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**Very respectfully,**  
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**Latest Updates**

**Reserve Component Sailor Of The Year Program.** There are two Sailor of the Year categories that exist within Commander, Navy Reserve Force (COMNAVRESFOR) and Office of the Chief of Navy Reserve (OCNR). They are the COMNAVRESFOR Shore SOY and OCNR Navy Reserve SOY. The competitive cycles for both are from 1 October 2009 through 30 September 2010. The COMNAVRESFOR Shore SOY will be selected from all Full Time Support(FTS)/Actice Component(AC) E6 and below enlisted personnel. The OCNR Navy Reserve SOY will be selected from all Selected Reserve (SELRES) E6 and below enlisted personnel. One Nomination in the format in OPNAVINST 1700.10L is requested from each echelon II, III, and IV command within COMNAVRESFOR. The following dates are for your planning purposes:

15 FEB FTS/AC Packages due (Norfolk)  
22 FEB FTS/AC Paper Board (Norfolk)  
4-6 MAR FTS/AC Oral Board (Norfolk)

15 MAR SELRES Packages due (Norfolk)  
19 MAR SELRES Paper Board (Norfolk)  
11-15 APR SELRES Oral board (DC)

You can all expect to see an updated COMNAVRESFORINST 1700.1 that will include the additional VCNO information.

*'They've been everywhere, man'*

VR-62: Short-notice, high-priority cargo and people hauler  
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Editor

When you think of the VR-62 "Nomads," the lyrics from Johnny Cash's song, "I've been everywhere, man" easily come to mind. From Scandinavia to Africa, from Christmas Island to Cameroon and from Panama to Italy - the Nomads have been there.

"Not only do we go everywhere, we also deliver everything - from mail, ammunition and spare parts to Seabees, relief supplies and special warfare operators," said VR-62 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Rodney Turbak.

"As part of the Navy's Fleet Logistics Support Wing, our job is to fulfill unscheduled 'lift requests' to transport people and cargo around the world in support of the fleet," he said.

The reserve logistics squadron is assigned three of the Navy's 19 C-130T Hercules transport aircraft (20 if you count the Blue Angels' Fat Albert).

In an interview at the Nomads' space in Hangar 1000 at NAS Jacksonville, Turbak stated that, "Our most critical capability is the responsiveness of our operations personnel, aircrew and maintainers. Because VR squadrons are the only Navy reserve units with no active duty counterparts, we provide 24/7 logistics support of theater commanders around the world." The C-130T Hercules is what the Navy calls a 'unique fleet essential airlift' aircraft.



"Our missions are assigned by the Navy Air Logistics Office (NALO) in New Orleans, La., and many lift requests are generated just 72 hours prior to the flight - and often modified up to the day of the flight to accommodate the changing needs of forward deployed units," explained Turbak.

The reserve squadron, which moved from NAS Brunswick, Maine to NAS Jacksonville in July 2009, also supports permanent Fleet Logistics Support Wing detachments at NAS Sigonella, Italy for 6th Fleet operations, at Manama, Bahrain for 5th Fleet operations and Atsugi, Japan for 7th Fleet operations.

Turbak added, "The tri-base area of NAS Jax, NS Mayport and NSB Kings Bay is considered a fleet concentration center and that means it's a major supply hub to the fleet. As a result, the logistics aircraft of VR-62 - and those of our sister squadron, VR-58 - are in the air more than they are on the ground. Because our operational tempo is increasing, we may be assigned a fourth Hercules in order to keep up with demand."

Lt. Cmdr. John Ferri, a Southwest Airlines pilot, is a selected reserve operations officer at VR-62. "I became a Nomad when the squadron moved to NAS Jax last year. Just recently, Southwest granted me a one-year leave of absence so I could go full-time with VR-62. The missions we fly are always interesting and we cover a lot of ground in both CONUS and overseas.

"Basically, when our ops department receives a mission from NALO, we initiate the process of coordinating our personnel and aircraft. We evaluate the cargo, determine routes and fuel stops, create passenger manifests and obtain required diplomatic and airspace clearances," said Ferri.

The Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules is the main tactical airlifter of the U.S. military and more than 60 foreign countries. The basic airframe has been modified to dozens of variants to meet ever-changing mission requirements.

