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Vice Adm. Robin R. Braun

Chief of Navy Reserve Vice Adm. Robin Braun frocks Senior Chief William Hieb to Master Chief at the Amphibious Construction Battalion Two (PHIBCB TWO) compound. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Taylor Mohr)*

Shipmates,

Now that the winter of 2015 is in the rearview mirror, we can look forward to warmer days, summer vacation, and spending time outdoors with family and friends. But, even as the rhythm of daily life changes with the seasons, the tempo across the Navy Reserve remains busy!

Recently I visited Amphibious Construction Battalion TWO, (ACB-2) in Little Creek, Virginia, to see the great work being done by our "PHIBCBs". I had the honor of promoting UCCM (SCW/SW) Billy Hieb and awarding the Seabee Combat Warfare insignia to UT3 Scott Bennett from NOSC Pittsburgh. ACB-2 supports Logistics Over the Shore (LOTS) and Maritime Prepositioning Force operations, including ship-to-shore transportation of vehicles, tanks, weapons systems, combat cargo, and bulk fuel and water. They also provide tactical camp operations and construction support. This year, ACB-2 and their 15 NOSC detachments are growing from 400 to 743 SELRES billets. Additionally, this fall we'll be adding SELRES billets at ACU-2 and ACU-4. We are looking for hard charging SELRES Sailors to join these three commands!

Our work continues on the 2015 Navy Reserve Strategic Initiatives – including the development of a standardized PQS program which will provide training for all NOSC staff members on Reserve management functions and tasks. This initiative, led by the RCC Great Lakes team, is a direct result of your input and will help standardize processes across our NOSCs.

Work also continues on the Navy Reserve's "Ready-2-Serve" (R2S) app which is being developed by our IT Team. In conjunction with the General Services Administration, a mobile application is being designed which will be able to be used on any device in both cellular and Wi-Fi environments. As envisioned, R2S will dramatically improve the ability to access and submit information, and will include broadcast, personnel administration, information, messaging, and location services.

Efforts are likewise underway to ensure that all qualified Reserve Sailors are aware of the opportunity to begin, or resume, a career on active duty. The Navy's "RC2AC" initiative enables Sailors in ratings that are over-manned in the Reserve, but under-manned in the active component, to transition to active status. There are currently 330 available RC2AC quotas for Fiscal Year 2015 with 194 approved to date. Time is of the essence! If you're interested in learning more about this exciting program, contact your unit or NOSC leadership.

Finally, this month I attended the LDO/CWO Leadership Symposium to meet with our LDO and Warrant Officers from across the Reserve Force. These very experienced leaders bring tremendous knowledge, skills and experience to the Navy from our enlisted ranks. I encourage you to look into this important program to understand the many outstanding opportunities available for qualified Sailors to serve as Limited Duty Officers or Warrant Officers in the Navy Reserve!

As you can see, 2015 is on track to be one of the best and busiest years in the Navy Reserve's 100 year history! We have a great deal to be proud of and to look forward to with our busy summer training schedule including Fleet exercises and support, Centennial celebrations, and Navy Weeks.

We also wish you a wonderful summer season - with time to relax and recharge, whether at the ballpark, the golf course, the beach, or simply spending time outdoors. We recommend you'll take time to consider some of the summer safety tips, highlighted on the Naval Safety Center website at: http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/. It can make a difference for you and those you love.

As always, thank you for your dedication and service. I look forward to seeing you in the Fleet!

Vice Admiral Robin R. Braun,
Chief of Navy Reserve

Force Master Chief (AW/SW) CJ Mitchell

Chief of Navy Reserve Vice Adm. Robin Braun and Force Master Chief CJ Mitchell, meet with 170 Reserve Senior Enlisted Sailors at NOSC Minneapolis during the 2015 Senior Enlisted Leader Training Continuum. *(U.S. Navy photo by Master Chief Mass Communication Specialist D. Kevin Elliott)*

Shipmates,

The past several weeks have been fantastic. I have had the honor of speaking at the Legalman Military Law Training Symposium, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) dinner in Columbus, Ohio, and hosted the Senior Enlisted Training Symposium where I personally discussed and experienced the great accomplishments that you are doing on a regular basis. I thank you all for your dedication and commitment to the Navy Reserve and to the mission.

As the weather warms up and we shift from treadmill warrior to outdoor enthusiast, I encourage you to spend a little more time with your workout preparation stretching, drinking plenty of water and starting out slowly. Most importantly, adhere to any recommendation that your health care provider has given you concerning physical activity. Maintaining physical readiness is a minimum requirement for the Navy, and with the spring Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) starting this month, now is the time to make sure you are within standards.

During my travels, a common message that I discuss with everyone is individual contribution and responsibility to readiness. It starts with successfully passing the PFA but it does not end there. I encourage you to regularly review your medical status, check your personnel records and family information for accuracy, and to complete all of the required training. As you know, sometimes it is the little items that keep you from being able to go on annual training or deploying. It is your responsibility to make sure you are ready.

Another key element to readiness is your family. Unlike our brothers and sisters in the active component, Reserve Sailors typically don't live near or on a military base which can create a challenge with access to local military support. If you were to be deployed, it will be very important for your family to know the many programs available to them such as family support programs, Navy Reserve chaplains, legal assistance and medical facilities. I also encourage you to attend a Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) when you complete your IA. The RWW is offered at many sites across the country at no cost to you and you can bring a guest of your choice.

Once your readiness is in place, ensure you are signed up for GovDelivery emails by clicking on the red envelope link on the Navy Reserve public website at www.navyreserve.navy.mil. There are multiple opportunities within the Navy to serve; your skills are valued. Advertised opportunities include Reserve Component to Active Component (RC to AC) Conversions, Indefinite (INDEF) recalls, and multiple mobilizations within the Navy.

I am proud to represent and be an advocate for the Navy Reserve as we continue to successfully support the fleet and the Navy mission. Reserve Sailors are an integral and important part of Navy capabilities.

#AreYouReady?

Force 15

FORCM CJ Mitchell

First Air Reserve Squadron Deploys Overseas

Patrol Squadron 741 "Fighting Gators"

By Master Chief Information Systems Technician James L. Leuci, Naval History and Heritage Command

Today it is routine for Navy Reserve units and air squadrons to deploy overseas for their annual training. However, sixty years ago it was anything but routine – it had never happened. In the summer of 1954, Patrol Squadron 741 (VP-741) became the first Navy Reserve aviation squadron to deploy overseas on a 14-day, 16,000-mile training mission.

When established as VP-ML-56 in July 1946, the squadron operated PBY5 "Catalina" flying boats. Later, the squadron was re-designated as VP-741. In 1949, while commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Charles W. Rogers, VP-741 earned the title "the best patrol squadron in the Navy" and received the prestigious Noel Davis trophy. In 1951, VP-741 was mobilized for active service during the Korean War and "traded-in" their Catalinas for P2V-4 Neptune aircraft. While mobilized, the squadron deployed to the island of Malta in support of Sixth Fleet operations. The unit remained on active duty until February 1953.

Known as the "Fighting Gators," VP-741 operated as part of the Naval Air Reserve Training Unit (NARTU) stationed at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Florida. VP-741 continued to fly Neptune long-range patrol bombers. The squadron crews consisted of 86 enlisted men and 29 officers mainly from the Jacksonville area. Most of the Sailors assigned to VP-741 were veterans of World War II who had also been mobilized and deployed with the squadron to Malta in 1951. In 1954, they were selected to test the concept of Reserves conducting long-range overseas missions as a future component of Naval Air Reserve flight training.

The training mission, known as an "Operational Readiness Exercise," covered 16,000 miles over four continents in two weeks. The squadron departed NAS Jacksonville in July 1954. During the mission, VP-741 flew with the British Fleet Air Arm and conducted exercises with the ships of U.S. Sixth Fleet. They operated from 13 overseas bases in Bermuda, the Azores, French Morocco, Lisbon, Athens, Istanbul, Rome, Naples, Marseilles, London, Keflavik, Argentina, and Malta. The success of the mission paved the way for the overseas flight training that is routine today. A 27-minute film produced by the Navy documenting the exercise can be viewed at:

https://youtu.be/wtm8uF3QxQg

VP-741 mobilized again in 1961-62 in response to the Berlin Crisis and operated out of NAS Jacksonville, conducting long-range patrols in the Atlantic. The squadron eventually returned to inactive status and continued to train and operate through the mid-1960s. Even though VP-741 had the reputation of being one of the best patrol squadrons in the Navy Reserve and the U.S. Navy, it couldn't escape budget cuts and was disestablished in January 1968.

We have many talented people in our Navy Reserve. Each month we highlight our stellar Sailors and some of the unique careers, skills and services they provide to the fleet.

Operations Specialist 1st Class Gaspar Hernandez, Jr.

Hometown:
La Mesa, California
Command: Navy Operational Support Center North Island

Brief description of your Navy job:
As a member of NR Commander Third Fleet HQ, my job is to support our active duty command fleet watch officer with an accurate Global Command and Control System (GCCS-M) and LINK-16 picture. As an IT in my civilian job, I also help the active duty ITs in their line of work with helpdesk trouble tickets and other IT related issues.

What has been your greatest Navy achievement?
Joining the Navy has been my greatest achievement. The Navy has given me the honor to serve this great nation, courage to stand against those who wish harm upon civilians, shipmates and myself, and commitment, to finish what I've started 16 years ago.

Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy? Capt. John W. Peterson. As a young seaman aboard USS Hopper DDG-70, he believed in me no matter how many times I failed my shipmates. He once told me "Never stop trying to achieve, what you think you cannot."

What do you enjoy most about the Navy?
Traveling to different parts of the world. Seeing, learning and admiring different people as well as their culture.

Most interesting place visited since joining the Navy:
Singapore. Not only is it one of the cleanest cities in the world, it is also beautiful and the people are friendly.

Current hobbies:
I enjoy spending time with my wife and my two sons, playing indoor soccer for two teams, gaming, and repairing computers.

To nominate a Sailor, send an email to cnrfc1@gmail.com for a submission form. Please include a high-resolution (300 dpi) 5" x 7" digital photo of the candidate.

Lieutenant Walter Sueck

Hometown:
San Diego, California
Command: Navy Operational Support Center North Island

Brief description of your Navy job:
Force Protection/Law Enforcement Officer, LDO. Augment active duty security forces ISO installation, CNIC and fleet force protection missions.

What has been your greatest Navy achievement?
After serving as an enlisted Sailor for seven years, I left active duty to join the Navy Reserve to pursue school full time. Putting on my "butter bars" was the culmination of my greatest achievement, especially since it took me 12 years to achieve that goal.

Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy? Cmdr. Garlinghouse, who is also an LDO, has been one of the greatest influences. He has mentored me since I met him in the late 1990's. He encouraged me to apply for the LDO program, commissioned me as an ensign, trained me in the wardroom and continues to mentor me to be a better leader and give back to the Sailors in the fleet. I am fortunate to still have him as a mentor.

What do you enjoy most about the Navy?
The Navy provides me the opportunity to participate in something bigger than what is in front of me. Through my service, our service, we can help shape the force and continue to build a better Navy. That Navy will continue on, long after we have gone.

Most interesting place visited since joining the Navy:
I have been all over the world: Japan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, various ports in the Gulf and all around the Pacific, but by far I find Hawaii to be the most interesting. I really enjoyed hiking the mountains and the spectacular views. Additionally, as a Sailor, the museums, artifacts, and history at Pearl Harbor never cease to move me. Visiting there reminds me that service, in line with our core values, is never to be taken lightly.

Current hobbies:
I enjoy hiking, mountain biking, baseball, and shooting at the range.

