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A Strategic Reserve, comprised of Active and Reserve Component Sailors, provides valued capabilities to the Navy, Marine Corps and Joint Forces.

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Shipmates,

As the calendar year comes to a close, we reflect with pride at the accomplishments of our Navy Reserve Sailors in 2011. Your contributions to our Navy and the Nation were once again significant and wide-ranging.

Today, mobilized Navy Reserve Hospital Corpsmen are on patrol with Marine platoons. Reserve Seabees are working to build critical infrastructure to help stabilize Afghanistan's fragile but determined democracy. Individual Augmentees are bringing their expertise to Army, Joint and Combined commands. In our travels, Sailors tell us that while the work is hard and separation from family is challenging, you are proud to serve and that the capabilities you bring are valued. We offer our sincere "thank you" and admiration for your honorable and selfless service.

Mobilization is one of many duty types that allow Navy Reserve Sailors to provide on-demand expertise to Navy, Marine Corps and Joint forces worldwide. Active Duty for Training (ADT), Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW), Annual Training (AT) and Inactive Duty for Training (IDT, or "drills") are some of the other ways our Sailors do real and meaningful work. In total, about 20,000 of our 65,000 Reserve Component Sailors are on some type of orders each week. These other types of duty played a vital role as well - everywhere our Navy operates, the Navy Reserve is providing on-demand expertise.

As a great example, take any given day in March 2011. In addition to our Sailors who were mobilized in CENTCOM, the Navy Reserve was in the Pacific, bringing critical relief supplies, personnel and equipment to Japan after the earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear accident. In the Mediterranean, our Sailors monitored assaults by the Libyan government on its citizens and helped formulate the NATO-led response.

Off the coast of Africa and elsewhere, we were performing counter-piracy missions. In the Caribbean and South America, we were combating the drug trade. And in Guantanamo Bay, we were guarding the detained enemy combatants.

What does the future hold? Both budget concerns and changes in the global security environment will have an effect on our Navy Total Force. In many cases, the Navy Reserve is the best and most cost-effective way to provide expertise. Navy leadership recognizes expertise retained in the Reserve Component is far more accessible than trying to re-generate from scratch. Missions which are periodic and predictable are a natural fit for the Navy Reserve, as are missions which are infrequently used but require specific skills.

The Navy is organized, trained and equipped to deter, fight and decisively win wars. Navy Reserve Sailors – "Ready Now, Anytime, Anywhere" – provide our Nation on-demand expertise, getting the right Sailor with the right skills at the right place at the right time for the right cost. Your performance in 2011 was outstanding – and we look forward to hearing about your valued contributions in 2012!

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