The Navy C-130T is operated by a crew of five (two officers and three enlisted aircrew) consisting of a pilot, copilot, flight engineer, loadmaster and flight attendant. The flight engineer assists the pilots with engine startups, load data, flight operations and engine shutdown.

The loadmaster is responsible for maintaining a safe center of gravity for the aircraft when loading and unloading the aircraft with cargo and/or passengers. The flight attendant/observer assists with passengers, cargo and acts as visual reference during in-flight refueling.

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#### **Around the Force**

**HM-15 Provides Ready and Responsive Sailors ISO Pakistan Flood Relief Efforts.**  
To date, the Total Force team from the Norfolk-based "Blackhawks" of HM-15 have flown



over 240 flight hours during 58 sorties supporting the HA/DR efforts in Pakistan. The squadron has provided over 400 tons of food, water and medical supplies, and transported 3,360 people in remote areas of Pakistan and since the relief efforts began. The squadron is comprised of a *mix of Active Component, Full-Time Support and Selected Reserve (SELRES) Sailors* who maintain and fly the mighty MH-53E Sea Dragons.

**Proof of Concept of the Secure Remote Access MobiKey Starts Today.** The "Proof of Concept" stage for the MobiKey program (which establishes a VPN connection to the global information grid using CAC enabled USB devices from non-NMCI computers) is on track. Devices have been shipped to the first 20 testers and the software has been loaded on the users' machines. The *second, expanded phase of the demonstrations (which will include OPNAV NOOZ as a participant) is on schedule for 1 Oct.*

**Total Force Effort on Navy Family Readiness.** Members of the N095 staff have *been working hand-in-hand with RDML Browne, Mr. Tom Yavorski and the N135 staff* on the Navy's Family Readiness policies and programs. N095 is assisting N135 with their development of a dashboard on the Navy's programs, providing a Reserve Component perspective so that we can best *support our Sailors and their families, individually and proactively.*

**Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.** VADM Debbink was humbled to join the crowd welcoming the "Honor Flight" of 200 World War II veterans as they arrived in Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at *their memorial* on Sunday afternoon. When the vets (especially the Sailors) arrive at the memorial, they have described their feelings as that of "kids at Christmas, with noses pressed up to the glass...anxious to meet the Sailors in their whites" who made the trip to greet them. *The Star and Stripes Honor Flight Network* is a non-profit organization created to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices, and VADM Debbink have encouraged his staff to take advantage of this *opportunity to honor the lives and service of these heroes.*

**30 DAY OUTLOOK**

- \* Navy Five Miler, Washington, DC (26 Sep)
- \* OPNAV N095 Staff PFA and picnic (8 Oct)
- \* Speaker, Navy Birthday, NOSC Cincinnati, OH (9 Oct)
- \* NOSC Gulfport Visit, MS (12 Oct)
- \* Navy Birthday (13 Oct)
- \* FORCM Markum Retirement (Sideboy) (15 Oct)
- \* Navy Birthday Ball, Washington, DC (15 Oct)
- \* NOSC Wilmington/ Dover Mortuary Affairs Visit, Dover AFB, DE (18 Oct)
- \* Army Ten Miler, Washington, DC (24 Oct)

**60 DAY OUTLOOK**

- \* 35th USMC Marathon (31 Oct)
- \* MCPON Leadership Mess Conference (1-4 Nov)

<b>As of 23 September 2010:</b>			
<b><u>Operational Support Snapshot</u></b>		<b><u>RC Civilian Employment Information (CEI)</u></b>	
FY10 Pres Bud End Strength	65,500	<b><u>Compliance:</u></b>	
RC Sailors (FTS/SELRES) Onboard: (Delta -444)	65,056	Navy Reserve Force: 96.0%	
RC Sailors Performing Operational Support:	19,041	<b><u>RC Medical Readiness</u></b>	
RC Sailors Mobilized or Deployed:	6,893	Fully Medically Ready:	84.2%
RC CPO's Mobilized	939	Partially Medically Ready:	4.7%
RC Flag Officers on Active Duty:	23	Total:	88.9%
Average Weekly Savings Using VR Airlift:	\$819K		