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RMKS/1. TODAY I ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF CHIEF OF NAVY RESERVE AND COMMANDER, NAVY RESERVE FORCE FROM VICE ADMIRAL DIRK DEBBINK IN A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY PRESIDED OVER BY CNO. OUR NAVY RESERVE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE READY, RELEVANT, AND ALIGNED TO THE ACTIVE COMPONENT. I AM HONORED TO SERVE WITH YOU DURING THIS CHALLENGING PERIOD IN OUR HISTORY.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ADMIRAL DEBBINK FOR HIS DEDICATED AND INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AS CHIEF OF NAVY RESERVE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. CLEARLY, HIS TIRELESS ENERGY AND DEDICATION TO SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR FORCE. WE WISH VADM DEBBINK AND TERRY "FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS" AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION.

3. AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE, WE MUST ENSURE WE ARE TRAINED AND READY, PROVIDE CAPABILITIES THE NAVY NEEDS, AND DEVELOP PROCESSES AND TOOLS THAT MAKE IT EASIER FOR SAILORS TO SERVE. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT PEOPLE ARE OUR MOST CRITICAL ASSET AND AS A RESERVE FORCE, WE BRING EXTENSIVE MILITARY EXPERIENCE AND VALUABLE CIVILIAN SKILLS AND CREDENTIALS TO THE NAVY. IN TODAY'S CHALLENGING OPERATING ENVIRONMENT, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO ENSURE WE ARE READY TO RESPOND WHEN CALLED. I ASK EACH OF YOU TO FOCUS ON PERSONAL READINESS, INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT TRAINING, AND PROVIDING VALUE TO YOUR SUPPORTED COMMAND.

4. EVERY SAILOR MATTERS. AS A FORCE, WE MUST ALL BE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING OUR SAILORS, NAVY CIVILIANS, AND FAMILIES. AS A NAVY FAMILY, WE MUST TAKE CARE OF OUR SHIPMATES AND HELP MENTOR, DEVELOP, AND RETAIN THOSE JUNIOR TO US. THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR NAVY RESERVE.

5. THIS WEEK, APPROXIMATELY 19,000 NAVY RESERVISTS ARE PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE FLEET, INCLUDING 4,300 DEDICATED SAILORS CURRENTLY MOBILIZED AROUND THE WORLD. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR THE SACRIFICES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE MAKING FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. AS SAILORS IN THE RESERVE COMPONENT OF OUR NAVY, YOU HAVE ANSWERED EVERY CALL; FROM OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF FOR THOSE IN NEED. I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NAVY RESERVE AND CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY THE SACRIFICES MADE BY YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES DURING YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION. WE HAVE EXCITING AND CHALLENGING TIMES AHEAD AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, AND FOR YOU, TO KEEP OUR NAVY STRONG AND OUR NATION FREE.

6. RELEASED BY VADM R. R. BRAUN, COMMANDER, NAVY RESERVE FORCE.//

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