



Greetings Shipmates!!!

Sorry for the delay with the 19 Mar FORCM weekly however, FORCM Wright was on the road visiting Sailors and Marines in the CENTCOM AOR. He has allowed me, PSC(AW) Trina Ethier, to take over this edition of the weekly, as it will be my last as his Executive Assistant; I am transferring to the Fleet Reserve on 2 April. It has been my honor and privilege to not only serve in this great Navy with you but to also call you Shipmate, friend, brother, sister and family. Thank you for all your leadership and guidance; it has helped me achieve a success that I didn't know was possible. I will miss you greatly but leave with peace of mind knowing that the Navy remains in good hands.

Join me in congratulating and welcoming my relief, YN1(SW/AW) Joshua Byrnes, Joshua.byrnes@navy.mil. He is onboard and ready to get to work. Take a moment to send him an email to say hello and welcome him aboard.

One final plug for the Senior Enlisted Academy Non-resident Course (SEA-NRC), ensure that you don't miss an opportunity to attend. Attendance has dropped and the future of this course is becoming a concern. Times are tough, schedules are busy, but this is a valuable leadership course that will help expand your leadership knowledge and skills. Sign up today!! Don't wait!!

Latest Updates

Selection Board Correspondence Guidance: Correspondence submitted to the board by the member must now be postmarked not later than 19 April 2010. This applies to both boards #335 (SELRES) and #336 (FTS). This provides clarification since NAVADMIN 267/09 and 290/09 conflict with package submission dates for the FTS and SELRES candidates.

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/Boards/ReserveEnlisted/CPOSelectionBoards.htm>

Reminder that communication of specific achievement (awards, qualification, evaluations) attained/received after the package submission deadline and prior to the board's convening date may be forwarded by Commanding Officers via message per Chapter 12, Para 1205 and figure 12-3 of BUPERSINST 1430.16F. All messages to the board must be received by the board convening date. Correspondence to the board after the package submission date (19 Apr 2010) submitted via fax or e-mail will not be presented to the board.

Reminder to ensure BOL access is up to date in order to receive Selection Board results as well as E4-E6 results for your AC, FTS, and SELRES Sailors.

Important info for your Puerto Rican Born Service Members:

Invalidation/cancellation of birth certificates issued in Puerto Rico prior to 1 July 2010. A Puerto Rican law will be implemented 1 July 2010 canceling or invalidating all birth certificates issued by Puerto Rico prior to 30 June 2010. Affected Sailors, civilian employees, and family members will need to request issue of a new birth certificate following the procedures at the following link. For new accessions, certificates issued by Puerto Rico prior to 30 June 2010 will become invalid and may not be used to verify eligibility for enlistment into the Navy effective 1 July 2010.

NMCRS: Your First Resource!: Navy and Marine Corps Reservists recalled to active duty for a period of 30 days or longer are automatically eligible for and encouraged to seek



financial assistance through the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. They and their families should consider NMCRS their first resource.

On a case-by-case basis, the Society will provide assistance to Navy and Marine Corps Reservists during their two weeks of active duty, or even on a drill weekend; in these cases, financial assistance will likely result from an emergency. For example: money to pay for a vandalized privately-owned vehicle; to purchase an airline ticket due to the injury or illness of a family member located in some distant location. In these instances, the service member will receive immediate financial relief without any budget review or counseling, with the assumption that the money they receive is an interest-free loan until the crisis has passed and the member can sit down with a Society counselor to determine repay ability.

www.nmcrs.org

Navy Reserve Policy Board: The Navy Reserve Policy Board met on 9 and 10 March in Norfolk, Virginia. The board meets twice a year to consider policy issues and innovations affecting the entire Reserve Force. The board also meets virtually throughout the year following Chairman RDML Wright's vision to make life better for Sailors. Sailors are highly encouraged to communicate with the board. Comments can be made via email at NRPB@navy.mil or at the NRPB website located at <https://www.jllis.mil/rpb>

Care Packages: Interested in sending a care package to an Individual Augmentee? Here is a list of possible items to include in your package:

