
 - **Medical**
 - **Crisis management & Disaster Relief**
 - **CIMIC**
- **Symposia**
- **Participation in CIOR / CIOMR**



What KVNRO offers to its members

- **Advocacy towards Min. Of Defence and Armed Forces**
- **Comradery through Social events and interesting visits (units, mil. objects, battlefield tours etc)**



What is KVNRO's Future

- **Fitting the organisation to the smaller numbers of membership.**
- **Exploring expansion of tasks**
 - **f.i. National YROW**
- **Recruiting more members**
 - **Also through CIOR / CIOMR**



What is KVNRO's Future

- **NLD Armed Forces changing into whole force**
- **Growing numbers of Reserve Officers**
 - **Growing association**
 - **we are working on it**