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FORCM Wright and VADM Debbink get their seasonal flu vaccinations, a force multiplier for medical readiness.

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Shipmates,

By now, you should be aware of the requirement for all Reserve Sailors to be vaccinated against both the seasonal and the H1N1 influenza. By taking these small actions you stay healthy and have a huge impact on the health and medical readiness of our force.

When a small input gives a large output, we call that being a force multiplier. And as a Sailor in the Navy Reserve, you are part of one of the greatest force multipliers in the world!

As force multipliers we give the Navy and Marine Corps team and Joint Forces a tremendous warfighting resource that can dramatically improve the effectiveness of the total force. We deliver a ready and accessible force and provide valued capabilities exactly when and where needed. Reserve Sailors with specialized skills don't merely augment or "add" to a force; when called to duty, their unique skills enable the total force to be far more effective – a multiplier effect.

The "Star Warriors" of VAQ-209 present a perfect example of what it means to be a force multiplier. Flying the EA-6B Prowler from land, VAQ-209 conducts Expeditionary Electronic Warfare. These aviators and their EA-6B's can track and locate enemy forces based solely on electronic signals or they can use their jamming capabilities to counter IEDs (improvised explosive devices) planted by insurgents. Commanders on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan rely heavily on these lifesaving capabilities. But so do the carriers deployed around the world and the Navy ordinarily has just enough electronic attack squadrons to carry out the sea-based mission.

How can the Navy provide these capabilities to both ground forces and carrier battle groups without pushing our equipment and people past the breaking point?

Using VAQ-209 as a force multiplier, the Navy ensures that both missions are accomplished. When called to duty, VAQ-209 – which consistently earns exemplary ratings for equipment readiness and aircrew proficiency – carries out each mission flawlessly, enabling active duty squadrons to maintain a safe and manageable deployment rate.

A small force that delivers an enormous result – that's being a force multiplier! When we do this, we ensure that we are living up to our Navy Reserve Force Motto: Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere.

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