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# FOCUS ON THE FORCE

## Shipmates,



reetings! You may have heard that I have been traveling around the force and listening to what is on your mind. Force Master Chief Mitchell, Chaplain Lee and I wrapped up 2016 by visiting deployed Sailors in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and Djibouti.

We listened to our Sailors and had the opportunity to thank them for serving in challenging and strategically important locations in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa. It was impossible not to be amazed at the quality of work being done by our deployed Sailors. I offer every one of you a sincere "Thank You" for your commitment to our Navy, its mission, and of course, our Navy Reserve team.

In addition to the overseas travel, I have spent a lot of my "listening tour" time visiting NOSC's, operational commands, fleet commands, Type Commands (TYCOM's), and individual Sailors. From NOSC Miami to NOSC Pearl Harbor; to TRANSCOM to STRATCOM and points in between, I am hearing several common themes. First, the fleet wants more of what you provide—professional, high-quality work that supports the Total Force. Second, you want to simplify the processes that enable you to serve.

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I have found the information you have provided vitally important as we shape the strategy moving forward; accordingly, we have established a team to work on the Navy Reserve of the future. I directed the team to focus on the following four themes: Simplify, Enable, Leverage, and Resource. We will share information with you in the coming months, but do know that the teams in the Pentagon and Reserve headquarters in Norfolk are committed to this effort.

Through the years, I have always found it helpful to focus on the "wins" along any journey toward transformation. Recently, we announced that you will be able to commence and end travel orders from locations other than your home of record, and that certainly represents a win for those of you who travel frequently in your civilian jobs. Another win that we are happy to report



CNR speaks with Reserve Sailors joint force staff members attached to Transportation Command during his recent visit. (U.S. Navy Photo)

is the reduction of paper for unit musters at our NOSC's. EDM has incorporated the eMuster capability for unit drills without printing multiple muster sign-in sheets. In one year, we expect to save over 22,800 man-hours for mustering units and more than 230,000 sheets of paper! These wins are examples of the types of things you can expect to see in our efforts to Simplify our processes and Enable the Force.

If you have an idea that can possibly lead to Force improvements, we want to hear from you! Don't be concerned about how big or small your idea might be, please get it to our process review board for consideration (https://private. navyreserve.navy.mil) and click on the "Have an Innovative Idea or Policy Suggestion" button on the left. Fill in a simple online form asking for details about your idea and hit submit! It's that simple. Shortly, each "win" will be posted on Homeport, and I'm confident that many of the future wins will come from the hard-charging Sailors of our Navy Reserve! We hope that this transparency will allow you to see that your input and ideas are being acted upon. ALWAYS READY!

Vice Adm. Luke M. McCollum
Chief of Navy Reserve

## FOCUS ON THE FORCE



## Shipmates,



reetings from Washington DC — what a great start to 2017! Of course, it has been busy around here in Washington DC. And did you notice your Navy Reserve shipmates leading from the front during the inauguration?

More than 100 of your shipmates played a critical role during the whole week of the inauguration. Some have been involved with preparations for months. As usual they exceeded expectation of performance. Well done shipmates!

Speaking of preparations, in February, after preparing for weeks, thousands of Sailors have taken the advancement exam and are preparing either a package for the chief selection board, or to be advanced when the results come out. Indeed this is an exciting time, to refine and execute your plan for career progression in the Navy.



Navy Reserve Force Master C. J. Mitchell congratulates a Sailor at an awards ceremony at NOSC Tampa during a recent visit. (U.S. Navy Photo by Chief Petty Officer Mike Lenart)

With a quarter of the year behind us, it's very important to plan your Annual Training for this fiscal year. What is your plan? When does your gaining command need you? What exercise are you considering? I have recently heard from a DDG Command Master Chief that is looking for logistics specialists to be temporarily assigned to her ship to mitigate a manning shortfall. There are opportunities out there — are you ready?

As we have talked several times, readiness is our business. When we begin to execute our mission here in the second and third quarter of this fiscal year, our pursuit of maximum readiness must be in the forefront. You will read in this issue about Sailors contributing and executing missions for Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 14, littoral combat ship operations, and a

nearly constant presence of SELRES at Fifth Fleet in Bahrain. Soon, it may be your turn and the work you do each month should be aligned to that goal.

