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**Statement of Vice Admiral Robin Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve, on the  
Passing of Logistics Specialist Second Class Randall S. Smith, USN**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- Vice Admiral Robin Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve, today released this statement following the death of Navy Reserve Sailor LS2 Randall S. Smith, USN. Smith died Saturday morning, July 18th, as a result of gunshot wounds he sustained during Thursday's shooting at Navy Operational Support Center Chattanooga.

"The entire Navy Reserve Force is deeply saddened at the passing of LS2 Randall S. Smith. He was a dedicated Sailor who cared deeply about his family, his community, and his country. His service and, indeed, his life will remain an inspiration for his Shipmates and all who were fortunate enough to have known him."

"My heart goes out to his wife Angie and their daughters Lyla, Eila, and Kyla as well as the other members of his family. I hope they are able to find comfort in the knowledge that so many are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers and that LS2 Smith so faithfully and honorably served his country."

"Our thoughts are also with the entire Chattanooga community, and I want to thank the first responders and law enforcement community during this very difficult time."