Coffee/filters/sugar packets/non dairy creamer

Gum

Non-perishable snacks

Baby wipes

Hard candy

Ziplock bags

Games

Deodorant (stick)

Facial cleansing cloths

Travel size hygiene products

DVDs (previously viewed are ok- in high demand)

GreenBeans coffee gift certificates (in high demand)

<http://www.greenbeanscoffee.com/coffeecard/>

Items for children and building future relationships and achieving our "Hearts and Minds" mission:

Stuffed animals (small)

Matchbox/Hotwheel cars

Hard candy

Colored pencils/sharpeners (crayons usually melt in transit)

Coloring/Activity books (small)

Gum

Travel size hygiene products

Baby wipes

Warrior Games 2010: Wounded servicemen and women will compete in the inaugural Warrior Games May 10-14, 2010, in beautiful Colorado Springs, Colorado, through a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Olympic Committee. For additional information, please visit the website at <http://usparalympics.org/pages/8330>.

Around the Force

Pre-Testimony Office Call with Senator Cochran (R-MS): On Friday, VADM Debbink had a meeting with the Vice Chairman of the SAC-D in his Capitol Hill office. Topics discussed included the Navy Reserve participation in recent anti-piracy efforts, NECC, the Riverine Squadrons training in Mississippi, and Medical Corps recruiting and retention. This meeting was in preparation for my testimony on 24 March.

Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) Update: *Supporting our Sailors and families as they remain a ready Total Force for the future*, RDML Garry J. Bonelli, Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, helped welcome home and honor 62 service members and 48 family members and guests at the RWW in Denver, CO, 13-14 March.

Navy Reserve Psychological Health Outreach Teams “Care for the Caregiver”: CAPT Richard Westphal, (BUMED’s subject matter expert in “Care for the Caregiver” issues) is leading the efforts engaging with the Navy medical providers who deployed onboard USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) in support of Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE. Outreach coordinators have been *identified to meet with the returning providers and support them, individually and proactively.*

Reservists Support International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Staff: During the past year, 58 RC Sailors provided a combined 456 days of operational support to the ISAF HQ, Regional Command (South and North) staffs and the ISAF Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) Training Events. The Reservists helped codify operational lessons learned and support the training exercises for over 1,600 NATO Alliance Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen who have recently, (or are currently deployed) to Afghanistan.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) PODCAST: In support of our Navy's efforts to eliminate sexual assault from our service, we produced a podcast to raise awareness and communicate the message directly to the Reserve Force. Promoted force-wide via LISTSERV, Facebook and Twitter, the two minute message on the Navy Reserve web page augments our continuous efforts on this important matter, *stressing the impact on mission readiness and setting the tone that sexual assaults will not be tolerated.*

30 DAY OUTLOOK

- * CENTCOM (14-21 Mar)
- * Millington, TN (26-27 Mar)
- * CNRF Change of Command, Norfolk, VA (31 Mar)
- * RSOY Paper Board, Norfolk, VA (4-7 Apr)
- * Ft Worth, TX (10 Apr)

60 DAY OUTLOOK

- * RFOTS, Norfolk, VA (23-25 Apr)
- * NOSC Bronx, CMDCM Conf (24 – 25 Apr)
- * Ombudsmen Symposium, Orlando, FL (30 Apr-2 May)
- * RSOY Oral Board (3-6 May)
- * RWW Sedona (14 – 16 May)
- * Ombudsman Graduation, Manchester, NH (21 – 23 May)



As of 17 March 2010:

<u>Operational Support Snapshot</u>		<u>N095 H1N1 Vaccinations</u>	
FY10 Pres Bud End Strength	65,500	Military: 59/59 (100%)	
RC Sailors (FTS/SELRES) Onboard: (Delta + 401)	65,901	<u>RC Medical Readiness</u>	
RC Sailors Performing Operational Support:	19,448	Fully Medically Ready:	78.7%
RC Sailors Mobilized or Deployed:	6,597	Partially Medically Ready:	9.6%
RC Flag Officers on Active Duty:	19	Total:	88.3%
Weekly Savings Using VR Airlift:	\$1.1M		