Enlisted Personnel Record Review

By CNRFC, N15 Career Counselors

Ensuring your military service records are current and accurate is a vital part of a successful career. You must personally verify that your Navy personnel records document your performance and achievements accurately. Failure to do so directly affects your opportunities for retention and advancement. Several Navy information technology (IT) systems maintain your official information and it is important to view and verify your records at least once a year as well as six months prior to any selection board.

Updating one IT system does not necessarily update all systems. Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores entered into Career Waypoints (C-WAY) do not update the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) or the Fleet Training Management and Planning System (FLTMPS). In this case, updating ASVAB scores in NSIPS will update FLTMPS (and prevent inaccurate scores in NSIPS from overwriting newer scores entered into C-WAY). Scanned documents visible in the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) do not automatically update electronic IT systems.

Official Military Personnel File (OMPF)

Your OMPF contains electronic images of documents generated throughout your career, from time of entry until final separation. Selection boards utilize OMPF documents in their review process, so a periodic review of your OMPF is vital not only to ensure the accuracy of your own information, but also to ensure there are no documents from other Sailors in your personnel file. Access to OMPF is available through BUPERS Online (BOL) at https://www.bol.navy.mil, using the OMPF - My Record link to view, download, and print official documents.

Electronic Service Record (ESR)

The ESR contains personal, training, education, awards, and performance information, and is available at https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil. Certain ESR data (Administrative Remarks, NAVPERS 1070/613) is printed and filed in your OMPF when required by regulation. Selection boards do not utilize the ESR.

Enlisted Selection Board Review

Two reports available via BUPERS Online verify that your career achievements are available for selection board members to review:

Performance Summary Record (PSR), which summarizes your personnel data and performance history:

- PSR Part I: Personnel Data Summary (previously titled "Enlisted Summary Record")

Personnel Specialist Seaman Apprentice Bernardo Tavarez sorts through a field service record at Personnel Support Detachment Mayport. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Daniel Gay)*

- PSR Part II: Evaluation Summary (Pre-1996 Form)
- PSR Part III: Evaluation Summary (1996-Present)

Continuity Report, which is a tool that verifies receipt of performance evaluations and fitness reports by Navy Personnel Command and indicates if there is a gap between reports.

Perform the following:

- Log onto BOL at https://www.bol.navy.mil/.
- CAC-enabled computer required.
- Select "DoD CA-##", not "DoD EMAIL CA-##" certificate.
- Select CCA/FITREP/Eval Reports link.
- Select the "Performance Evaluation Continuity" link.
- Look for information under "Missing Periods."
- There should be no missing periods or gaps in continuity.
- If you have any issues accessing your continuity report, contact PERS 32 at (901) 874- 4881/4882/3313 (DSN 882).

***If you discover errors or missing information, contact your command Personnel Office, CPC or servicing PSD.**

For more information about a specific Selection Board, go to the NPC website at http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/. On the top navigation menu, hover over "Boards"; click "Reserve Enlisted" followed by either General Information or the specific selection board as appropriate.

Shaping Policy:
Navy Reserve Policy Board

Do you want to help shape Navy Reserve policies that support today's needs and anticipate tomorrow's? Do you have a passion for ensuring our Sailors voices are heard? If so, then the Secretary of the Navy and the Commander, Navy Reserve Force, want you on a Navy Reserve Policy Board!

By law and regulation, the Navy Reserve has two advisory boards. The Secretary of the Navy sponsors the National Navy Reserve Policy Board (NNRPB) that reviews Navy or Department or Defense policy change recommendations. Commander, Navy Reserve Force Vice Adm. Robin Braun sponsors the Navy Reserve Policy Board (CNRF NRPB) that reviews Navy Reserve policy change requests. Both boards exist to advocate for Sailors' needs while balancing the needs of the service. They enable a stronger and more integrated Reserve Force by considering great ideas for improvements offered by any Reserve Sailor.

To be effective at providing advice, both boards need sharp, seasoned, experienced officers and enlisted personnel, FTS and SELRES alike. They need people who want to solve problems, think big, and dive deeply into researching the tough issues.

Contemplating policy changes is more challenging than it might sound. Board members need to roll up their sleeves, research issues and attend meetings, both in person and over the telephone. They begin by interviewing Reserve Sailors who submit policy change recommendations. Then after researching the issues, formally present the recommendations to fellow board members, so they can vote on how to proceed.

Navy Reserve Policy Advisory Boards

- ★ **NNRPB: National Navy Reserve Policy Board**
- ★ **NRPB: Navy Reserve Policy Board**
- ★ **Applications accepted through July 31, 2015**
- ★ **NAVRESFOR 012/15: Nominations for membership on the National Navy Reserve Policy Board (NNRPB) and Navy Reserve Policy Board (NRPB)**

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Navy Reserve Homeport (Private):
https://private.navyreserve.navy.mil/support/policyboard/SitePages/Home.aspx

"Being a member of the Navy Reserve Policy Board is one of the most rewarding and humbling experiences I have been a part of. It is an honor to represent Navy Reserve Sailors and ensure their issues are valued and addressed."

– Command Master Chief Bill Sherman, Joint Staff JRU, Senior Enlisted Advisor, CNRF NRPB

** Important Annual Training (AT) Funding Deadlines **

May 1, 2015	AT Waivers are due to NRA or Aviation Wing Commander
May 31, 2015	All Planned AT requirements submitted in NROWS
June 30, 2015	All Q4 AT Orders Saved & Routed by the NOSC Order Specialist
July 17, 2015	All Q4 AT Orders fund approved by NOSC
August 31, 2015	All Q4 ATPs scheduled in EDM/NSIPS

The Key to Readiness

▲ **Rear Adm. Brian S. Pecha, Medical Officer of the Marine Corps,** at an RWW in La Jolla, Calif. Rear Adm. Pecha with Sailors and family members. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Denise Martin)*

By Daniel Meshel,
Office for Reintegration Programs,
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
for Reserve Affairs

Navy Reserve Sailors have supported more than 73,000 mobilizations since 2001, fulfilling critical mission areas during a decade of sustained conflict in the Middle East and numerous operations abroad. Nearly 3,000 Reserve Sailors are currently mobilized, satisfying 75 percent of the Navy's total Individual Augmentee (IA) requirements.

Naturally, this commitment to supporting the active duty force has led the Navy Reserve to adopt the motto "Ready now. Anytime, Anywhere."

But the slogan means much more than supporting a century of operations; it embodies the emphasis the Navy Reserve places on preparing Sailors for deployment – whether they've never deployed or have deployed multiple times throughout their career, and reintegrating them after they return.

"Mobilization readiness involves more than simply training our Sailors for their jobs; it also includes ensuring our Sailors' resilience through medical, physical, spiritual, and family readiness," said Chief of Navy Reserve Vice Adm. Robin R. Braun.

Unlike the active component, Reservists and their families face a unique set of challenges; they often face geographic isolation, disparate or sparse access to military family support groups in local communities, continued and repeated deployments, and unemployment and underemployment.

In response to these challenges, Congress directed the

▲ **Navy Region Southwest Reserve Component Command San Diego, Commanding Officer,** Capt. Mark Howell, Cmdr. Brian Sheakley and Command Master Chief Carrie Wentzel attend a Yellow Ribbon RWW, in La Jolla, Calif. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Denise Martin)*

establishment of the Office for Reintegration Programs in 2008 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. It was in Section 582 of Public Law 110-183 that the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) was born.

YRRP connects National Guard and Reserve service members, their families and loved ones with local resources before, during, and after deployments, especially during the reintegration phase that continues well-beyond the service members' return home.

"Each Reserve Component (RC) has been responsible for establishing their own unique Yellow Ribbon program and conducting YRRP events throughout the United States to address the specific needs of its service members," said Travis Bartholomew, director of outreach for YRRP.

Since inception, YRRP has impacted nearly 1.5 million members of the RC community through more than 10,000 events nationwide. Program managers, service providers, specialists, and event coordinators track Reservists through every stage of their deployment cycle and coordinate pre-, during, and post-deployment events aimed at fostering service member and family readiness and resilience.

"Tracking Sailors during each stage of mobilization allows us to provide a continuum of care," said Cmdr. David Shuster, director, Warrior and Family Support Programs. "Wherever a Sailor may be in the deployment cycle, whether they just received orders for mobilization or returned a year ago, we offer numerous resources and support, including Deployment Readiness Training (DRT) and Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) events that cater to the specific needs and situations of each service member and their family."

During Yellow Ribbon DRT and RWW events, professional speakers and service providers offer a number of workshops and breakout sessions touching upon a variety of topics, such as Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, job seeking and resume writing, financial and legal preparedness, reconnecting couples, and women deployers. Along with the group presentations, counselors, chaplains, and legal and financial specialists provide private counseling sessions.

"Balancing the demands of military service, family obligations, and a civilian career can be challenging and stressful," said Braun. "Family readiness impacts Sailor readiness, so building resiliency and support for families is key to a Sailor's ability to focus on their mission."

The events also host a myriad of service providers on-hand to answer questions, offer referrals, and provide further information and guidance, contributing to one of the most important dimensions of a Yellow Ribbon event.

"These events often serve as the only venue for Reservists and their loved ones to gather together and learn about their benefits and entitlements," said Bartholomew. "With more than 45,000 nonprofit organizations serving the military and family, including thousands more who provide social services to the general public,

▲ **Navy Reserve Sailors** check out various displays at a Returning Warrior Workshop in La Jolla, Calif. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Denise Martin)*

making the connection to the right provider can be difficult."

According to a 2015 report published by Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families, findings suggest there is poor coordination among programs, making it difficult for veterans and their families to successfully navigate and receive the support they need.

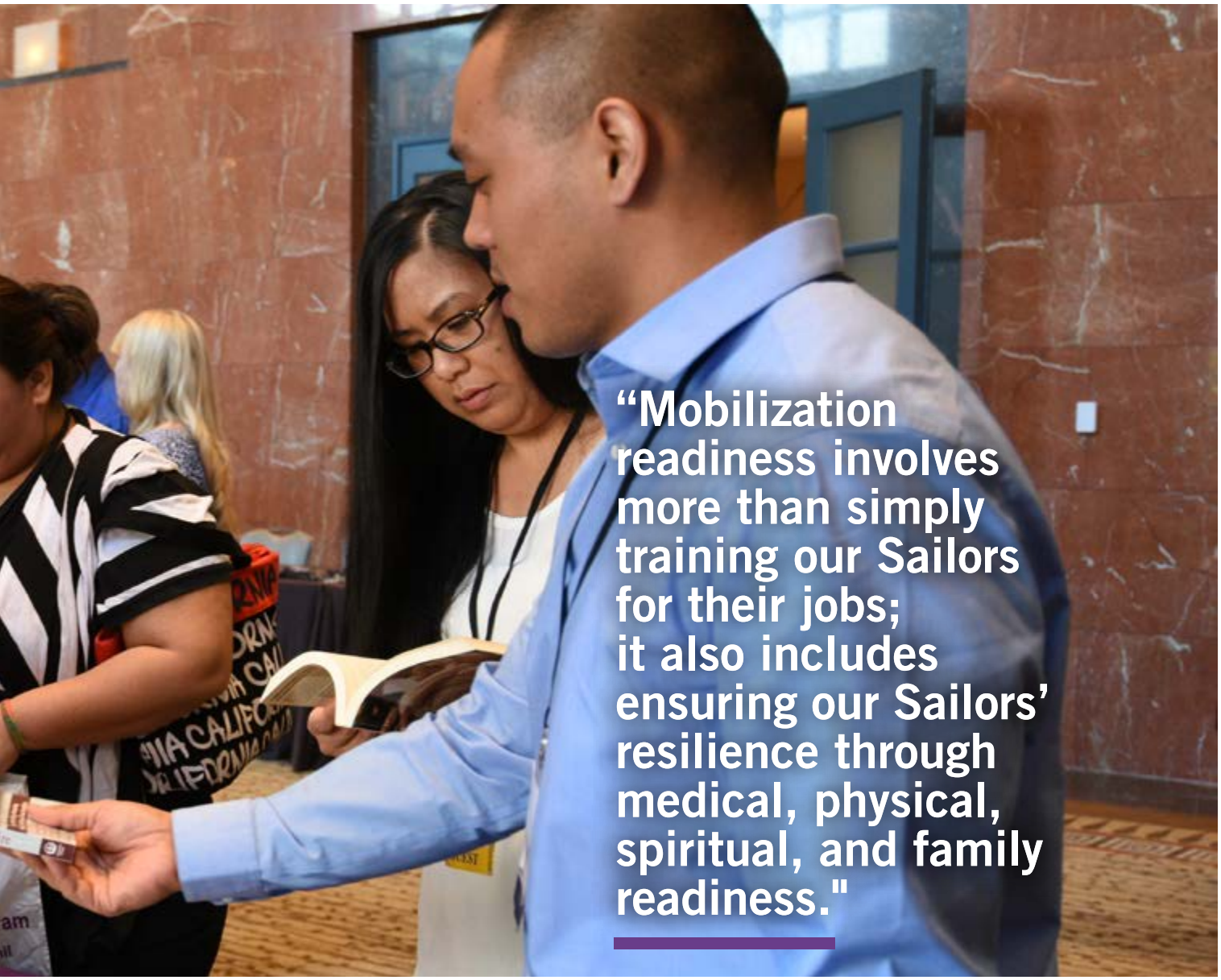
This is just one of the many reasons why YRRP has partnered with a number of academic and research-driven organizations to identify, analyze, and promote the most beneficial practices and maximize impact for attendees.

