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Navy Reserve Fighting Instructions

The core value the Navy Reserve delivers to the Department of the Navy is strategic depth, consistently delivering a ready, trained, combat-credible force that is seamlessly integrated—no daylight between the AC and RC—anytime, anywhere, to fight and win. The 2026 Navy Reserve Fighting Instructions (NRFI) outlines how we will operate and win in today's contested global environment.

Our North Star: Warfighting Readiness

- Capability and capacity to mobilize 50,000 Sailors in 30 days
- Maintaining an 80% mission and mobilization readiness posture

Aligned with Chief of Naval Operations' Tenets:

"The Reserve has never simply been a strategic reserve. It's a strategic advantage."

- Adm. Daryl Caudle, Chief of Naval Operations

- **FOUNDRY: Building Warfighters.** Committing to the entire warfighter lifecycle so that our most valuable weapons system—our Sailors—stay Navy.
- **FLEET: Delivering Crucial Capabilities.** Aligning our limited resources with the warfare areas that matter most—we must make difficult, data-driven choices that adopt thoughtful force design hedge strategies.
- **FIGHT: Forged to Fight.** Delivering crucial capabilities ensures we deliver a combat-credible and value-added force to Fleet Commanders.

Call To Action:

- **Reserve Sailors:** Own your ITP and readiness. Master your M2B and be watchbill-ready. Every drill executed and every day on active duty should be linked to increasing warfighting readiness.
- **Unit Leaders and Triads:** Ruthlessly prioritize, hunt for and eliminate waste, optimize business practices, focus on what matters most, and build learning teams. Every activity should directly increase warfighting readiness and protect your Sailor's time.
- **Supported Commands and Fleet Leadership:** Fight as one team. Hold your unit leaders accountable to align training with active-duty requirements every day and ensure there is no daylight between AC and RC. Prioritize M2B "sets & reps" and warfighting readiness to strengthen our combat-ready surge force.

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