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*One Team, One Fight:
Active and Reserve
Seabees secure and
fortify a combat
outpost together in
Diwar, Afghanistan.*

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Shipmates,

As our Nation observes the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we have the opportunity to pay tribute and remember the fallen; and at the same time, we honor those who have stepped forward to serve. We are humbled by the dedication of our fellow Navy Reserve Sailors, all of whom have either enlisted or reenlisted since 9/11 knowing mobilization and deployment into a hazardous duty zone was possible and even probable.

During the last 10 years, our Reserve Component Sailors have consistently met every challenge and answered our Nation's call; and our Navy has truly embraced Total Force thinking. As our CNO, Admiral Gary Roughead, has testified before Congress, we are today one Navy, with an Active Component (AC) and a Reserve Component (RC). The Navy knows it can count on the Reserve Component to deliver a ready and accessible force that provides valued capabilities. What does this mean for the future of the Navy Reserve?

We live in a world with many threats to peace, security, trade, and prosperity. Naval power is particularly well-suited to addressing these threats and this creates an unrelenting demand for our Navy's capabilities. Given fiscal constraints on our budget, and knowing the Navy Reserve provides capabilities at exceptional value, RC Sailors will play an important role in helping the Navy deliver the right capabilities at the right time for the right cost. This includes helping to preserve vital capabilities as well as taking on entirely new missions.

There is no set formula to determine the Total Force mix of AC and RC Sailors; each mission and capability has different requirements. Fortunately, our force is flexible. Today's Navy Reserve provides both a strategic and an operational force. Depending on the mission, we are able to mirror, complement or augment the AC.

We mirror the AC and provide rotational forces for those missions where it makes operational and fiscal sense – our 12 Reserve Seabee Battalions which rotate in cycle with our nine Active counterparts, is an example of mirroring. We complement the AC by providing unique capabilities in other areas, such as our VR (Fleet Logistics Support) squadrons. And on an even higher level of integration, both components can augment one another, with RC Sailors serving as part of AC units, and AC Sailors augmenting Reserve units.

The correct Total Force mix varies with each of the Navy's wide variety of missions and required capabilities. As new missions emerge and current missions evolve, Total Force mix solutions are carefully and continuously examined. What does this mean for Navy Reserve Sailors?

It means if you keep learning and stay engaged, you can have an exciting and rewarding career. You will have the opportunities to serve with both strategic and operational units as an integral part of a Total Force team. When the Navy calls you, it will be for real and meaningful work essential to our national security.

Our vision of the Navy Reserve is to be a provider of choice for essential naval warfighting capabilities and expertise, strategically aligned with mission requirements, and valued for our readiness, innovation, and agility to respond to any situation. We are achieving our vision, and we are a vital part of our Total Force because you are, "Ready Now – Anytime, Anywhere!"

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