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Our future is bright as Reservists have taken part in the pilot program for Reserve Cloud Connect (RC2) a cloud based collaboration and productivity platform to increase our ability to be more mobile and flexible as we do the Navy's work.

Most recently, I have had the privilege to welcome new Command Master Chiefs and Command Senior Chief's. And in April we'll announce our fiscal year 2016 Reserve Sailor of the Year. I do love this time of year. I was able to meet the Sailors of the Year during my recent NOSC visits. And the performance of Sailors from NOSCs Tampa and Miami to New London and Plainville continue to impress. Like MA1 Selene Ceballo who I met at NOSC West Palm Beach. The NAVSEA Reserve Sailor of Year used creative and innovative leadership of 43 Sailors to obtain weapons qualifications for her Sailors as well as 100% pass rate as CFL. We have Sailors like her all over the Navy Reserve and I am proud of you. I look forward to seeing you on a visit soon. Keep up the hard work. #AreYouReady?

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Master Chief Petty Officer C.J. Mitchell Navy Reserve Force Master Chief



## NAVY RESERVE HISTORY

## 70 Years of Hut Memories

By Retired Master Chief Petty Officer James L. Leuci

NAVAL ARMORY

Seventy years ago, the "new" Naval Reserve needed over one-million Reserve Sailors to meet national defense requirements. In the immediate post-war era, Reserve manpower was critical to the Navy in order to man thousands of decommissioned vessels in the event of another war. Additionally, thousands of Reserve aviation personnel were needed to fill air squadrons assigned to "mothballed" aircraft carriers.

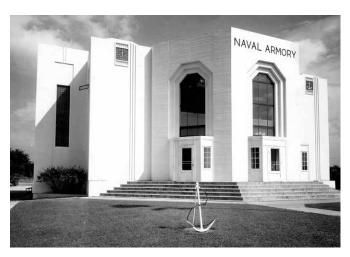
Prior to WWII, only 35,000 men served in the Naval Reserve. Reserve aviation personnel generally trained on Naval Reserve aviation bases and Naval air stations. Non-aviators drilled aboard training ships and or in Naval armories located in several cities throughout the country.

In the post-WWII era, 250,000 Reserve Sailors would serve in pay billets within the Organized Reserve — similar to the Selected Reserve today. Thousands more would drill in a non-pay status in the Volunteer Reserve — similar to Volunteer Training Units today. The remainder would not drill but would remain inactive or "on the books" for recall — similar to the Individual Ready Reserve of today.



To train drilling Reservists, 300 Naval armories would be needed. In 1946, a nation-wide \$10,400,000 construction project to build new Naval Reserve armories and renovate existing armories commenced. Over 100 new armories would eventually be built using a Type "B" design. Type "B" armories incorporated three surplus 40'x100' Quonset huts erected in parallel and connected by causeways. A modified version of the Type "B" design substituted conventional buildings for Quonset huts.

The new armories, now known as Naval Reserve Training Centers (NRTCs) came equipped with classrooms, gunnery training platforms, communication station, mock-up Combat Information Center, various shops, a sick bay, a galley, a drill hall and recreational facilities. Some NRTCs even had barracks for out-of-town Sailors.



By 1950, work on the NRTC construction project was nearly complete. Many of the new Type "B" buildings would be utilized for decades. Today, a few Type "B" structures still exist. Most were abandoned by the Navy Reserve decades ago and conveyed to local governments. Some, like the former NRTC in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; have been preserved and repurposed.



For many WWII veterans, a Quonset hut invoked a visual memory of the war. Quonset huts were everywhere. For younger, post-WWII Reserve Sailors, the NRC in their town was a glimpse into the WWII service of their fellow shipmates. For those younger Sailors, the pride that came with serving with Navy men and women who were WWII veterans was hard to hide — the Quonset huts were a cool part of our history.  $\updownarrow$ 

## PROFILES IN PROFESSIONALISM



## We have many talented people in our Navy Reserve.

Each month we highlight our stellar Sailors and some of the unique careers, skills and services they provide to the fleet.

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS >>> Gustavo Ramirez

Hometown: La Habra, California

**Command:** NOSC Los Angeles

Brief Description of Navy job:
I am the funeral honors
coordinator where I coordinate,
schedule, and train for the Navy
Funeral Honors Program covering the

greater Los Angeles/Orange County California area.

**Brief description of your civilian job:** I'm employed with the Anaheim City School District as a computer tech. However, I'm currently serving on Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW) orders with NOSC Los Angeles.

