

**RESPERSMAN 1534-040**

**STRATEGIC SEALIFT OFFICER PROGRAM SELECTED RESERVE AND VOLUNTARY TRAINING UNIT MEMBERSHIP**

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<b>References</b>	(a) OPNAVINST 1534.1D (b) Merchant Marine Act, 1936, Title XIII (c) NSTC M-1533.2 (d) BUPERSINST 1001.39F (e) BUPERSINST 1610.10D (f) SECNAVINST 1920.6C
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1. **Purpose.** To issue information and amplifying guidance, per references (a) through (f), for the training and administration of Navy Reserve Officers in the Strategic Sealift Officer Program (SSOP).

2. **Selected Reserve (SELRES) and Voluntary Training Unit (VTU) Affiliation by a Strategic Sealift Readiness Group (SSRG) Officer**

a. **Eligibility.** SSRG Officers who can satisfy the SELRES participation requirements are eligible for affiliation provided they meet the following conditions:

(1) Designator is 1665.

(2) Satisfactorily participate in the SSOP.

(3) Possesses a valid and current U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marine Credential (MMC) as noted in reference (a).

b. **Affiliation Procedures.** SSRG Officers who meet the eligibility criteria for affiliation as a SELRES should contact a Navy Officer Recruiter to identify an available quota. Strategic Sealift Officers (SSOs) are required to primarily fill open SSO designated billets, or billets with a SSO Reserve Functional Area and Sex code. Only after all open SSO billets are filled, will a SSO be allowed to fill other billets. Per reference (a), SSO SELRES are eligible to fill 1XXX and 1050 coded billets. The SSOP Manager (SSOPM) is the point of contact

for all SSO SELRES affiliation questions and approves affiliation packages from Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

c. Accession Procedures. Direct Commission Officers (DCO) can access provided that they have at minimum an Unlimited Tonnage Chief Mate or 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Engineer MMC with commensurate Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW) endorsement. They must also meet all other Reserve Component requirements, provided that Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command (COMNAVRESFORCOM) (N14) authorizes accessions. All DCOs must commission into the SSRG and can be considered for SELRES affiliation after completing the initial DCO Indoctrination course and SSO Post Commissioning Indoctrination course. The SSOPM must endorse all DCO accessions into the SSRG.

### 3. SSO SELRES and VTU Procedures

a. SSO specific retirement point requests for SELRES/VTU SSOs are forwarded to the SSOP for handling. Refer to [RESPERSMAN 1534-030](#) for more information.

b. All SSOs are required to maintain an active U.S. Coast Guard MMC as a Deck or Engineering Officer. The MMC must be endorsed for either Unlimited tonnage (deck) or Unlimited Horsepower (engine), and be valid on "all oceans". A STCW endorsement as Officer in Charge (OIC) of a Navigational Watch or OIC of an Engineering Watch or higher is required for all SSRG Officers.

(1) Members who, through their own misconduct or dereliction, fail to maintain those professional licenses necessary to perform military duties as a SSO, are subject to administrative separation from Naval service per reference (f), enclosure (3), paragraph 1(b)(10), and/or transfer to inactive status pending resolution of their licensing requirements.

(2) Per reference (a), members may submit a waiver request to Commander, Military Sealift Command via SSOPM. Waivers can only be granted once in a SSO's career and do not provide sanctuary from annual training requirements.

c. SSO SELRES and VTU members are not authorized SSRG Active Duty Training funding.

4. Re-Affiliation Procedures to SSRG from SELRES and VTU

a. Eligibility. SELRES and VTU members are eligible to re-affiliate with the SSRG provided they meet the following criteria:

(1) Designator is 1665.

(2) Must have maintained satisfactory participation in the SELRES/VTU per reference (d).

(3) Must meet all participation requirements outlined in reference (a).

(4) Possess a valid and current USCG MMC with valid and current STCW endorsements per reference (a).

(5) Must not be identified for mobilization.

b. Responsibilities

(1) CNRFC (N14) shall:

(a) Counsel SELRES/VTU member on SSRG requirements, eligibility, and procedures.

(b) Supply a prepared NAVPERS 1200/1, Ready Reserve Agreement and NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks to the re-affiliating Officer.

(c) Route command-endorsed NAVPERS 1200/1, Ready Reserve Agreement to Commander, Navy Personnel Command (COMNAVPERSCOM) (PERS-911C) for adjudication.

(d) Send completed NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks to COMNAVPERSCOM (PERS-3) for inclusion in re-affiliating Officer's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).

(e) Generate Inactive Duty Training (IDT) orders in the Reserve Force Manpower Tool based on PERS-911C approved NAVPERS 1200/1, Ready Reserve Agreement

(f) Process gain transactions for re-affiliating Officers.

(2) CNRFC (N12) shall:

(a) Approve IDT orders for SELRES and VTU members re-affiliating with the SSRG Reserve Unit Identification Code (RUIC) 2525M upon receipt of approved NAVPERS 1200/1, Ready Reserve Agreement from CNRFC (N14).

(3) Navy Reserve Activity (NRA) Commanding Officers shall:

(a) Perform a Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) check-out transaction to RUIC: 2525M upon receipt of transfer orders to SSRG.

(4) Eligible SELRES/VTU Officers shall:

(a) Contact the SSOPM to re-affiliate with the SSRG.

(b) Return the signed NAVPERS 1200/1, Ready Reserve Agreement to CNRFC (N14) for processing.

(c) Return the signed NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks to CNRFC (N14) for inclusion into OMPF.