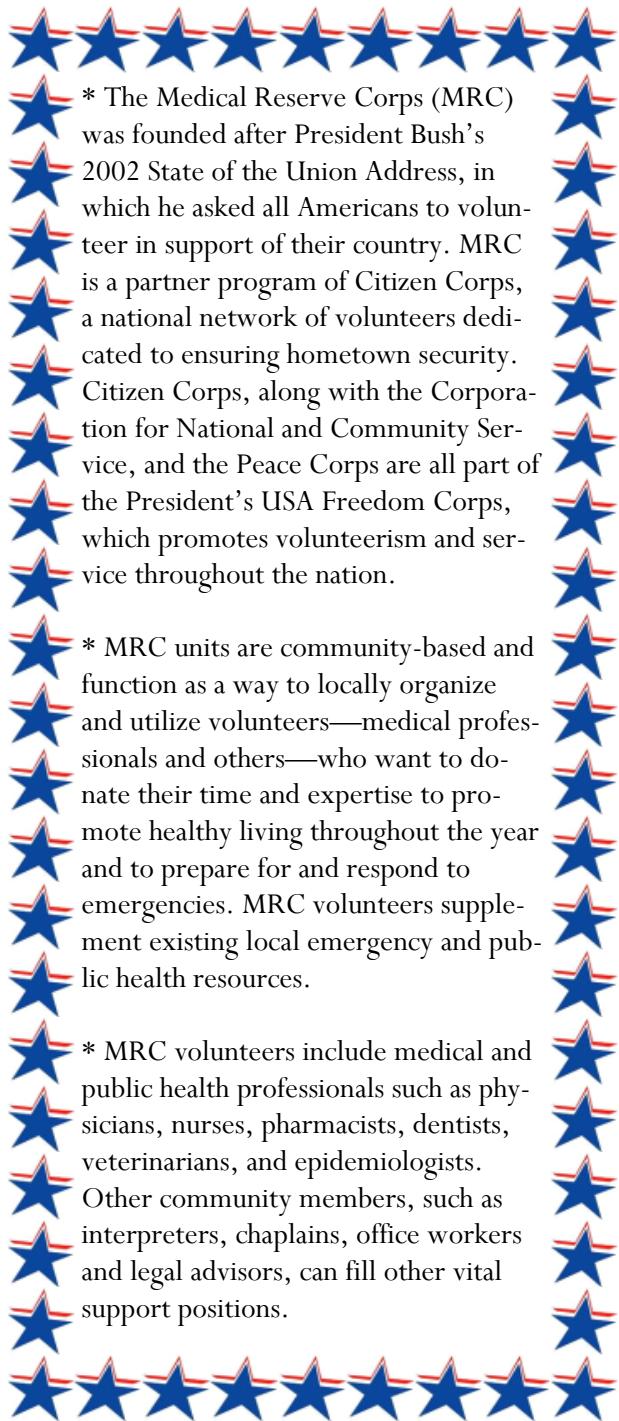


# Introduction



\* The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. MRC is a partner program of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Peace Corps are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

\* MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers—medical professionals and others—who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

\* MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers and legal advisors, can fill other vital support positions.



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Natrona County (WY) MRC volunteers shown checking vital signs of firefighters from the Casper Fire Department.



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# Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities



## What Can MRC Volunteers Do?



\* Support local public health, while advancing the priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General:

- Promoting disease prevention
- Improving health literacy
- Eliminating health disparities

\* Enhancing public health preparedness

\* Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.

\* Participate in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.

\* Train with local emergency response partners.

## Who Can Volunteer?

\* Practicing, retired, or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists, nurses' assistants, and others.

\* Community members without medical training can assist with administrative and other essential support functions.

\* United States citizenship is not required to be part of the MRC. Non-citizen, legal U.S. residents also are welcome to volunteer and contribute their time, knowledge, and skills to protecting and improving their communities.



2005 Hurricane Evacuee Shelter , Midlands, NE

## What Can You Do?

\* The Salt Lake Valley Medical Reserve is looking to recruit, train and have on-call 12,000 volunteers who will respond promptly and efficiently to times of enhanced health and medical need.



Nebraska Western Iowa MRC volunteers provided first aid support during the 2006 College World Series.

\* We are looking for medical as well as other professionals to be trained and prepared to serve their community. The SLVMRC recognizes that volunteers differ in many regards: age, interests, professional training, life experiences, and level of obligations to other volunteer or paid positions.

\* One goal of the SLVMRC program is to create an atmosphere that works well for all members and ensures we are prepared in the event of a large-scale public health emergency.