



Greeting Shipmates!

I wish to pass along my very Best Wishes and Thank You to all those who are currently serving and to all those who have served! Your Service does and always will Matter! Below is the message that CNR sent out and I think it a perfect way to say thank you for the support and sacrifice you make and have made for our Navy and Country. The message also emphasizes the importance of our Navy Ethos. If you have not done so already, please take the time and familiarize yourself with it and ensure that you and your shipmates understand the importance of its words.

At the end of this message you will see what some of our Units are doing and have done to honor our Vets as well as VAQ 209 welcome home event. Again, thank you all and have a Safe and Enjoyable Veteran's Day!

Vets-Remember, you matter! Make a positive impact on someone's life today!

CNR SPEAKS:

1. AS WE OBSERVE VETERANS DAY, WE TAKE A MOMENT TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. OUR NATION IS FREE TODAY BECAUSE OF THOSE VETERANS WHO WENT BEFORE US AND HONORABLY STOOD THE WATCH IN BOTH PEACE AND WAR.
2. AS CHIEF OF NAVY RESERVE, I AM HUMBLLED BY THE FACT THAT EVERY RESERVE COMPONENT SAILOR WEARING THE UNIFORM TODAY HAS ENLISTED, RE-ENLISTED, OR RE-AFFIRMED THEIR OATH AT LEAST ONCE SINCE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, KNOWING THAT MOBILIZATION AND DEPLOYMENT TO A WAR ZONE WAS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE, BUT PROBABLE. YOU HAVE MY SINCERE APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO OUR NAVY AND THE NATION.
3. VETERANS DAY PROVIDES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON WHAT WE VALUE, WHO WE ARE, AND HOW OUR ACTIONS REFLECT THOSE VALUES. 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 THE NAVY ETHOS.
4. OUR NAVY ETHOS IS A TANGIBLE STATEMENT OF THE VALUES INTEGRAL TO THE NAVY'S MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. IT DISTINGUISHES THOSE OF US WHO SERVE IN THE NAVY, ACTIVE AND RESERVE SAILORS AND NAVY CIVILIANS, REGARDLESS OF UNIT, COMMAND OR COMMUNITY.
5. I ENCOURGE ALL HANDS TO TAKE A MOMENT THIS VETERANS DAY TO REVIEW OUR NAVY ETHOS AND TO RE-DEDICATE YOUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WE ALL UPHOLD THE VALUES EXPRESSED IN IT. BY SO DOING, YOU WILL HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US AND UPON WHOSE SHOULDERS WE STAND.



6. UNITED STATES NAVY ETHOS:

- * WE ARE THE UNITED STATES NAVY, OUR NATION'S SEA POWER - READY GUARDIANS OF PEACE, VICTORIOUS IN WAR.
- * WE ARE PROFESSIONAL SAILORS AND CIVILIANS - A DIVERSE AND AGILE FORCE EXEMPLIFYING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION, AT HOME AND ABROAD, AT SEA AND ASHORE.
- * INTEGRITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CONDUCT; RESPECT FOR OTHERS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR CHARACTER; DECISIVE LEADERSHIP IS CRUCIAL TO OUR SUCCESS.
- * WE ARE A TEAM, DISCIPLINED AND WELL-PREPARED, COMMITTED TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. WE DO NOT WAVER IN OUR DEDICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO OUR SHIPMATES AND FAMILIES.
- * WE ARE PATRIOTS, FORGED BY THE NAVY'S CORE VALUES OF HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE, OUR ACTIONS REFLECT OUR PROUD HERITAGE AND TRADITION.
- * WE DEFEND OUR NATION AND PREVAIL IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY WITH STRENGTH, DETERMINATION, AND DIGNITY.
- * WE ARE THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

7. WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING TODAY BECAUSE OF THE FREEDOMS THAT VETERANS BEFORE US DEFENDED AND HAVE NOW ENTRUSTED TO US. GUIDED BY OUR NAVY ETHOS, NAVY RESERVE SAILORS "READY NOW, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE" ARE PART OF THE NAVY TOTAL FORCE THAT WILL PROUDLY PRESERVE THIS LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

8. VADM DEBBINK SENDS.

Media & Outreach Events

11 Nov

CNR and FORCM travel to Detroit to attend Ford Motor Company Veteran's Day Luncheon at Ford's World Headquarters

11 Nov

NOSC Portland will participate in a Veteran's Day Event at La Center Elementary School, La Center, Wash.

11 Nov

NOSC Alameda CO, Cmdr. Ridgway will attend Veteran's Day dinner at Alameda Elk lodge at the lodge's invitation. Also in attendance will be Alameda USMC I&I, Major Rose and USCG representative Cmdr. LeCato.

12 Nov

Sailors of NAF Washington will volunteer to support the Capital Area Food Bank, the largest public nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area.



NAVY RESERVE
Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere.

FORCM WEEKLY VETERANS EDITION 11-11-11

06 Nov

VAQ-209 returned to Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington after completing an 85-day combat deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. NBC-Washington reporter Megan McGrath provided live updates and reports from Joint Base Andrews/NAF Washington during homecoming event.

05 Nov

NOSC Wilmington CO was the reviewing official for the Warsaw, NC 91st Veterans Day Celebration parade - the nation's oldest, continuous Veterans Day celebration. NOSC Color Guard and marching team also participated in parade.