"The Clearinghouse has helped identify outcomes YRRP is trying to impact, like awareness of resources, social support, and behavioral health," said Jamie Irvin, a research assistant at Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Pennsylvania State University. "The Clearinghouse works with subject matter experts to provide YRRP with research-based information and evidence-informed practices that can be incorporated into YRRP standardized curriculum."

"We are focused on reviewing existing academic research, survey data, and feedback from service members to identify the long-term challenges of reintegration," said Marie Balocki, director of YRRP. "By bringing together years of cumulative knowledge and research to Yellow Ribbon events, we can prevent mistakes, improve overall care, and connect service members and their families with those services that will have the greatest impact on their well-being and long-term health."

In a recent study conducted by the Institute of Medicine, entitled "Returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan: Assessment of readjustment needs of veterans, service members, and their families," researchers found that some Reserve service members receive care from multiple health providers that do not share electronic health records. They also found that incompatibility in providers' systems contributed to a fragmentation of care and diminished continuity and coordination, increasing the likelihood of adverse effects and medical errors.

For Reservists returning from deployment and beginning the process of reintegration into their communities and civilian healthcare providers, knowing how to successfully transfer their



"Mobilization readiness involves more than simply training our Sailors for their jobs; it also includes ensuring our Sailors' resilience through medical, physical, spiritual, and family readiness."

medical records between health systems and providers can improve coordination and reduce redundant care and medication errors, as well as lower costs.

"Something as simple as making a copy of your electronic health record can have an extraordinary impact on reintegration," said Matthew Davis, Warrior and Family Support Program Specialist for Navy Region Southeast Reserve Component Command Jacksonville. "We are continually evolving and improving our events to deliver the best experience we can, and we rely on feedback to adjust the course of our program and bring together the most pertinent and valuable information."

Clearinghouse also assists YRRP in event improvement by helping to implement, collect, and analyze post-event and retrospective surveys. Initial results from these surveys have shown promising results about the program's impact and long-term effects.

"Based on data collected in 2014, more than 90 percent of family members indicate high levels of satisfaction with YRRP events," said Cameron Richardson, Ph.D., a research and evaluation scientist for Clearinghouse. "Similarly, 79 percent of service members reported satisfaction."

The survey also contributes to driving the evolution of YRRP events to meet the needs and expectations of a variety of military populations, including women deployers, multiple deployers, and single service members.

Along with improving the quality of events, YRRP is currently working with senior leaders and the Armed Services to give commanders greater flexibility in using the program and adjusting the timeline for post-deployment events.

"From the White House to Congress, and to our senior leaders in the department, there is widespread support for the work Yellow Ribbon does," said Balocki. "Yellow Ribbon is an enduring program; we remain committed to serving those who wear the uniform and those who support them."

"The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program remains the cornerstone of the Navy Reserve's deployment readiness and reintegration training programs," said Braun. "The need for this continuum of care will extend well beyond the return of the last combat mobilized Sailor."

▲ **Retired Sgt. 1st Class Sergio Borrero,** a Vietnam veteran, shares his story at a Returning Warrior Workshop in Fort Worth, Texas. *(U.S. Navy photo)*

If you have attended a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) event, you most likely heard numerous stories from service members who endured arduous and sometimes dangerous deployments.

RWW's serve as one of the only settings where service members and their loved ones can gather and share their stories of struggle, hardship, loss, and valor, as well as seek resources and support to identify and address the problems they face.

The stories often center on those service members and their families who have deployed since Sept. 11, 2001.

But, standing in front of a crowd of more than 150 "Warriors" and their guests at an RWW event in Fort Worth, Texas, retired Sgt. 1st Class Sergio Borrero, a Vietnam veteran, finally shared his story – a story that took more than 45 years to tell.

Borrero was born in Puerto Rico, but he moved early in his childhood and spent most of his youth growing up in San Francisco. It was from there that he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1956.

After the end of his first enlistment in 1960, he transferred to the Navy Reserve. But in 1961, just a year after leaving active duty, he decided to re-enlist and join the United States Army as an infantryman.

It was early into his career that American troops in the region of Southern Vietnam surged from 2,000 in 1961 to more than 16,000 in 1964. By the time Borrero received his orders, shortly before Christmas of 1965, troop levels had skyrocketed to more than 184,000.

He waited with other soldiers during hourly formations as their names were called one by one and were handed their orders to Vietnam.

"They just cleaned house," said Borrero. "They got just about everyone."

They were given leave, and a few short weeks later in January of 1966, he was on a plane to Saigon.

When Borerro landed, the orders to the 173rd Airborne Division he had received at Fort Bragg were rescinded, and he was reassigned to A Troop, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. From Saigon he immediately flew by helicopter to Camp Radcliff where he saw a plane burning on the side of the runway.

"A C-130 had crashed that morning and almost everyone died, including the crew and everyone on board," said Borrero. "That was it. That was when everything began."

He was ushered to supply, signed for a weapon and ammunition, and told to throw his extra gear in a nearby tent. There had been another crash; a helicopter had gone down, there were more casualties, and they were mounting a rescue.

"We didn't know what was happening. They told us to hurry up, get over here, double-time, put everything in that hooch over there, and to load a magazine into our weapon."

Although he had briefly experienced combat during a short deployment to the Dominican Republic, his first day in Vietnam would prove to be unlike anything he had ever experienced or imagined.

It was also during this deployment that Borrero served in one of the most famous battles of the Vietnam War: the Battle of Ia Drang Valley.

A Warrior's Story

By Daniel Meshel, Office for Reintegration Programs
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"In time our battles were forgotten, our sacrifices discounted and both our sanity and our suitability for life in polite progressive American society were publicly questioned. Our young-old faces, chiseled and gaunt from the fever and the heat and the sleepless nights, now stare back at us, lost and damned strangers, frozen in yellowing snapshots packed away in cardboard boxes with our medals and ribbons… As the years passed we searched each other out and found that the half-remembered pride of service was shared by those who had shared everything else with us. With them, and only with them, could we talk about what had really happened over there – what we had seen, what we had done, what we had survived."

– retired Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore,
We Were Soldiers Once… and Young

Near the Chu Pong Mountain, a helicopter radioed that they had spotted no less than 30 enemy soldiers carrying weapons.

"When you see a number reported you have to assume there are three times as many," said Borrero. "That was how we assessed enemy strength then."

Borrero had been the platoon sergeant when their platoon leader, a young Army captain who had been with A Troop less than three weeks, received the call and responded they were going in.

"I gathered my platoon of 26 men, that was all we had, and I told them, 'Look guys, you're really going to have to take care of each other on this one, because I don't have a good feeling about this.'"

Borrero and his platoon were dropped into the Ia Drang Valley, and after moving only 25 yards into the brush they found and captured an enemy soldier who had been lying on the ground smoking. The platoon's interpreter was brought over and quickly interrogated the captured Viet Cong soldier to find out the strength and location of their unit.

"He looked up, and he said we were surrounded by more than 1,000 North Vietnam and Viet Cong soldiers," said Borrero.

The captain quickly requested the return of the three helicopters, but before they could arrive to evacuate, weapons fire erupted from all sides and the platoon was quickly embroiled in an intense exchange of fire.

Overwhelmed by enemy forces and taking heavy casualties, 16 of the 26 men in the platoon were killed when two of the three helicopters were destroyed on the ground.

During the evacuation two more soldiers from Borrero's platoon and the co-pilot were killed in the helicopter by enemy fire and the helicopter suffered extreme damage.

"Brace yourselves, we're going down," Borrero heard as the pilot of the helicopter found a clearing and conducted an emergency landing.

They called for another helicopter, and soon they were transported to Fire Base X-Ray where they unloaded the dead and the wounded. A short time later Borrero looked up to see the sky was full of helicopters flying into the ambush zone.

"A Troop was totally destroyed," said Borrero. "The four gunships protecting us were shot down and most of the pilots and the crew were either killed or wounded." O

▼ **Retired Sgt. 1st Class Sergio Borrero,** in Vietnam. *(Photo courtesy of Sergio Borrero)*

A Troop's discovery of the combined North Vietnam and Viet Cong force led to the first large-scale battle of the Vietnam War, in which more than 250 U.S. troops and an estimated 1,000 Vietnamese lost their lives during two days of intense fighting. The battle was made famous by the book "We Were Soldiers Once… and Young" and the subsequent film adaptation.

The Battle of Ia Drang Valley was the last combat Borrero saw during his first deployment, as he spent most of his remaining time rebuilding A Troop.

"The commander of A Troop could tell I was in bad shape, and toward the end he said, 'You only have two weeks, so just wait for your orders and do what you can to help out around here," said Borrero. "And that was the way it went."

"I played it cool," he said.

He left from Camp Radcliff after a year-long deployment and spent three days out-processing at Cam Ranh Bay. There they told him that he should forget about everything that happened over there. They told him no one back home would understand.

"I guess it worked, because I kept my mouth shut for 45 years," said Borrero laughing.

He took a bus to San Francisco after he arrived back in the states and spent the next two weeks with his wife and his two young children. After only a few short weeks, he again boarded a plane and departed for Germany to his next duty assignment.

"It's sad," said Borrero. "I was married to a young wife. I married her when she was 18. She thought I had been having fun in Vietnam. She thought the same thing when I returned back from Vietnam after my second tour."

Borrero and his wife divorced shortly after his return from his second deployment to Vietnam in 1971.

"I told her it was not our fault. The war messed up our marriage, we were very young, and we weren't ready to be married," said Borrero. "There were no programs then. There was nothing, except the chaplain."

Borrero retired in 1980. Following his time in the Army, Borrero worked as a high school junior reserve officer training corps instructor in the Houston area for more than 20 years, mentoring and training hundreds of young men and women.

