



From the Desk of the Reserve FORCE Master Chief:

Greetings, hope all has been well with you all since our last talk. I have been able to do what I like best in this job over the last couple of weeks, and that is to go out and meet you on the Deckplates. I am always impressed by the quality of our Sailors, the enthusiasm and pride they display to their Commands and Communities. October 13th marked the 237th Birthday of the Navy and although that may sound old, we are just hitting our stride! It is the commitment of our Citizen Sailors and their families that help make our Navy the Best in the world!

Out and About:

On the evening of 13 October, I had the honor to speak at Navy Ball in Phoenix AZ. Over 280 Active, Reserve and Retired Sailors and their families were in attendance; it was a great way to celebrate our birthday! Thank you to all who had a hand in making that night a huge success!

That morning I made my first visit to NOSC Phoenix, what a beautiful new building, but it was the attitude of the Sailors that made it special. In the town hall I met some great Sailors and had a lot of very good questions directed my way, for example, ET2 Gody, asked "what do you do when the NOSC notifies you that they placed you in the Ready Mob Pool?" Specifically, when are you required to notify your employer that you may be mobilized? The answer is when you receive your six month notification to deploy. Having six month notice provides ample time to let your employer know the exact date of your departure, and also allows you time to get your personal matters in order. Your Command will conduct a Pre-deployment brief that covers all the much needed and required information. Contact your Command Individual Augmentee Coordinator (CIAC) for assistance.

Another great question was from EO1 Honer, who asked: "With rating reductions happening across the board, what options are there for cross-rating?" The answer is Fleet Ride. With Fleet Ride, once you're in the system, you have the ability to see what other rates you qualify for and then are able to apply for them. Fleet Ride provides our Selected Reserve Sailors the chance to see what is the best choice for their careers, whether it is to re-enlist in rate, cross rate, or even to go back to Active duty, it is a valuable on line career management tool that benefits both the member and the Navy.



Hot Topics:

* On January 1st, 2013, Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) and Tricare Retired Reserve (TRR) members will be required to make monthly premium payments by either recurring Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or recurring Debit/Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard only). TRS members must contact their TRICARE regional contractor IMMEDIATELY to set up automatic monthly premium payments, if they have not done so already. If the TRS member fails to establish one of these automated payment methods, their coverage (self and or family) will be terminated. Contact information for TRICARE regional contractors can be found at www.tricare.mil/contacts."

* We are continuing to accept Command Master Chief (CMC) and Command Senior Chief (CSC) packages. The deadline is 1 NOV to get packages to CMDCM Bailey @ CNAFR or CMDCM Mitchell @ CNRFC.

* In the coming weeks, I will be at NOSC Detroit, MI for visits and Navy Ball celebration. I also will also be conducting a Town hall at NAS JRB New Orleans and to speak at MARFORES MDR Conference.

Bulletin Board:

* Selection Board Membership/Recorder applications are being accepted for future boards. It is important to remember that qualified Reserve Senior Enlisted personnel can apply for both Active and Reserve Promotion Boards as members and recorders. For further information refer to NAVADMIN 264/12 or the link below: <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/selectionboardsupport/Pages/default2.aspx>

Note: When submitting the application the following guidance applies: DO NOT submit applications via any other means than: Member, CMC, CO or FORCE.

***** DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR SUPPORT STAFF INCLUDING THE FORCM EA IN YOUR EMAIL. IF YOU DO THEN YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DENIED!*****

*The Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) is currently accepting applications for the following SEA Blended classes:

BC48: Blackboard starts 14 Jan 13, Resident starts (Newport) 4 Mar 13

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Or for future class dates, please refer

to: <http://www.usnwc.edu/Departments---Colleges/Senior-Enlisted-Academy/Blended-Course.aspx>

The SEA Blended class was specifically created for our Selected Reserve leadership. Quotas are limited to 42 per class. For any personnel interested, please contact YNC(AW/SW) E. Schreckengost, FORCM EA at the Office (703) 695-3975/3976, DSN 223; Blackberry (360) 632-3898 or via email at edgar.schreckengost@navy.mil.

Remember, You Matter, Make a positive impact in someone's life today!