What has been your greatest Navy achievement? Earning my Expeditionary Warfare Specialist pin while on deployment with Coastal Riverine Squadron 11 (CRS 11).

## Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy?

My biggest influence since joining the Navy cannot pertain to one person. There are two in particular, Chief Information Systems Technicians Jose Deras and Eric Umali, that have definitely influenced both my Navy and civilian careers. Mentorship is their main focus and taking care of their Sailors is priority. Mentorship has been the most valuable lesson I have learned throughout my Navy career.

What do you enjoy most about the Navy? The diversity of shipmates and their different backgrounds that gives us the opportunity to exchange thoughts and bring ideas together in order to complete the mission.

### Most interesting place visited since joining the Navy?

My deployment with CRS 11 to the Port of Jebel Ali, Dubai. I learned the world has lots of different cultures that should be understood and experienced.

**Current hobbies:** Spending time with my daughter who is about to turn 6 years old. I enjoy playing sports and working out to maintain myself at the highest peak performance.

# HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 3RD CLASS >>> Nathaniel Henderson

Hometown: Boone, North Carolina

Command: NOSC Charlotte

Brief description of Navy job:
4th Medical Battalion is
comprised of various medical
officers, corpsman, and Marines
who run a forward deployed hospital

unit. As a unit we set up a shock trauma platoon and a forward resuscitative surgery system. We are also capable of performing minor and major life saving interventions.

**Brief description of your civilian job:** I am a whitewater raft guide at the U.S. National White Water Center located in Charlotte. North Carolina.

What has been your greatest Navy achievement? My greatest Navy achievement was completing Field Medical Training Battalion and becoming an 8404 corpsman.

### Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy?

I have had the privilege to work under two incredible first class FMF corpsman. Both have pushed me to become the best in my field. Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Mitchell inspires and has the ability to make you feel proud of your Navy identity. Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Perez motivates me when I fall and knows just how to get me back on track.

What do you enjoy most about the Navy? Everyone has a story, from the seaman right out of boot camp to the saltiest chief. They range from the funniest to the saddest to the downright unbelievable. They are all true.

Most interesting place visited since joining the Navy: San Diego, California

**Current hobbies:** White water rafting, snowboarding and climbing.

To nominate a Sailor, send an email to cnrfc1@gmail.com for a submission form. Please include a high-resolution (300 dpi) 5" x 7" digital photo of the candidate.



# What is the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT) and Why Do I Care?

## CAREER COUNSELOR

By Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command N15 Force Retention

ave you ever considered changing your Navy Reserve career path? In this regard, the Navy Reserve is no different from any other enterprise in the civilian sector — we need a certain number of qualified Sailors to perform a certain number of duties and responsibilities in order to accomplish our demanding missions.

If the career path you are performing today is no longer in high demand because "needs of the Navy" have changed or skills have become obsolete due to changes in technology (an old salt might remember rates like boiler technician or water tender) then what are the alternatives?

Requesting a change of rating out of an overmanned field can provide an excellent and exciting opportunity for continued service in the Selected Reserve. The initial test of eligibility is often one's Armed Services Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores. All too frequently, it is low ASVAB scores that limit potential career opportunities; ASVAB scores that may date back to a test taken prior to graduating from high school. The Navy's solution for this is the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT).

Administration of the ASVAB is limited to non-prior service candidates hoping to enlist in the military, whereas the AFCT provides an opportunity for someone already in the military to improve upon their existing ASVAB scores and open more career opportunities for conversions later in their career. It is important to note that the new scores become the official scores even if the new

scores are lower than the previous scores. Regardless of the outcome, a Sailor remains qualified in their present rating even if the new scores do not meet the initial entry minimums.

Establishing eligibility to take the AFCT requires that a Sailor meet the following prerequisites prior to their enrollment:

- A legitimate reason for retesting, such as pursuing a change of rating or entering a special program
- At least one month since last taking the ASVAB or AFCT
- Positive improvement in education as evidenced by at least one of the following since most recent ASVAB or AFCT:
  - » Receipt of a high school diploma (HSD) or General Educational Development (GED)
  - » Passing the United States citizenship test
  - » Completion of a Navy academic skills course or functional skills course
  - » Completion of a college course, correspondence course, or educational software courses in any of the following areas related to the AFCT administered subjects:

- Math (AR, MK)
- English (WK, PC)
- History
- Science (GS, EI, AI, SI, MC)

**NOTE:** All and SI are administered as separate tests in the computer based AFCT but combined into one single score (labeled AS)

- Social Studies
- Psychology
- » NOTE: Completion of a Navy "A" school, "C" school, or Navy correspondence courses for advancement IS NOT a qualifying event

Upon meeting the prerequisites, a Sailor is generally required to route a request chit through their chain of command for authorization to take the AFCT including at required documents. Consult with the prospective test site to ensure member meets all local requirements for AFCT participation.

