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Vice Admiral Dirk Debbink and Force Master Chief Ronney Wright meet with the 2009 Reserve Sailor of the Year Finalists

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Shipmates,

Last month, FORCM Wright and I discussed the first of three strategic focus areas in our Navy Reserve Strategic Plan – to DELIVER a Ready and Accessible Force. Each focus area is supported by one or more initiatives designed to improve the operation of the Navy Reserve and make it easier for you to serve. This month, we’ll talk about the second of our strategic focus areas – to PROVIDE Valued Capabilities.

Providing valued capabilities is at the heart of our Navy Reserve Mission “to provide strategic depth and deliver operational capabilities to our Navy and Marine Corps team, and Joint forces, from peace to war.” Those three words – PROVIDE Valued Capabilities – carry a lot of weight. Let’s explore what they mean and how they impact you as a Navy Reserve Sailor.

First, our capabilities must be strategically aligned with Navy, Marine Corps and Joint force mission requirements. As mission requirements change, our capabilities must change. Continual alignment ensures that our warfighting capabilities remain relevant.

Next comes value. Our capabilities must be cost-effective and unmatched for quality. We must be the Navy’s standard for on-demand expertise, delivering full-time excellence through part-time and full-time service. We have to be both effective – able to get the job done – and efficient – able to get it done well.

Finally, we PROVIDE those valued capabilities to the Navy and Marine Corps team and Joint forces. We must be flexible, responsive and able to serve across a wide spectrum of operations. Our capabilities must be enabled by policies, processes, and systems that are transparent and seamless.

Providing valued capabilities is a tall order for every Sailor. It means keeping your skills current and committing to a lifetime of learning. It means searching for ways to become more effective and efficient. And because our people are the heart of our capabilities, it means exercising leadership to ensure our Sailors and their families have the support they need to get the job done.

When we PROVIDE valued capabilities, we are truly living up to the promise embodied in our Navy Reserve Motto: **Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere.**

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