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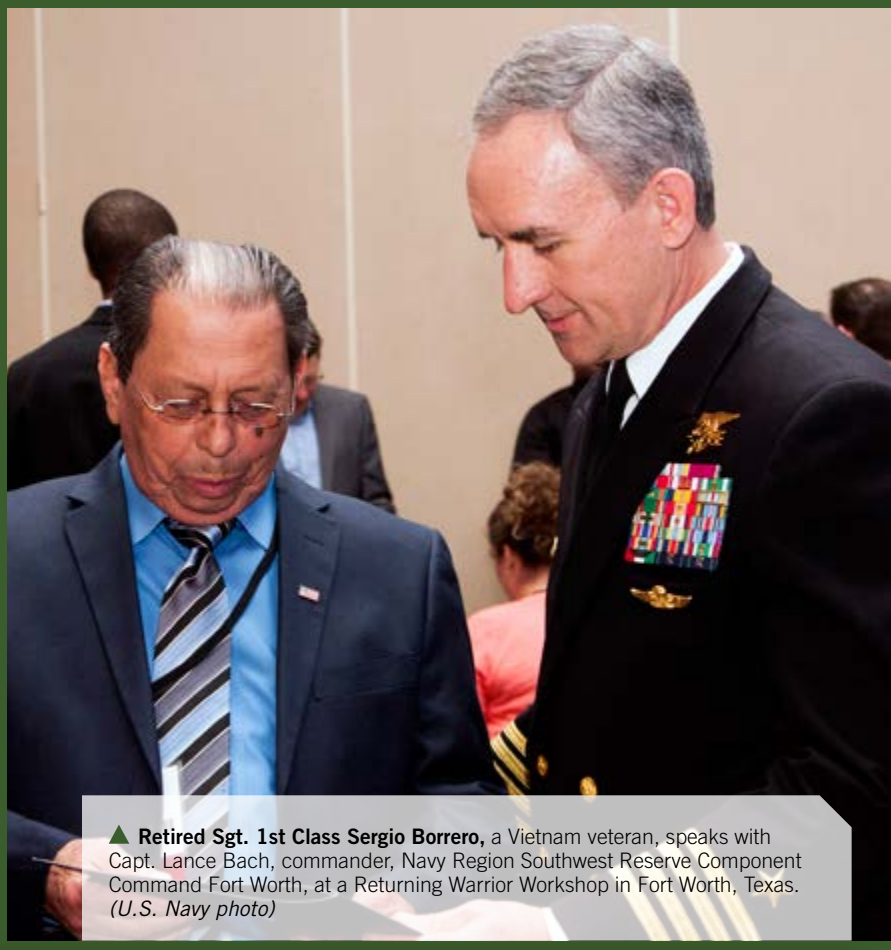
▲ **Navy Reserve Sailors and their spouses** conduct a round-table discussion about deployments during a Returning Warrior Workshop. *(U.S. Navy photo)*

It wasn't until years later that his son-in-law, Capt. Lance Bach, commander, Navy Region Southeast Reserve Component Command Fort Worth, invited Borrero to speak at an RWW event after learning he had never received any support after returning from his deployments.

"I was expecting something small, but when I saw what was taking place I said, 'This is incredible,'" said Borrero, who was able to participate in the event as both a presenter and a warrior. "I unloaded. I was able to get it out. It was way more than I expected."

"His humility and experience working through an unbelievably difficult combat experience was compelling," said Bach. "He was candid about his journey and his personal demons, and he was able to share his story for the first time with other warriors. He really provided this next generation of warriors great perspective and helped us all appreciate what the services do to support their returning warriors today."

"These returning warriors, from all the services, they need to be remembered," said Borrero. "That's all they want. To be remembered." ○



▲ **Retired Sgt. 1st Class Sergio Borrero,** a Vietnam veteran, speaks with Capt. Lance Bach, commander, Navy Region Southwest Reserve Component Command Fort Worth, at a Returning Warrior Workshop in Fort Worth, Texas. *(U.S. Navy photo)*

2015 RWW Schedule

29-31 May 2015 ..... Louisville, Ky.

19-21 June 2015 ..... New Orleans, La.

24-26 Jul 2015 ..... Charlotte, N.C.

31 Jul-2 Aug 2015 ..... Boca Raton, Fla.

31 Jul-2 Aug 2015 ..... Palm Springs, Calif

14-16 Aug 2015 ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

RWWs are conducted as part of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP), a congressionally mandated program that was established in 2008 under the National Defense Authorization Act. YRRP's mission is to promote the well-being of National Guard and Reserve members, their families, and communities, by connecting them with resources throughout the deployment cycle. RWWs are held throughout the country and are conducted by each region within the Navy Reserve to facilitate the attendance of Reserve Sailors in all areas of the United States.

To find a Yellow Ribbon event near you, visit: www.yellowribbon.mil

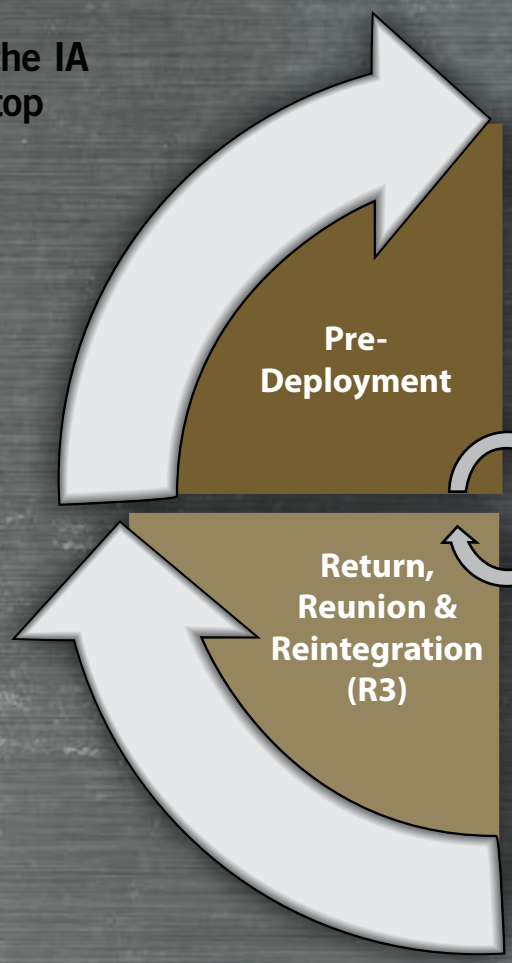
BACK TO BASICS

Train & Equip

- ★ Train & Equip phase begins with departure from the Parent Command or NOSC for the NMPS.
- ★ The purpose of Train & Equip phase activities is to provide general and mission-specific training and gear issue for the IA Sailor.
- ★ Train & Equip phase ends when the IA Sailor departs his or her final I-Stop for the theater.

Pre-Deployment

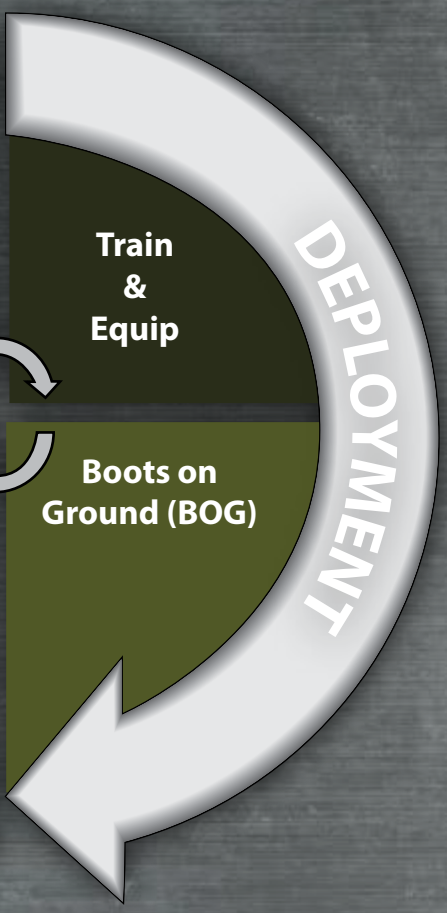
- ★ Pre-deployment begins with notification of orders, ideally 120 days prior to mobilization (the deployment date).
- ★ Pre-deployment activities prepare the Sailor for their IA assignment, primarily through completion of the Expeditonary Screening Checklist (ESC) and, for RC IA Sailors, attending a Deployment Readiness Training (DRT) event.
- ★ Pre-deployment ends when the Sailor departs his or her Parent Command for the Navy Mobilization Processing Center (NMPS).



NAVY IA SAILOR LIFECYCLE

Boots on Ground

- ★ The BOG phase begins with departure from the final I-Stop for the Reception, staging, onward movement, and integration site.
- ★ The purpose of the BOG phase is to perform the mission designated by the Combatant Commander.
- ★ The BOG phase ends when the IA Sailor departs theater for their first returning I-Stop (typically the Warrior Transition Program (WTP) or NMPS).



Return, Reunion & Reintegration (R3)

- ★ The R3 phase begins with the first I-Stop after leaving theater (typically the Warrior Transition Program (WTP) or NMPS).
- ★ The purpose of the R3 phase is to facilitate the return of the IA Sailor and Medical / Family / Unit / Civillian Employment reintegration.
- ★ The R3 phase ends when nine months have passed since the IA Sailor's return, DHAs completed, and all medical issues have been resolved.

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Operation Deep Freeze

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Edward Kessler,
Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group Public Affairs

Reserve Cargo Handlers Support Peacetime Mission in Antarctica

Five Sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion (NCHB)13, one of Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group's (NAVELSG) Reserve battalions, had the unique opportunity to participate in Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) 2015, a peacetime mission in support of the National Science Foundation (NCF).

The Reserve Sailors were selected to augment critical requirements with the Navy's only active duty cargo handling battalion, NCHB 1, in order to support NCF's research mission at the South Pole.

Chief Hull Technician Tomas Gonzalez, a tele-service representative with the Social Security Administration, and Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Andrew Hill, a recent graduate from Texas A&M University, were amongst those Sailors.

Gonzalez, Hill and the rest of the team arrived at Ross Island, Antarctica, Jan. 23. The cargo handlers set up shop at McMurdo Station, the southern-most navigable harbor in the world.

While their journey began in January, the Navy has had a rich history in Antarctica for more than half a century. Beginning in 1955, Seabees began deploying yearly to the continent. As participants in Operation Deep Freeze, their mission was to build and expand scientific bases. The first group included 200 Seabees who distinguished themselves by constructing a 6,000-foot ice runway on McMurdo Sound. Over the years, the mission remains, and the personnel who support it have grown beyond the Seabees to the Navy Reserve and multiple branches of the military.

"I am glad the Navy is involved in Operation Deep Freeze, not just because of our history with it," said Gonzalez. "We are a very important part of a complicated logistics mission. Our work directly impacts multi-national scientific research."

Operation Deep Freeze is unlike any other U.S. military operation. It is one of the military's most difficult peacetime missions due to the harsh Antarctic environment. The U.S. military is uniquely equipped and trained to operate in such an austere environment.

"Antarctica has a huge impact on comfort," said Hill. "I was actually only cold when there would be a work stoppage or mechanical issue and we stopped moving."

The work began when the Navy cargo handlers met the Military Sealift Command (MSC) chartered container ship Merchant Vessel (MV) Ocean Giant to offload 20 million pounds of fresh supplies to support the scientists and researchers living year-round in the brutal environment. The cargo handlers worked around the clock for 10 days in the continuous sunlight of the Antarctic summer.

"I hate the cold, but 15 degrees Fahrenheit felt warmer than 40 degrees back home," said Hill. "There is a complete lack of humidity."

The weather held between 10 to 30 degrees Fahrenheit during their 14-day stay, despite high winds and cold temperatures, the same operational targets were expected of the mission.

"The ability to safely move cargo in any climate including extreme weather is a very important skill to maintain," said Gonzalez.

Reserve Sailors have been a rich part of U.S. Navy history, working and sacrificing alongside their active duty counterparts,

▲ **Active and Reserve component Sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion One and Thirteen** pose for a group photo prior to the start of port cargo handling evolutions in support of Operation Deep Freeze 2015. *(U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Mumbali Ngwa)*

▲ **Military Sea-Lift Command's** chartered container ship MV Ocean Giant, makes her approach to the ice pier at McMurdo Station, Antartica, prior to the start of port cargo handling evolutions in support of Operation Deep Freeze 2015. *(U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Mumbali Ngwa)*

accomplishing missions around the globe in varying conditions and climates.