Guidance on the AFCT is located in MILPERSMAN 1236-010, Retesting With The Armed Forces Classification Test (Afct) Version of The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (Asvab). Any questions or concerns should be directed to your Command Career Counselor or Education Service Officer.



## The Career Transition Office

# HELPING OFFICERS AND ENLISTED TRANSITION FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO THE NAVY SELECTED RESERVE

By Chief of Naval Personnel, Public Affairs

hat started as a Chief of Naval Personnel W "Continuum of Service" Initiative in 2009 has become a huge success for manning the Navy Reserve and maintaining the readiness of the Active duty fleet. The Career Transition Office (CTO), part of Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee, has seen three consecutive record-breaking years with high numbers of Active Component to Reserve Component (AC2RC) transitions across the spectrum of officer designators and enlisted ratings. The CTO provides transition support to Sailors transitioning from active duty, educating them on Reserve opportunities and benefits, and affiliating eligible Sailors in the Reserve.

Enlisted affiliations through CTO have tripled over the most recent three years, increasing from less than 500 yearly to over 200 for FY17. The overwhelming majority of officer designators will be closed out by the end of FY17.

Officers leaving active duty who are eligible to participate in the SELRES will be contacted by a Transition Assistant (TA) from CTO prior to separation. The TA's educate the officers on SELRES benefits and opportunities and help facilitate their transition to a Reserve unit at their desired location. In addition, TAs streamline the transition process by preparing and coordinating all necessary documentation to ensure a seamless transition to the SELRES, in order to prevent a loss or delay in benefits.

Health Care Professionals (HCP) TAs work specifically with medical professionals in their transition to ensure that all screening/credentialing criteria are met. Though similar, the affiliation process differs based on the designator and/or subspecialty code (SSP). For example, the affiliation process for HCPs may consist of: credentialing through the Centralized Credentials and Privileging Directorate (CCPD) of BUMED; screening by a Professional Review Board (PRB); education and assistance in enrolling in the Training in Medical Specialty (TMS)

program, which assists some HCP officers in a critical manning specialty residency program. As a result, CTO has been able to meet the affiliation requirement for many HCP specialties, and has been able to affiliate Critical Manning Specialties within the HCP community, such as Undersea Medicine Officers (UMOs), and a record number of Anesthesiologists.

Fiscal Year 2016 was also a record-breaking year for SELRES pilot affiliations with 232 Navy pilots joining the SELRES. Nearly ninety percent of those SELRES affiliations were active-duty pilots affiliating directly into the SELRES (from active duty) through the Career Transition Office. Navy Recruiting Command (NRC) affiliated the remaining pilots who were greater than six months from their active duty separation. Not only was FY16 a successful year for SELRES Pilot affiliations with twelve percent more pilots affiliated than the previous year, it was also the first year that CTO and NRC were able to affiliate the goal number of pilots set forth in the FY16 SELRES Officer Accession Plan. OPNAV N1 promulgates this accession plan for all SELRES Officer designators based upon the current needs of the Navy.

As a Navy veteran, there are substantial benefits for you and your family by affiliating with the Navy Reserve before leaving active duty. Officers or enlisted members currently serving on active duty, who would like more information about Navy Reserve programs and opportunities, should contact the CTO at (901) 874-4192, cto.officer@navy.mil or cto.enlisted@navy.mil. For information on Reserve affiliation benefits: http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/transition/Pages/ReserveAffiliationBenefits.aspx.

The CTO is always looking for motivated Navy Reservists to serve on recall orders. Recall opportunities are advertised on GOVDELIVERY periodically as positions become available.



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Nancy C diBenedetto, Joint Task Force-National Capital Region public affairs

he sound of patriotic music made its way down Pennsylvania Avenue as thousands of spectators streamed the barricaded streets of Washington, D.C. A Sailor steps forward into the street and stands at parade rest, awaiting the passing of the new Commander in Chief.

