

Navy Reserve Celebrates 98 Years of Service

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Navy Reserve celebrated 98 years of service in a ceremony held at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., March 1.

“For 98 years the Navy Reserve has answered the call,” said Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander Navy Reserve Force Vice Adm. Robin Braun. “In times of war, for natural disasters, for humanitarian missions, and for ongoing operational support, the Navy Reserve is there. I see first-hand the commitment our Sailors and their families make to our Navy and to our Nation.”

Building on the Navy Memorial 2013 theme “Year of the Chief,” the ceremony recognized 10 chief petty officers for their contributions to the Navy Reserve. These individuals were nominated by their commands and selected by a board of Reserve force master chiefs.

“The Chiefs we are honoring reflect the spirit and drive of our force,” Braun said. “By their actions, they have excelled and have motivated others to excel.”

The chiefs selected are:

Chief Yeoman (AW/SW) Cornell E. Blanche

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 77, New Orleans, La.

Chief Electrician’s Mate (SW) Jerry Dotson

Navy Operational Support Center Everett, Wash.

Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic (AW) John M. Galiber

Electronic Attack Squadron 209, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

Chief Logistics Specialist (EXW) Timothy R. Hughes

Operational Support Unit, Charlotte, N.C.

Chief Yeoman (AW/EXW/SW/IDW) Edward Morales

Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio, Texas.

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) (SW/EXW) Harold Newbill

Navy Operational Support Center San Jose, Calif.

Chief Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AW) Jessica L. Novas

Navy Air Logistics Office New Orleans, La.

Chief Master-at-Arms Roger X. Reyes

Navy Security Force Corpus Christi, Texas.

Chief Hospital Corpsman (AW) Joel E. Stewart

Navy Region Midwest Reserve Component Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Chief Logistics Specialist (EXW) Tracy S. Uria

Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 4, Charleston, S.C.



(March 1, 2013) U.S. Navy Sailors render honors to the National Ensign during a celebration for the U.S. Navy Reserve’s 98th Anniversary. This year’s ceremony, themed “The Year of the Chief,” highlighted the achievements of 10 exemplary Reserve chief petty officers. The ceremony was held at the Navy Memorial in Washington D.C., and featured special guest speakers Vice Adm. Robin Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens. (U.S. Navy Photo by MC1 Elliott Fabrizio)

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“Throughout the history of the Navy and Navy Reserve, Chief Petty Officers have set the example and led the way,” said Reserve Force Master Chief (AW) Chris Wheeler. “These Chiefs have excelled at making things happen. Their deckplate leadership, expertise, and character inspire others to reach their potential.”

The Navy Reserve was established March 3, 1915. As World War I was underway in Europe, then Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, and his assistant Franklin D. Roosevelt, launched an effort in Congress to create a Navy Reserve. The 1915 Naval Appropriations Act founded the Navy Reserve, as well as the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which eventually became NASA.

By the end of World War I nearly 60,000 Reserve Sailors had mobilized. Through World War II, the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars, the Navy Reserve answered every call, and since 9/11, more than 65,000 Reserve Sailors have mobilized to support the war on terrorism.