"We were expected to show up qualified and integrate on day one," said Hill. "We had lots of interagency contact, and we worked daily with the New Zealand and Australian stevedores and truck drivers."

While the mission may not have had all the comforts of home, Hill had positive feedback about his Antarctic adventure.

"This was my first time on ODF, and overall it was a great experience," said Hill.

For Gonzalez, this marked his second trip in support of ODF, taking part in 2010 as a stevedore, the initial qualification level. Much has changed, yet remained the same since his last visit, working on his ship supervisor qualification while serving as a hatch captain.

"It takes a long time to qualify in the different hatch team positions," said Gonzalez. "It creates a special challenge for the active duty battalions due to frequent personnel changes; our Reserve battalions have Sailors with many years of cargo handling experience with the same battalions."

As the select few to visit Antarctica, the driest, emptiest, coldest place on earth, for this one-of-a-kind mission, these Sailors are simply grateful for the experience.

"How many people in the world can say they have seen penguins in their natural habitat, or witnessed steam coming off an active volcano on Antarctica?" said Gonzalez.

"The Navy Reserve has now put me on five of seven continents," said Hill, "I consider this the most exclusive operation and really the only way I'd ever get to see Antarctica."

NAVELSG is homeported in Williamsburg, Virginia, with an active battalion located at Cheatham Annex – with forward-deployed detachments around the world and Reserve battalions located across the United States. NAVELSG provides Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the fleet in a variety of logistics missions. More than 100 Sailors and civilians at NAVELSG headquarters work hand-in-hand with the fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 3,500 active duty and Reserve Sailors in the administration, logistics and training of their active and Reserve components.

▲ **Military Sealift Command vehicle cargo ship USNS Bob Hope (T-AKR 300)** engages with USNS Montford Point (MLP 1) during MLP 1's post-delivery test and trials. *(U.S. Navy photo)*

NAVELSG Cargo Handlers Support Sea Basing

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Edward Kessler
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Over the past year, the "Cargo Handlers" of Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Eleven (NCHB 11), one of six Reserve component cargo handling battalions of the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group (NAVELSG), have been supporting proof of concept exercises with the new Joint High-Speed Vessel (JHSV).

During Bold Alligator 2014, NCHB 11 assisted Marines with loading vehicles via roll-on/roll-off (RORO) onto JHSV for stowage and transportation. They also supported, outside of their normal mission requirements, with small boat evolutions in support of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) exercises.

Navy Military Sealift Command (MSC) ships are manned by civilian crews, responsible for the transportation and delivery of the ship and cargo to the area of responsibility for a particular mission. From there, NAVELSG active and Reserve component Sailors embark to provide full-time operation cargo handling functions.

The JHSV is just one of MSC's newer additions to the Navy's fleet, and it will serve as a critical enabler of the sea-basing strategy. With the JHSV acting as a logistics connector, and NAVELSG's mission as a provider of global logistics capabilities, exercise support provides mission synchronicity between the two organizations.

NAVELSG Reserve Sailors are a natural and critical fit to the cargo handling mission. With only one active duty cargo handling battalion to handle the peacetime movement of cargo, having six operational Reserve battalions allows the Navy the flexibility to quickly mobilize in the event of a war or humanitarian crisis at a much more cost effective rate.

"We are an 85% Reserve organization," said Mark Sakowski, NAVELSG chief of staff. "Our surge capability makes us the perfect Reserve mission platform."

The Spearhead-Class JHSV provides intra-theater, self-deployable, and high-speed transport; delivering equipment, personnel, and supplies through both blue water and littoral environments. It can even support logistics flow in degraded port scenarios that may result from combat operations or natural disasters.

"JHSV is another way to bring quick response and scalability to the Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) mission, and the related strategy of seabasing," said Cmdr. Jason Parkhouse, director of operations for NAVELSG.

Sea basing, as a concept, is not necessarily new. The U.S. Naval War College defined sea-basing in their Autumn 2011 Review Vol. 64, No. 4; as the capability to use the sea in the same way that U.S. forces use overseas regional bases, for deterrence, alliance support, cooperative security, power projection, and other forward operations. In layman's terms, any ship, or group of ships, that can support forces ashore while sustaining itself at sea, is essentially a sea-base.

It is precisely why NAVELSG Reserve component Sailors in cargo handling battalions are unique.

"Since our force is primarily a Reserve force that needs to quickly respond, our Reserve battalions are fully operational and go through the same fleet readiness training plan as our active battalion," said Sakowski.

Operating in conjunction with the Mobile Landing Platform (MLP) and the JHSV, NAVELSG Reserve and active forces find themselves in new, yet very familiar territory.

The MLP, the other recent MSC addition to the fleet, will serve as the future cornerstone of the Navy's sea basing capability. The ships design increases the intra-theater coordination and throughput capability of the MPF. With a reconfigurable mission deck, the MLP can quickly transform into a "seagoing pier" when host nation ports are inaccessible.

The cargo handlers of NAVELSG are very familiar with traditional MPF cargo operations, having worked these platforms since the creation of the MPF program in the 1970's. Typically, one of MSC's ten large, medium-speed, roll-on/roll-off ships (LMSR) or five container, roll-on/roll-off, tanker (BOBO) class ships serve as a base

for logistics movements for forces ashore. By utilizing in-stream cargo operations in conjunction with the Improved Navy Lighterage System (INLS), cargo handlers can off-load two vessels in eight days, or three days if pierside.

"It's about adapting our NAVELSG capabilities to emerging platforms, and showing how our core competencies fit into those future needs," said Capt. Michael Stiglitz, deputy commander of NAVELSG.

MLP brings a unique capability to the traditional MPF concept. By utilizing float-on/float-off technology, a MLP ship becomes the hub of activity within the MPF.

NAVELSG Reserve component cargo handlers ensure cargo is received, staged and moved to the appropriate ship-to-shore connector, ensuring coordination between Military Sealift Command assets, the Naval Beach Group (NBG) support element and the Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) operators, which may range in size from a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) to a full Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB); scalable from small to large, or the actual scope of the crisis.

During contingency operations, NAVELSG's cargo handlers deploy in small detachments of one or two 9-person "hatch teams," with the possible addition of an air cargo contingent. They would then adaptively form, and quickly activate on orders to embark a JHSV in support of the MPF-SE concept.

"The Reserve battalions serve as component SME's to load and unload," said Chief Boatswain's Mate Eric Harris, NCHB 11 operations' leading chief petty officer. "This vessel (JHSV) has plenty of potential to support missions."

This concept was illustrated during the exercise Bold Alligator 2014, where Reserve component personnel from NCHB 11, operating as part of an Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) Task Force, worked alongside Marines in Morehead City, North Carolina, to load 16 Humvees; Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacements (MTVR), or "seven-tons"; and Logistics Vehicle System Replacements (LVSR).

"As an operational force, our Reserves are often our primary workforce in the support of vital missions, such as supporting the JHSV," said Rear Adm. Valerie Huegel, commander, NAVELSG. "It is our time-tested expertise in the capabilities of cargo handling, as well as the absolute selfless dedication of our Reserves, that has continuously proven we can respond rapidly to such critical mission requirements. This is a unique strength we bring to the warfighter."

It is missions such as the JHSV that provides NAVELSG Reserve component personnel the benefit of having consistent and relevant opportunities to train and operate.

Sharing in evolving joint missions and the newly emerging capabilities with platforms such as JHSV, ensure a relevant response to future demand at home or abroad.

"By being part of the sea basing discussion at its beginning, we can help shape the future for cargo handlers," said NAVELSG Command Master Chief Darcy Beauchamp. "Our Reserves are a large part of the sea basing concept, and Reserve component manpower is the way to go."

Early engagement and dialogue with other commands involved in the sea basing concept, such as working directly with Military Sealift Command planners, has helped to further define NAVELSG's role.

"While exploring new opportunities in bringing this strategic initiative to its full operational capability, we are still at "sunrise" for the sea basing concept, and the Reserve cargo handlers of NAVELSG are proud to be setting sail on the Joint High Speed Vessel team as it moves over the horizon," said Sakowski.

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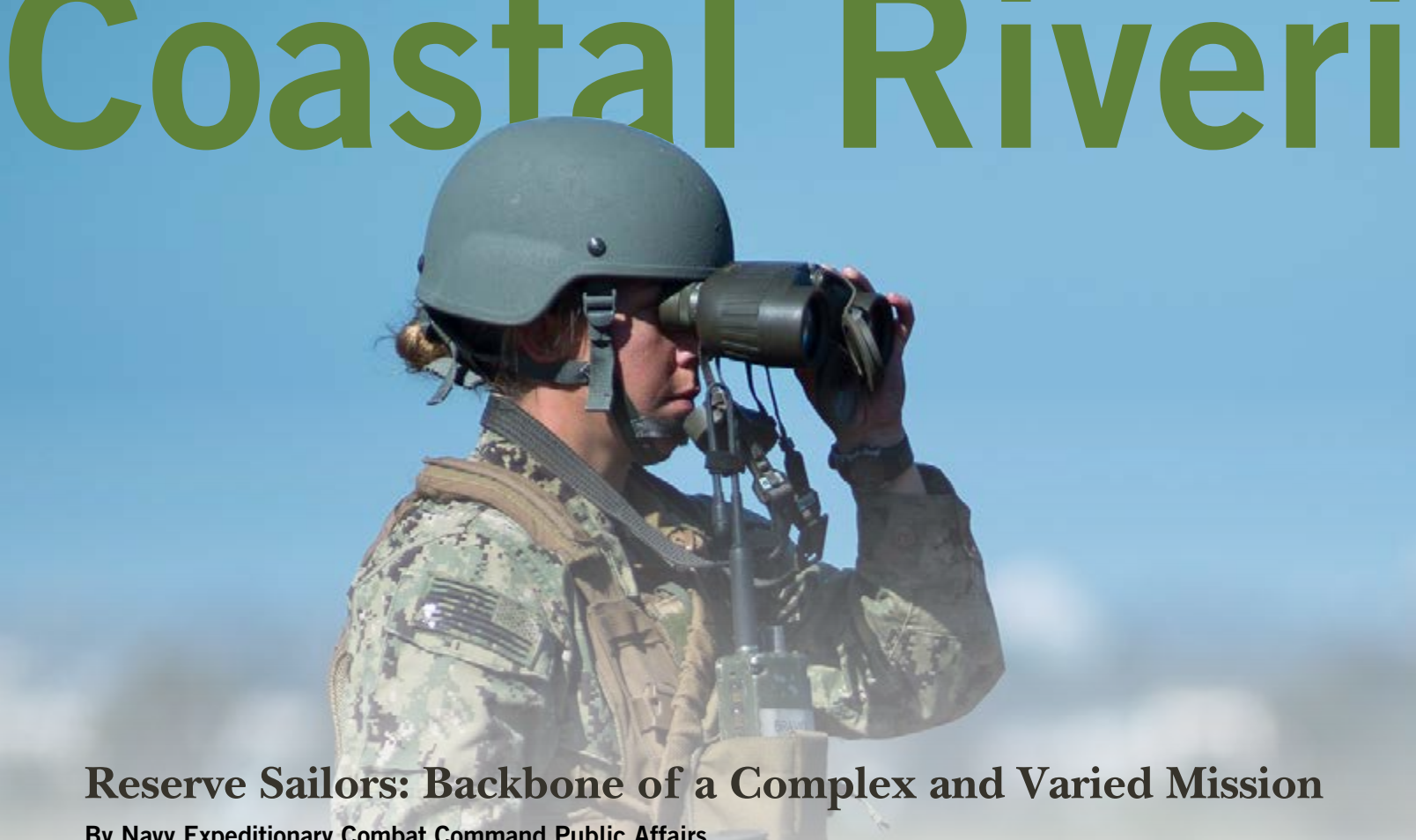

Reserve Sailors: Backbone of a Complex and Varied Mission

By Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Public Affairs

The Coastal Riverine Force (CRF) is comprised of many Sailors with diverse skillsets and technical expertise to carry out a complex maritime security mission that extends from ports and harbors, high value assets, and operating and staging bases. Some of those members are Reserve and Full-Time Support (FTS) Sailors who assist their active duty counterparts at home and abroad.

