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SUBJ/VETERANS DAY AND THE NAVY ETHOS//
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RMKS/1. AS WE OBSERVE VETERANS DAY, WE TAKE A MOMENT TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. OUR NATION IS FREE TODAY BECAUSE OF THOSE VETERANS WHO WENT BEFORE US AND HONORABLY STOOD THE WATCH IN BOTH PEACE AND WAR.

2. AS CHIEF OF NAVY RESERVE, I AM HUMBLED BY THE FACT THAT EVERY RESERVE COMPONENT SAILOR WEARING THE UNIFORM TODAY HAS ENLISTED, RE-ENLISTED, OR RE-AFFIRMED THEIR OATH AT LEAST ONCE SINCE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, KNOWING THAT MOBILIZATION AND DEPLOYMENT TO A WAR ZONE WAS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE, BUT PROBABLE. YOU HAVE MY SINCERE APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO OUR NAVY AND THE NATION.

3. VETERANS DAY PROVIDES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON WHAT WE VALUE, WHO WE ARE, AND HOW OUR ACTIONS REFLECT THOSE VALUES. IN CHOOSING A LIFE OF SERVICE, EACH SAILOR HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO BE HELD TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF INTEGRITY, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE, PREPAREDNESS, DEDICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY CAPTURED IN THE NAVY ETHOS.

4. OUR NAVY ETHOS IS A TANGIBLE STATEMENT OF THE VALUES INTEGRAL TO THE NAVY'S MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. IT DISTINGUISHES THOSE OF US WHO SERVE IN THE NAVY, ACTIVE AND RESERVE SAILORS AND NAVY CIVILIANS, REGARDLESS OF UNIT, COMMAND OR COMMUNITY.

5. I ENCOURGE ALL HANDS TO TAKE A MOMENT THIS VETERANS DAY TO REVIEW OUR NAVY ETHOS AND TO RE-DEDICATE YOUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WE ALL UPHOLD THE VALUES EXPRESSED IN IT. BY SO DOING, YOU WILL HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US AND UPON WHOSE SHOULDERS WE STAND.

6. UNITED STATES NAVY ETHOS:

WE ARE THE UNITED STATES NAVY, OUR NATION'S SEA POWER - READY GUARDIANS OF PEACE, VICTORIOUS IN WAR. WE ARE PROFESSIONAL SAILORS AND CIVILIANS - A DIVERSE AND AGILE FORCE EXEMPLIFYING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION, AT HOME AND ABROAD, AT SEA AND ASHORE. INTEGRITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CONDUCT; RESPECT FOR OTHERS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR CHARACTER; DECISIVE LEADERSHIP IS CRUCIAL TO OUR SUCCESS. WE ARE A TEAM, DISCIPLINED AND WELL-PREPARED, COMMITTED TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. WE DO NOT WAVER IN OUR DEDICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO OUR SHIPMATES AND FAMILIES. WE ARE PATRIOTS, FORGED BY THE NAVY'S CORE VALUES OF HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE, OUR ACTIONS REFLECT OUR PROUD HERITAGE AND TRADITION. WE DEFEND OUR NATION AND PREVAIL IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY WITH STRENGTH, DETERMINATION, AND DIGNITY. WE ARE THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

7. WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING TODAY BECAUSE OF THE FREEDOMS THAT VETERANS BEFORE US DEFENDED AND HAVE NOW ENTRUSTED TO US. GUIDED BY OUR NAVY ETHOS, NAVY RESERVE SAILORS "READY NOW, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE" ARE PART OF THE NAVY TOTAL FORCE THAT WILL PROUDLY PRESERVE THIS LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

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