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closed to all private citizens this Friday when it becomes a military zone mainly occupied

Nearly 40,000 reserve troops activated

By Pauline Jelinek THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A huge increase in the callup of National Guard and reserve troops in the past week has pushed the number now serving in the counter-terror war to more than 12 percent of the total force, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

As the United States continued its buildup for a possible war with Iraq, some 38,600 were activated during the week, nearly double the previous largest weekly jump since the September 2001 attacks on America.

"Some ... will deploy to the Middle East, oth-ers will serve here in the homeland," said Lt. Col.

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Dan Stoneking, a Defense Department spokesman.

Under an order signed by Bush three days af the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, up to 1 million guard and reserve troops can be called to serve for up to two years Officials have said it is unlikely that number would be needed.

The total now serving under that orderism 150,000, said Stoneking. It stood at 58,000 Based or ard to figur exas A&N a month ago, steadily stepping up each we lowever, fi since then with increases of 15,000 to 20, until the big jump of the past week. The figu e midst of do not include guard and reserve members n fficult as it mally serving around the globe in a variety missions.

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