With more than 5,000 service members contributing critical support to interagency partners during the 58th Presidential Inauguration, scenes like this were prolific across the nation's capital. In order to meet such high demand for uniformed staff, mission planners looked to the Navy Reserve force for qualified candidates with both civilian and Reserve experience.

"This kind of clutch, high-profile mission support is why we keep ourselves trained up and mission ready at all times," said Cmdr. Jonathan Blyth, Joint Task Force-National Capital Region (JTF-NCR) deputy director for public affairs. "We are following a legacy that has continued for 220 years, that from our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. We are a linkage through history and through all the 44 commanders in chief who came before our newest Commander in Chief."

Tasked as the Department of Defense liaison to the Presidential Inaugural Committee and Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, Blyth said he would have fallen far short of his objectives had it not been for the activation of such a professional team, well suited to provide short-fused support and execute a broad mission scope over several months. Having spent more than 15 years on Capitol Hill, six years

as chief of staff for the Bureau of Congress, and a Reservist himself, Blyth stepped away temporarily from his civilian

employment and drew from his past inauguration experiences, in

addition to ship commissioning ceremonies and fleet weeks, to lead the 72-member JTF-NCR public affairs team.

Of the more than 800 Sailors assigned to JTF-NCR, more than 90 percent were Navy Reservists. Candidates were hand-picked by their command leaders, with final selection and approval by JTF-NCR leadership. Once approved, JTF-NCR coordinators assigned inauguration team members to a variety of roles including ushers, drivers, public affairs specialists, and intelligence and administrative support.

During the 58th Presidential Inauguration, Quartermaster 1st Class Janice Sharp, a Reservist from Burleson, Texas, served as one of 53 ushers on a joint team in charge of guiding and seating distinguished visitors, Medal of Honor recipients and members of national and international media. An education specialist in her civilian job, Sharp capitalized on her unique position with the special inaugural guests by sharing her experience with the students at her school.

"They do the 'Adventures of Ms. Sharp,' and I am able to FaceTime them during some of our activities. For me, the best part is not only being here for the change-of-command of our country, but also to be able to bring this to my students who may never have the opportunity to come here."

Yeoman 2nd Class Chiakazia Ragin III, who drills at Navy Operational Support Center Baltimore, pounced on the opportunity to put the local experience he's garnered as an FBI officer with the Washington D.C. headquarters to work as the transportation coordinator for ceremonies and special events.

"As a Reservist working for the inauguration, I didn't have to get trained or try to figure out how to get around the city," said Ragin, who joined the team weeks earlier to begin preparations for one of the most high-visibility events in the nation. "Most

places [participants] needed to go, I already knew how to get there; when there was traffic, I knew how to get around it. I have to deal with security in my civilian job, so it helps that I know how to blend in and fit into any situation. Even though what I'm doing is just one small piece, it's a piece of the bigger puzzle."

It's a puzzle that traditionally includes pieces like armed forces concert ensembles, marching bands, color guards, salute batteries and honor cordons. Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen also provide invaluable assistance to the presidential inaugural committee. Over the years, the Navy Reserve has added intelligence and administrative support too.

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Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Joseph Gonzalez's position was unique as both his civilian employment as a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) officer and his military career in intelligence overlapped. Gonzalez helped JTF-NCR leaders maintain situational awareness in the highly dynamic joint environment by analyzing information, identifying potential threats and communicating across the organization.

"As a Reservist, I am first and foremost honored to serve my country during a historical event," said Gonzalez. "I have dedicated my entire career to federal and military law enforcement, and intelligence, so being able to work with world-class intelligence professionals is what helps keep America safe. The experiences and training provided by CPB and the Navy Reserve has provided me the skills necessary to excel in either capacity. I am able to apply my technical skills, leadership and passion in a unique capacity," said Gonzalez.

Chief Logistics Specialist Tracey McGee of Washington, D.C., provided support for administration. She assisted members in preparing for the mission and processing out, helping ensure an easy transition for members of the Reserve.

"My role was to screen each applicant and ensure they were qualified based on the evaluation criteria and goals of various departments. After the selections [were] made, I ensured requirements were pushed through NROWS to each Sailor,

credentials were processed in a timely manner and service members arrived on time to complete this mission. It is an honor and privilege to be able to carry an American tradition forward and to support the 58th Presidential Inauguration."