Master-at-Arms (MA) 1st Class Chris Hebert and Electronics Technician 1st Class Eric Madrid are two Sailors who support Coastal Riverine Squadron (CRS) Eight, homeported in Groton, Connecticut, in their vital role of bridging the gap between traditional Navy blue water operations and land forces.

Hebert joined the Navy in 2003 from Albany, New York, because he wanted to be a police officer. As luck would have it, he became an MA, which gave him the opportunity to be a patrolman at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, and deploy as an individual augmentee (IA) with the embarked security teams at Commander Task Force (CTF) 53 in Bahrain and in Iraq conducting convoy security.

After six years on active duty, Hebert decided to pursue his dream of being a police officer and separated from active duty and joined the Navy Reserve. He is currently the CRS 8 Headquarters leading petty officer (LPO) and chief master-at-arms (CMAA). As a civilian, he is a field training officer with the Department of Defense (DoD) Police on Naval Station Newport.

With his dream fulfilled of being a police officer, he believes his civilian job drives him to be a better Sailor.

"As a DoD Police Officer on [this] Navy Base, I think my job has a lot to do with being a better MA. I work with and train most of the MAs stationed in Newport, so it is all intertwined," said Hebert.

Even as a Reserve Sailor, Hebert is still able to fulfill his reserve requirements and support deployments, like the one he did in 2011 with CRS 8 to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), where he served as tactical craft navigator/radio telecommunications officer with an inshore boat unit.

"I liked being on boats," said Hebert. "It was a new experience for me, but had the same concept of formations as conducting convoy operations in Iraq." Each 34 ft. boat only contains a three or four person crew, so all Sailors have to be proficient in a variety of skills including driving, navigating, manning a crew-served weapon, and hailing over radios.

And while he has assisted overseas, he's also lent his police officer skills to support Fleet Week New York and the Star Spangled Spectacular in Baltimore, by conducting crew served weapons shoots in Fort Dix, New Jersey, and administering security reaction force-basic (SRF-B) courses or conducting training in non-lethal weapons and tactical team maneuvers to prepare the Selected Reserve detachments for these events.

"I think training is probably the most important thing we do as service men and women," said Hebert. "I love training and I take pride in training people. I enjoy the people I meet from all around the country who do diverse jobs in their civilian lives."

As a Reserve Sailor, Hebert can be a Sailor when needed, but can also live the life of a civilian, which works for his life, but there are others within CRS 8 who fulfill a different role as a FTS Sailor.

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◀ **Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Gabrielle Mrosla, assigned to Coastal Riverine Squadron (CRS) 3,** surveys the surrounding area for simulated threats at a vehicle checkpoint during a field training exercise at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Carlos M. Vazquez II)*

The Navy FTS program allows Reserve Sailors to perform full-time active duty service in positions that support the training and administration of the Navy Reserve Force. Members receive the same pay, allowances and benefits as active duty members.

Madrid, a FTS Sailor at CRS 8, followed a family tradition when he decided to enlist in the Navy after high school. His first tour was aboard USS Klakring (FFG 42) in the communications department. He spent four years aboard, deploying to Southern Seas 2010 and to U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM).

"I take great pride when I am able to repair critical communications equipment, and restore it for mission use," said Madrid. "I enjoyed repairing circuit cards for electronic equipment. This ranged from most of the combat systems equipment to engineering consoles."

To him, teamwork is the key to the success of the whole ship.

"Each rating's personnel are subject matter experts," said Madrid. "When all the pieces are working together, it makes the ship run smoothly."

He reported to CRS 8 in April 2013. There, he has been essential to ensuring the squadron successfully completes its high value asset security escorts in New London, Connecticut. Madrid doesn't see a difference between active duty, Reserve, or FTS Sailors.

"We're all just part of the Navy," said Madrid. "If every watchstander is doing their job, standing a vigilant watch, then we ensure the safety and protection of the Navy's assets."

Madrid maintains the boats' communications equipment and stands watch in the tactical operations center, passing reports between the patrol boat and headquarters.

"I enjoy working with communications equipment," said Madrid. "Being able to do that gives me great satisfaction."

Madrid has also participated in the Fleet Week New York and the Star Spangled Spectacular's security detachments in 2014. For him, a typical day included waking up at 3 a.m. to get ready for a 12-hour watch at the entry control point and as a pier rover.

"What made time go by so fast were all the visitors that expressed their appreciation for the Navy," said Madrid.

There were no security incidents during the events, which were visited by over two million people, and again Madrid attributes this success to his work with the other Sailors.

"Teamwork is critical when you are relying on information to get passed from watch station to watch station," said Madrid.

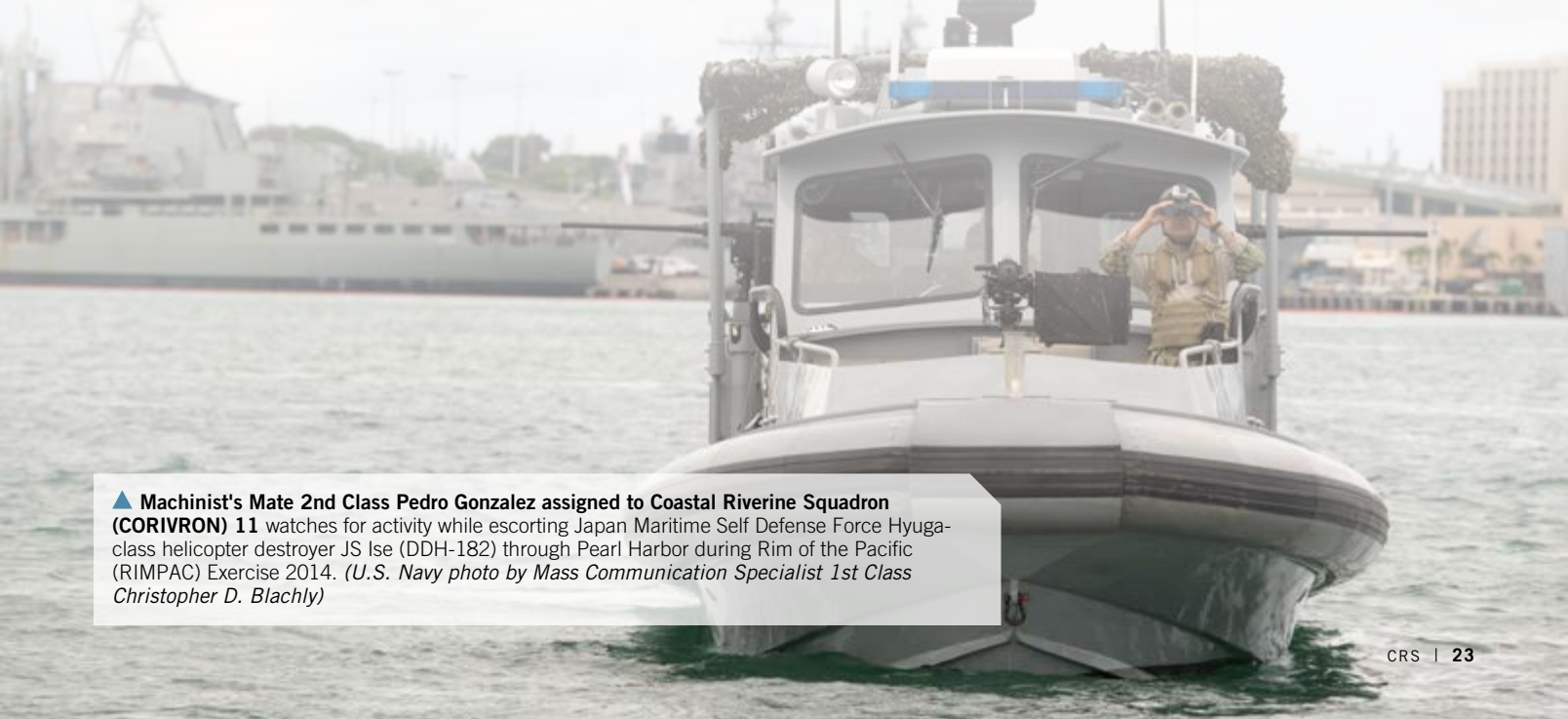
Conducting pier security reminded Madrid of the support his former ship received on its deployments and foreign port calls. He enjoyed being on the other side of a safe operation.

"Once all the ships were underway, I felt relieved that all the ships and ships' personnel were able to leave safely," said Madrid.

Reserve Sailors and FTS Sailors are an integral part of the CRS 8 mission, without them, the task of conducting high value asset escorts, force protection for fleet events, and deployments overseas would be difficult to support.

Capt. Daniel Daglio, commanding officer, CRS 8, recognizes the valuable contributions of Reserve Sailors.

"As a Full-Time Support Sailor, ET1 Madrid has been instrumental in our stand-up and ongoing operations, which require extensive support," said Daglio. "MA1 Hebert is a great example of the power that Reserve Sailors bring to our active duty missions. His experience drives our training program, which has translated to successful ATFP Operations for CRS 8 at multiple fleet events." O



▲ **Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Pedro Gonzalez assigned to Coastal Riverine Squadron (CORIVRON) 11** watches for activity while escorting Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Hyuga-class helicopter destroyer JS Ise (DDH-182) through Pearl Harbor during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Christopher D. Blachly)*

▲ **The littoral combat ship USS Fort Worth (LCS 3)** makes a turn while underway in the Pacific Ocean. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Antonio P. Turretto Ramos)*

LCS Reserve Enterprise:

Growing, Innovating and Integrating at Flank Speed

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sean P. Lenahan

The Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Reserve Enterprise is the name representing the team of Reserve leaders, contributors and stakeholders who influence the successful manning, training and equipping of the LCS Navy Reserve (NR) community.

Currently, the LCS Reserve Enterprise is comprised of 14 units, encompassing over 600 billets at Navy Operational Support Centers across the country. Whether on the San Diego waterfront or deployed in the Western Pacific, these units support each of the four commissioned LCS vessels (USS Freedom, USS Independence, USS Forth Worth, and USS Coronado). The number of ships, their locations, and the number of NR units and billets aligned with them, are rapidly growing.

LCS Reserve Enterprise Director, Capt. John Mustin explains the advancement of the 1,000-billet, 20-unit fiscal year 2018 projected end state.

"This is a growth industry unlike any other in today's surface Reserve force," said Mustin. "Our projected force structure, 400 Pacific Sailors and 600 Atlantic Sailors, is aligned with the needs of LCS Squadrons One and Two, respectively. Providing meaningful, real-world waterfront support, anti-terrorism force protection watch standing, ship's maintenance, tactical surface and mine countermeasures augmentation training, and headquarters staff support is incredibly rewarding. And I'm proud of what I know we'll do, even more efficiently and effectively, after structuring and filling another 350 billets over the next three years. It's an amazing time to be a part of this organization; I'm thrilled to contribute to its future."

Addressing the needs of an evolving Navy currently characterized by increasing global commitments, and minimum manning realities, Mustin remarked about the LCS Reserve Enterprise's pioneering approach toward maximizing manpower utility.

