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The Navy Reserve's "on-demand expertise" is a vital part of our Nation's Haiti relief efforts.

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Shipmates,

In recent weeks, we have witnessed both the fearsome power of nature, and the awesome power of the human spirit in the face of adversity. In the immediate aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, our Nation, our leaders and our people took immediate action to help. Force Master Chief Wright and I are inspired by your outpouring of concern and your desire to go forward and serve.

Our Navy's response to the call to action was swift and strong – and as a result, the Navy Reserve was an important part of "Operation Unified Response" and Joint Task Force Haiti from the beginning, and our response will continue as long as there is a need for our capabilities.

Vice Admiral Tom Kilcline, Jr., Commander, Naval Air Forces wrote, "An unsung hero is our Reserve Air in support of Haiti." We began providing vital "on-demand" airlift capability within hours of the earthquake. Every Navy Reserve C-40, C-9 and C-130 squadron, along with a Navy Reserve C-20 from VR-48, and a C-12 from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have flown missions in support of the people of Haiti. These flights have brought more than a million pounds of MREs, medical supplies and water into Haiti, with more coming every day. Navy Reserve airlift has also delivered 50 tons of gear to support the Mobile Diving Salvage Unit that is rebuilding piers that are critically needed to transfer supplies from ships. Over 90 tons of cargo-handling equipment for the Expeditionary Logistics Support group and 50 tons of communication gear for Mobile Ashore Support Terminal (MAST) unit have been delivered.

Hardware can do nothing without people, and we have nearly 500 Navy Reserve Sailors working on the ground in Haiti, and on ships offshore. From medical professionals and Seabees to ground crews, logisticians, communicators and divers, the "on-demand expertise" that we are providing is what makes the Navy Reserve a highly valued part of our Navy Total Force.

As the Navy's standard for on-demand expertise, we deliver full-time excellence through part-time and full-time service. As seen in Haiti, our contributions to national security are enabled by policies, processes, and administrative systems that are transparent and seamless, making it easy for Sailors and families to serve.

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) is a mission the Navy has always done, and it is defined in [The Maritime Strategy](#) as one of the Navy's six core elements of power -- on par with forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, and maritime security. These actions don't change the world overnight – but they lay the foundation for peace, trust, friendship, stability and mutual prosperity.

Your work in Haiti's time of need demonstrates that the Navy Reserve is an important part of "America's Navy, A Global Force for Good." And our ability to provide on-demand expertise to both war zones and neighbors in need reflects that the Navy Reserve truly is **Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere.**

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