



Commander Navy Reserve Force

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Force,

Navy leadership has advised us to plan for a full year Continuing Resolution (CR) and sequestration cuts as we execute the current budget. As such, I want to apprise you of the impacts to the Navy Reserve that I foresee throughout the remainder of FY-13. I anticipate providing periodic updates as needed to keep you current as the outlook changes.

First and foremost we must operate within the fiscal constraints of the CR and sequestration, and I've provided specific details below.

Navy is planning two separate and distinct courses of actions based on either 1) a full year CR, or 2) a full year CR and sequestration. The following describes the impact to Reserve Personnel Navy (RPN) and Operations Maintenance Navy Reserve (OMNR). RPN is the budget category that pays salaries and OMNR covers operational expenses.

RPN - I anticipate no overall reduction to the RPN appropriation in either scenario. Military personnel appropriations have been exempted from sequestration and the RPN appropriation will not be impacted by a full year CR. Conferences and conference-like events are postponed at least until 01 Apr 13. However, I want to emphasize that all Reserve Sailors should plan to fully execute their annual AT and drills. Further, all readiness training, missions in support of the fleet, and operational support shall be executed as planned. There may be some confusion among our AC Supported commands regarding the availability of RC travel funds, since the AC has a greatly reduced travel budget. That is not true for RC Sailors. To eliminate any confusion, reserve unit Commanding Officers or OICs should remain in contact with their NOSC CO, TYCOM Program Managers or Operational Support Officer (OSO) as required in order to maintain awareness of the availability of funds.

OMNR - If there is a full year CR, the Reserve Operations and Maintenance (OMNR) appropriation will be unaffected. However, if there is a sequestration, OMNR will most likely be impacted. Deployed operations, including flight hours, will receive the priority for funding. CONUS flight hours and aircraft and ship maintenance would be moderately reduced under sequestration. And our NOSCs and air stations would receive a small reduction in their Operating Support (BOS), Admin and Travel accounts.

There is potential for our civilian personnel to be furloughed for up to 22 days (in one day increments) this FY, but this action is at the discretion of the President and Secretary of Defense.

As a fully integrated force, any reductions in the Active Component's operating and maintenance accounts will affect our Sailors as well. If the AC reduces operations and modifies training exercises through the end of the fiscal year, the need for reserve support and training opportunities for the RC will likely change. Knowing this, we must work even closer with our Supported Commands to determine where RC Sailors can support their needs and/or receive necessary training.

Bottom line - We must continue to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars - CR or no CR, sequestration or not - no matter what the fiscal environment. We must train and operate as effectively and efficiently as possible within the funding provided by Congress and the Navy. I need your support in ensuring that we do so. We'll periodically provide updates to ensure the Force remains synchronized.

Thank you for your service.

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