"We had to be as innovative in our approach to managing the LCS Reserve Enterprise as we were in designing and building this incredible class of warships (LCS)," said Mustin. "We're focused on the total cost of ownership of the entire active-Reserve LCS ecosystem, operationally and administratively, and particularly on the value we, as Reservists, can provide as an efficient force multiplier to the integrated team."

One way to achieve that efficiency is for NR unit commanding officers to ensure that they, and their Sailors, cultivate a relationship with their active duty counterparts and earn their trust with every interaction.

One such example of this connection occurred when USS Freedom (LCS 1) was at sea and unable to return to San Diego due to a stern ramp casualty. With no time to lose, the ship requested a NR tiger team to provide critical maintenance in preparation for an upcoming certification. The next morning, four Reserve Sailors were transferred to the ship, where they completed 109 critical maintenance checks in a single day. Reserve Sailor Machinist Mate 2nd Class Michael Foster was one of those Sailors.

"It was an honor and a great experience working alongside the crew providing maintenance support onboard USS Freedom," said Foster. "The ship's company was surprised at the amount of maintenance completed in the short time span. That alone clearly shows how essential Reserve support is to the LCS community and to the fleet."

▲ **Senior Chief Logistics Specialist Justin Beck**, officer of the deck, signs a personnel qualification sheet for Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Steven Jones on USS Coronado (LCS 4). *(U.S. Navy photo)*

Another example of active-Reserve operational integration occurred when four Sailors from NR Mine Countermeasures Mission Module Fort Worth and NR Seaframe Alpha San Diego embarked USS Independence for its transit from San Diego, California to Florida. The Sailors stood in-port and underway watches, conducted ships maintenance and prepared the ship for its groundbreaking mine countermeasures initial operating testing and evaluation in the Gulf of Mexico.

Reserve Sailor, Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ben Dawson, describes what it was like to contribute to this important effort.

"The experience while underway on USS Independence was invaluable," said Dawson. "This journey has increased my knowledge in my rate, fortified my abilities to support our mission, and reenergized my motivation to maximize the opportunities provided in the LCS community."

Through the establishment of combined manpower and maintenance working groups, engaged liaison with type commander and LCS squadron operational support officers, and creative, flexible leadership within the active-Reserve enterprise, Reserve Sailors are standing shoulder to shoulder with their active duty colleagues, and providing seamless aligned support in the critical areas that matter most to the operational fleet.

"One of our enduring goals is to aggressively erode any perceived demarcation line between Reserve and active Sailors. To that end, we've created a training and leadership continuum for talented Sailors from E-2 to E-9, and 20 command opportunities ranging from Lt. Cmdr. to Capt.," said Mustin. "So if you're between E-2 and O-6, hungry for opportunities to get back to the waterfront, and dream of engaging in hands-on, tangible support to the fleet, then the LCS Reserve enterprise is where you want to be."

Mustin shared his thoughts about the present and future of the LCS Reserve enterprise for the Navy and its Sailors.

"This is a growth industry unlike any other in today's surface Reserve force."

"We're motivated to think creatively about what we do, why we do it, how we do it, how we measure it, and how we fund it, knowing every penny is precious. Along those lines, we've challenged our Reserve COs to blow up any 'we've always done it this way' roadblocks and to think critically about how we create, deliver and institutionalize readiness…today and into the future," said Mustin. "It's important because we recognize that our efforts today, and I'm talking about our thinking as well as our actions, are equally valuable in terms of establishing reusable templates for future Reserve force initiatives. At the end of the day, I'm not satisfied saying we're busy…we have to be effective." ○

▲ **Lt. Cmdr. Sean Foertsch** poses with his team after returning from Operation United Assistance in Monrovia, Liberia. *(U.S. Navy photo)*

Joint Enabling Capabilities Command

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Christopher M. Lange and Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kristina J. Klosinski

Every Reserve Sailor stands a chance of being deployed. For those assigned to the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (JECC), it is not just a possibility, it is an expectation.

"Every time you see a call from that area code you always think…this is the call. I'm getting deployed." For Lt. Cmdr. Richard M. Rodriguez, Jr. and others assigned to JECC, there is an ongoing fast-response deployment expectation called the Ready JECC Package (RJP). Each quarter there's a team of Reserve Sailors from each JECC unit standing ready to support worldwide missions, leaving home in a week or less.

The JECC consists of three subordinate commands – Joint Communications Support Element (JCSE), Joint Planning Support Element (JPSE) and Joint Public Affairs Support Element (JPASE). Each offers specific expertise to facilitate the rapid establishment of a joint force headquarters. JECC recently deployed these mission tailored teams in support of operations in Iraq and Liberia.

The Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Airmen of JECC volunteer for the Ready JECC package (RJP) quarterly. The package is a list compiled of personnel who are ready, available and qualified to deploy at a moment's notice. Whether or not a team will get called to deploy and for how long depends on global contingencies.

Operation Inherent Resolve

In September 2014, President Obama issued an order to deploy additional troops to U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), which was the name given to the U.S. response against the Da'esh, also called the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Following this order, JECC deployed 30 members, including two Reserve Sailors.

Rodriguez, a 17-year Reserve supply officer assigned to JPSE and Lt. Cmdr. Fernando Rivero, a public affairs officer assigned to JPASE were both tasked with this assignment.

Rodriguez was deployed to USCENTCOM as a logistics planner for the Combined Joint Logistics Plans and Operations branch. "We worked seven days a week, and the work was very rewarding," said Rodriguez. So much so, he said, that he would stick around after working hours to see if there was something he could assist with. "I really liked that I was able to add value on such a critical mission to degrade and defeat ISIL," he added.

Rodriguez knew a lot about Iraq, based on his time deployed there. This time he had a different mission. "In my first deployment, I was downrange in Iraq and we occasionally requested support from headquarters at Camp Arifjan. This time, I was at the headquarters, supporting the troops," said Rodriguez. "My last experience resulted in me being a more passionate advocate for our forces in Iraq."

Rivero, tasked with a different mission in support of OIR, was ready when he got the call. "The importance of being ready as a Navy Reserve public affairs officer was clear that morning this past October as I boarded a plane to report for a short-fused deployment to Kuwait, and later

▲ **Lt. Cmdr. Sean Foertsch** checks his gear after returning from Operation United Assistance in Monrovia, Liberia. *(U.S. Navy photo)*

Iraq," he said. After a few days of mission preparation, weapons zeroing and some theater-specific immunizations, he was on his way.

Rivero said he didn't know what to expect, "Our tour was open-ended. The task could take anywhere between six weeks and four months."

Arriving on station, Rivero received the mission details from USCENTCOM. "We were tasked with standing up a public affairs directorate at what is now known as Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Operation Inherent Resolve, which is the U.S. military command that oversees operations in Iraq and Syria against Da'esh," said Rivero.

Rivero's job as a public affairs officer during this mission was diverse. "My experience ran the gamut, from escorting top international media to Iraqi bases, to see and meet the first American forces to return to the country to help with the training and advising mission, to briefing the deputy ambassador of the United States to Iraq on CJTF public affairs operations."

Having established a functioning CJTF media operations center, providing the necessary training for follow-on forces, he was back home from Iraq three months later.

Operation United Assistance

In March 2014, medical officials in Liberia confirmed the first two cases of Ebola. Within six months, there were nearly 3,500 cases and over 1,800 deaths. The U.S. military was tasked with providing aid, and once again, JECC was called into action.

In conjunction with a U.S. government effort led by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), 60 members of JECC were deployed to Monrovia, Liberia. Working with USAID, the governments of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, the mission was to help contain the outbreak of Ebola. Among this group were two Reserve Sailors deployed to assist with the mission.

Lt. Joe Martin, a supply officer assigned to JPSE was deployed for this mission. "I was sent to U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany, to serve as a logistics planner with the Joint Logistics Operations Center and as liaison with the operations planning team," he said.

Despite the short notice, he wasn't taken by surprise. "We are all aware of global situations, most covered by national media. It is not uncommon that the RJP would be alerted and informed a real-world situation was evolving, and be prepared to be called on," said Martin. "I was ready. This is what we train for."

In Germany, Martin and his team were provided with all the necessary accommodations and equipment to carry out their mission. Martin noted a few challenges, saying, "It takes some time to weave into a joint environment, but it was smooth sailing for the most part."

The deployment taught Martin quite a bit, in particular how to overcome obstacles. "The most important thing I learned from this deployment was the amount of work it takes to run a large-scale operation in the middle of the rainy season, in a country that does not have well-developed infrastructure, such as roads, airport runways or ports." ○

What is FIAR?

In 2010 the 22nd Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, mandated the Department of Defense (DoD) to achieve audit readiness. Tasked with this requirement, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Office of Financial Operations (FMO) established the Department of Navy Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness (DON FIAR) Program.

The DON FIAR Program is a multi-year, department-wide effort to strengthen Navy-Marine Corps financial business processes and systems, transforming them so that they better serve worldwide operations. The program's goal is to produce financial information with greater accuracy, reliability, and accessibility. With this improved information, the DON's senior leaders will be able to allocate department resources in a better informed, more precise way.

Commander, Navy Reserve Forces (CNRF) has continually supported the DON FIAR Program's goal of producing audit-ready financial information for the external audit currently in progress. It is important to note that FIAR is not a one-time event, but an ongoing comprehensive process and control transformation.

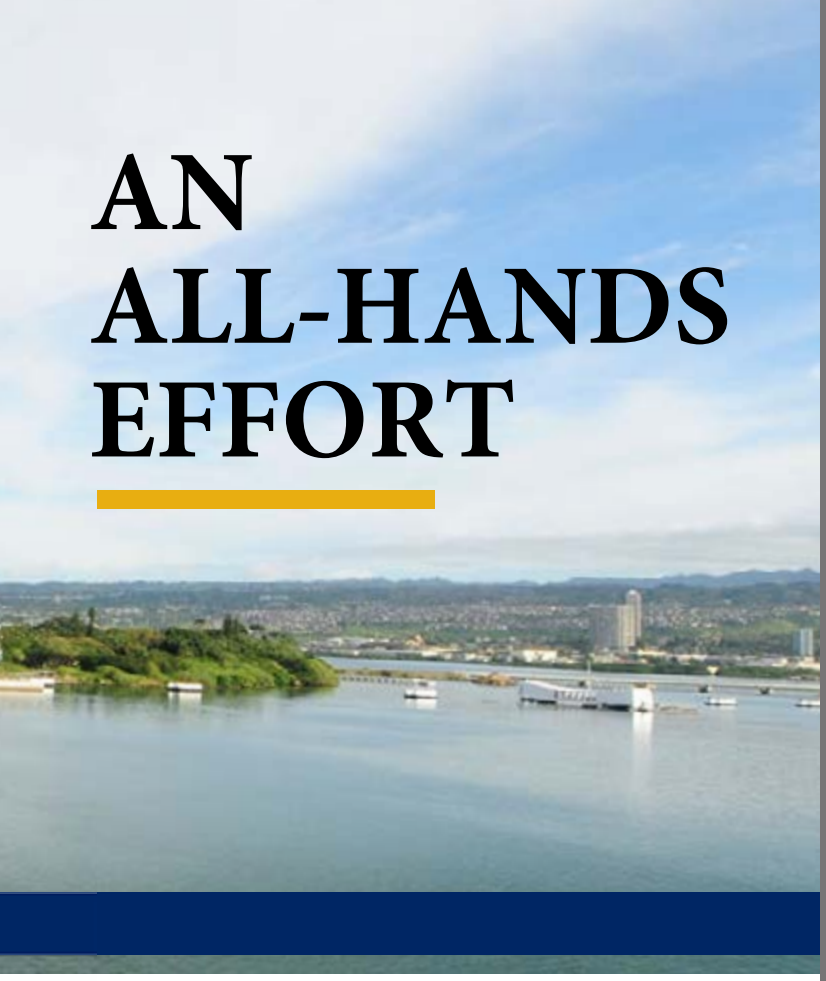
How Does the Financial Audit Impact Reserve Sailors?

