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Reservist Recognized by Operation Homefront during Atlanta Braves Ballgame

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Atlanta, Georgia – 21 May 2012. ITCS Jody W. Higgins, a Navy Reservist attached to EUCOM JAC 0167 in Atlanta, was recently honored during an Atlanta Braves game for "going to bat" for men and women in uniform through his service to Operation Homefront.

Senior Chief Higgins serves as the Navy Reserve liaison to the nonprofit service organization Operation Homefront in the greater Atlanta area. He volunteers to provide Atlanta-area service members, veterans, and military families with information on events and benefits such as back-to-school supply drives, holiday season gift drives, and outreach events at local schools and veterans organizations.

Operation Homefront recognized Senior Chief Higgins on the field during the 5th inning of Atlanta's April 29 home game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was cited for his 21 years of service in the Navy Reserve and specifically for his contributions to Operation Odyssey Dawn (coalition military operations in Libya) in 2011. ITCS Higgins received the Joint Service Achievement Medal for the leadership and technical expertise he provided on sensitive security matters during Odyssey Dawn.

"I'm honored and very grateful to be a part of such an amazing organization," noted Higgins on his involvement with Operation Homefront. "It would be hard to find a worthier cause than the one it supports."

Since its founding in 2002, upwards of \$90 million of Operation Homefront resources have aided tens of thousands of veterans, wounded warriors, and military family members from Active Duty, Guard, and Reserves. Funding from the organization has addressed a wide range of needs, including emergency financial assistance for home and car repairs, medical bills, moving costs, and purchases of furniture and appliances. For more information about Operation Homefront, visit <http://www.operationhomefront.net/>.

ENS Charles "Trey" Wilson is proud to be in his first year of Naval service as a Reserve Intelligence Officer with EUCOM JAC 0167 in Atlanta.

Caption for accompanying photo (VIRIN 120429-O-n/a-001): ITCS Jody Higgins and son Tristan Higgins at Turner Field during the April 29 game between the Atlanta Braves and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

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