



NAVY RESERVE
Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere.

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Just as the Navy Reserve has changed since 9/11, we will continue to evolve and adapt. Our readiness, innovation and agility is the key to our future.

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Shipmates,

Each new year offers us the opportunity to assess where we have been, where we are and which way we're heading. In naval terminology, its time to review our charted course and adjust speed and heading as needed.

So, which way are we heading? Forward! The Navy Reserve has come a long way since 9/11; we operate as one Navy today. Across the force, we've refined our procedures, policies and systems while removing barriers to service. With more than 70,000 mobilizations in support of overseas contingency operations, as well as a decade of both periodic and urgent operational support, our Reserve Component Sailors have demonstrated we are both ready and accessible. Our Sailors want to serve and the Navy values our capabilities. The future is bright because YOU have performed superbly – and it has been noticed at the highest levels.

"Because our Navy Reserve is ready, innovative and agile, we can assign capabilities and missions to our Reserve Component with confidence," said Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations in his confirmation testimony to Congress. "The Navy Reserve should be a regular part of our worldwide deployment cycle, as well as performing the Navy's predictable, part-time missions, where appropriate."

Our readiness, innovation and agility keep Reserve Component Sailors at the leading edge. For example, Selected Reserve Sailors are literally writing the book on the shipboard operation and tactical employment of the MQ-8B Fire Scout, a Vertical Takeoff and Landing Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (VTUAV). In 2011, Reserve Sailors took part in the Fire Scout deployment with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 42 (HSL 42) aboard USS Halyburton (FFG 40). It was an dynamic and successful deployment from start to finish.

In addition to helping rescue merchant sailors from pirates and enforcing United Nations resolutions to stop the flow of illegal weapons into Libya, the MQ-8B operators on USS Halyburton pushed the unmanned helicopter to its operational limits, setting records for maximum altitude, range, and endurance. Another group of Reserve Sailors will soon deploy as part of HSL 60 aboard USS Simpson (FFG-56) to continue exploring this exciting new technology. We will have even more exciting opportunities in the future.

How can you be a part of missions like these? Ask yourself what your best skills are and look for opportunities to put them to work, even if it means doing something different. Work outside your comfort zone. As a World War I-era Navy recruiting poster said, "Don't just read American history, make it!"

Technology and missions change; the Honor, Courage & Commitment of our Sailors remains constant. In choosing a life of service, each Sailor has also chosen to be held to the highest standards of integrity, respect, discipline, preparedness, dedication and accountability captured in our Navy Core Values, the Navy Ethos and our Navy Reserve Force Motto: **Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere.** Here's to a great 2012 and a bright future!

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