Audit readiness is a state of being; being prepared at all times to demonstrate proper manual and automated processes and documentation that are executed in accordance with policy by all Sailors enterprise-wide. As stated by Gates, "[audit readiness] is a priority for me and will be an "all hands" effort across the Department…"

Achieving audit readiness is a team effort. Below are some key points Reserve Sailors should consider when performing their duties:

- ★ **Audit readiness requires the participation of everyone, not just the financial community.**
- ★ **Audit readiness involves stakeholders from the lowest echelons up to senior leadership.**
- ★ **Audit readiness is a state of being prepared at all times to demonstrate proper manual and automated processes and documentation.**
- ★ **Audit readiness requires consistent execution of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) enterprise-wide.**
- ★ **Audit readiness increases the accuracy of reports and produces more effective, transparent business processes.**

AN ALL-HANDS EFFORT



Did You Know?

- ★ All Reserve Sailors should understand the importance of Audit Readiness.
- ★ Reserve Sailors can use the DTS Travel Policy Compliance Tool to review travel vouchers and identify any potential errors. Learn more here: http://www.defense-travel.dod.mil/site/compliance.cfm
- ★ Federal Travel Regulation 301-52.7 requires travelers to submit their travel voucher within 5 days of returning from travel. Learn more here: https://private.navyreserve.navy.mil/cnrfc/N-Codes/N3/CNRFCN4_N3/Pages/default.aspx.
- ★ Receipts are required for all travel expenses greater than $75.

Points of Contact

The FIAR Team is here to help you understand your responsibility with regards to audit readiness. For more information contact the CNRF N83 FIAR team at cnrfc_fiar.fct@navy.mil or go to:

https://private.navyreserve.navy.mil/cnrfc/N-Codes/N3/CNRFCN4_N3/Pages/default.aspx

http://www.fmo.navy.mil/frequently_asked_questions.html

How Can You Help Achieve Audit Readiness?

AT/ADT Orders

- Ensure orders are properly endorsed with both reporting and detaching endorsements.
- Ensure your NRA has a copy of your fully endorsed orders upon completion.
- Request order modification if duty dates aren't properly annotated on official orders.

SELRES Travel

Reserve Sailors are required to file their travel claim within five days of completing travel.

Processing Travel

If travel did not occur, ensure you have canceled it in the appropriate travel system.

Drill Pay

Ensure that the appropriate individuals sign and date each page of all IDT Muster Forms (1570/21 or 1570/22).

Using the Government Purchase Card

Ensure an authorized approving official approves the purchase.

Making purchases (MILSTRIP or GPC)

Ensure the funds are obligated within 10 days of having your obligation document signed by an AO.

Receiving goods/services

Circle, sign and date all receipts to evidence acceptance of goods/services.

Entering assets into the Defense Property Accountability System (DPAS)

Assets meeting one or more of the following criteria must be entered into DPAS:

- Acquisition cost equal to or greater than $5,000
- Sensitive/classified
- Pilferable, critical and hard to repair/replace

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Faces of the Force

Reserve Component Command San Diego

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Irma Calata. HM1 Calata devoted 350 hours to meet mission requirements conducting 70 career development boards, 100 personnel record entries, qualified 35 members in fleet ride, processed 15 c-schools, 5 retirements and 10 counselings. Her work directly contributed to three detachments reaching career development scores of 100%, Naval Operational Support Command San Diego achieving a score of 72%, and Naval Operational Support Center San Diego, Pt. Mugu and Phoenix earning the retention excellence award.

Reserve Component Command Everett

Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Robert Hinojosa. PS2 Hinojosa's processing of EOS data and PMR directly lead to RCC Everett leading the Reserve Force with zero expired EOS during the 1st Quarter of FY15 and zero expired HYTs. He processed more than 73 PMRs, and provided EOS and HYT data on mobilized Sailors, to prevent their contracts from expiring or exceeding HYT while on active duty, avoiding potential reserve contract discrepancies during the demobilization process. His efforts resulted in his selection as RCC Everett Staff Junior Sailor of the Quarter for 1st quarter FY15.

Reserve Component Command Fort Worth

Yeoman 2nd Class Nikki Weir. YN2 Weir is the administrative representative for Navy Operational Support Center Tulsa. She completed over 90 profiles for Reserve Sailors who were eligible for advancement, ensuring all essential information was updated on every advancement profile sheet, ensuring each Sailor had the best opportunity for advancement. In addition to her work with advancements, she assists members who are mobilizing world-wide with their pre-mobilization requirements. YN2 was also selected as the NOSC Tulsa Sailor of the Quarter for 2nd Quarter FY14.

Reserve Component Command Great Lakes

Information Systems Technician 1st Class Ardell DuPaty, Jr. IT1 DuPaty was recently selected as the FY14 Sailor of the Year for Navy Operational Support Center Cincinnati, receiving a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his leadership. DuPaty is the LPO of the OSU at NOSC Cincinnati, a position he attained within four months of transferring into the US Navy. Upon reporting to NOSC Cincinnati, he took on a leadership role as the unit training LPO his first drill weekend. He graduated from Keller Graduate School of Management with an MBA in information security, and served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve for 15 years.

Reserve Component Command San Diego

Damage Control Technician 2nd Class Lee Blanc. DC2 Bland serves as NOSC San Diego's Defense Travel System (DTS) Orders Specialist, Command Sexual Assault Prevention and Response POC, Command Financial Specialist, and World Class Customer Service Manager. He is also a member of the Command Color Guard and an Assistant Command Fitness Leader. His many outstanding contributions to the Navy led to his selection as Reserve Component Command San Diego's Junior Sailor of the Year for 2014.

Reserve Component Command Jacksonville

Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Mario Lamar. LS3 Lamar, a supply representative with Littoral Combat Ship-Surface Warfare Atlanta at Navy Operational Support Center Atlanta, was selected for an Oprah Winfrey scholarship to study HIV and AIDS-related problems in Africa. Starting in mid-May, he and eight others will travel for three weeks in South Africa and Zimbabwe as part of South African International Leadership Program 2015, focusing on the correlation between poverty and pandemics. Lamar is a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is studying international relations and Spanish.

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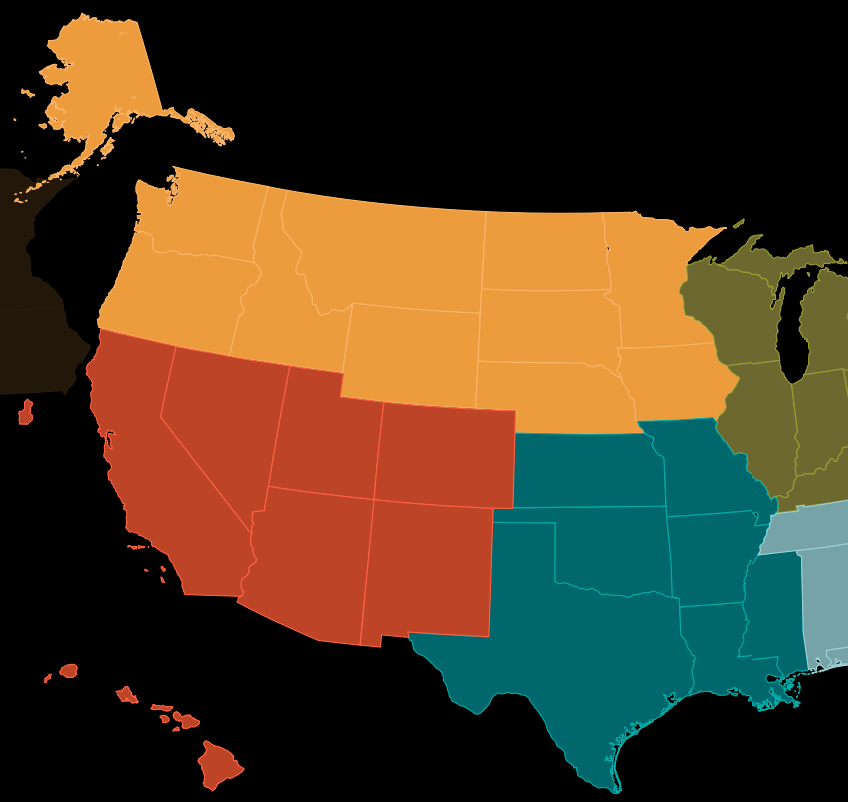

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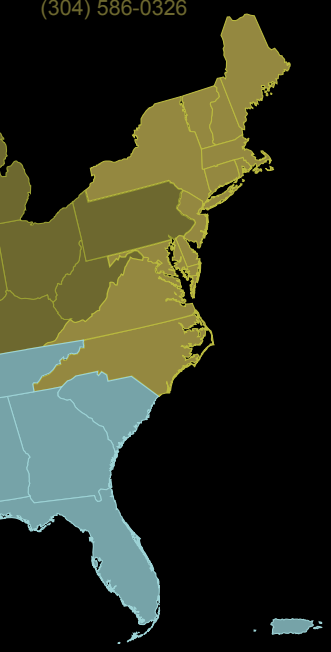

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February 25, 2015

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KING, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 3, 2015, AS THE CENTENNIAL OF THE NAVY RESERVE

Whereas the roots of patriotic Americans serving in maritime service trace back to even before the existence of the Continental Navy, when residents from seaside towns engaged in combat with British warships in defense of their homes;

Whereas the tradition of maritime service to the country continued through the robust United States merchant marine, and later the formation of State naval militias in the late 19th century to meet the need for additional naval support;

Whereas during the Spanish-American War, the Navy augmented its force with 4,000 sailors from the State naval militias;

Whereas the emergence of the United States as a world power in the early 20th century required a more robust and multi-layered naval force;

Whereas the Act of March 3, 1915 (38 Stat. 928, chapter 83), established the Naval Reserve , which became the "Navy Reserve" in 2006;

Whereas by the end of World War I, there were 290,0000 members of the Naval Reserve , more than half of the total manpower of the Navy , who fought valiantly during the war;

Whereas 84 percent of the sailors serving in World War II were members of the Naval Reserve , a group that included 100,000 women;

Whereas the more than 2,600,000 enlisted personnel and 269,000 officers in the Naval Reserve in 1945 served in every theater of World War II and on every type of vessel and aircraft;

Whereas 5 Presidents, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, and George H. W. Bush, served honorably in the Naval Reserve;

Whereas in United States conflicts and national emergencies, including the Berlin Crisis, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and hurricanes and other natural disasters, the Navy Reserve has responded to calls promptly and effectively;

Whereas following the attack on the Navy destroyer, USS Cole, on October 12, 2000, the Naval Reserve immediately responded with coastal warfare security;

Whereas since the attacks on our homeland of September 11, 2001, the Navy Reserve has mobilized more than 72,000 members of the Navy Reserve worldwide to counter threats to national security;

Whereas the Navy benefits from the military experience, civilian skills, and diverse backgrounds of the members of the Navy Reserve;

Whereas as the Senate recognizes the distinguished service of the members of the Navy Reserve , who are proud individuals of the United States, there are more than 2,000 members of the Navy Reserve deployed around the world; and

Whereas March 3, 2015, marks 100 years since the Act of March 3, 1915 (38 Stat. 928, chapter 83), establishing the Naval Reserve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate–

(1) recognizes March 3, 2015, as the centennial of the Navy Reserve ;

(2) recognizes the indispensable and valuable contributions and sacrifices that individual members of the Navy Reserve have made throughout the history of the United States and continue to make in 2015;

(3) celebrates the commitment and service of members of the Navy Reserve , their families, and their employers; and

(4) encourages communities to seize the opportunity to honor and support these patriots in 2015, the centennial of the Navy Reserve.

Best wishes!
Senator Susan Collins

Thanks for your work –
Mark R Warner