With the sounds of applause and the National Anthem ringing at Capitol Hill, Donald J. Trump took the oath of office Jan. 20, 2017, and became the 45th president of the United States.

As the weekend concluded for most Navy Reserve members, it had just begun for members who remained on orders to begin the four-year process of coordinating Reserve support for the next inauguration. Reserve Sailors interested in this historical opportunity should watch for future inauguration support requirements advertised through the Navy Reserve portal.



# Inauguration Shares Family Ties for One Bremerton Unit Sailor

The recent presidential inauguration provided 32 Reservists, and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Katie Trescott in particular, attached to Operational Health Support Unit (OHSU) Bremerton, an opportunity to take part in our nation's history.

For Trescott, the event had family ties that made the whole experience an emotional one. Trescott's father was a Coast Guard lieutenant when he took part in the 49th Presidential Inauguration for Ronald Reagan.

It also allowed her to pay respects to her cousin, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Charles R. Trescott, who was killed in action during the Vietnam conflict. Charles Prescott, buried at Arlington National Cemetery, was posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal. "It was especially poignant for me and represented all the best about the military; how we embrace and honor our fallen brothers and sisters without question. It was a memory I will keep with me for a long while," shared Trescott.

## Surface Force Pacific Naval Reserve Units Maintain Readiness Aboard USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000)

By Cmdr. Brad Rockwell and Cmdr. Chris Palmenberg, NR Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Readiness Detachments

n December 2016 and January 2017, Reserve Sailors from Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (SURFPAC) readiness detachments supported the Navy's newest warship—USS Zumwalt. Zumwalt is the most technologically advanced surface combatant in the world, and the lead ship in a class of next-generation, multi-mission destroyers. Following a three-month transit from Bath, Maine, via her commissioning in Baltimore, Maryland, and a Panama Canal transit, Zumwalt arrived at her homeport of San Diego, California in early December 2016.

Reserve Sailors from SURFPAC Readiness Detachments provide maintenance support to the waterfront during drill weekends and annual training, with the bulk of their effort directed toward surface warfighting vessels such as cruisers, destroyers, and amphibious ships. In addition, the units are responsible for the Fleet Material Readiness Assessment and Repair Program (FMRARP), which assists ships across the Pacific Fleet with low-tech. high-volume material readiness support on Inspection and Survey (INSURV) material readiness challenges. Specific 3M areas in which RC Sailors have provided significant value include watertight doors, emergency escape breathing devices, self-contained breathing apparatus, electrical safety, gauge calibration, lifelines, stanchions, safety nets, life preservers, and life rafts.

Representing a new ship and class, Zumwalt presents a unique opportunity for the detachments to tailor their waterfront support in new and innovative ways in addition to their traditional missions. Working closely together, active-duty and Reserve leaders are diligently striving to define requirements for future support that capture this technologically advanced platform's quantum leap forward in hull, mechanical, and electrical systems. Not by coincidence, as minimally manned ships such as the Littoral Combat

Ship and Zumwalt class become an increasing share of our surface inventory, the contribution of the Reserve force has become more tightly integrated into the concept of operations associated with training and operating the force.

"Our Reserve Sailors are highly skilled and fully integrated into the full spectrum of critical waterfront support."

Detailed logistics and resource planning went into the December and January support, including a four-day IDTT period in January that brought Sailors from as far away as New York, and resulted in Reserve Sailors providing 448 hours of support to Zumwalt's crew. "Having the Reserve Sailors aboard during December and dressing the ship for our change of command certainly took a lot of the

workload off the deck and supply departments," said Lt. Wade Jones, Supply Officer, USS Zumwalt. Those Sailors assisted Zumwalt's Weapons Department with administrative preparations for their upcoming Force Protection Inspection; Supply Department with organizing the ship's storeroom, freezers, and food preparations areas for the upcoming work weeks; and Deck Department with preparations for the ship's first change of command ceremony. "LS2 McAtee's assistance in the S2 storeroom and in the galley is just one example of the many Reserve Sailors that made a difference during their time aboard. Combined, they helped organize over 400 dry provisions line items and our entire consumable storeroom," stated Senior Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Arlene Schuster, Leading Chief Petty Officer, Supply Department, USS Zumwalt.

In 2016, SURFPAC Readiness
Detachments delivered thousands of
hours of material readiness support to
surface force ships homeported in San



■ Reserve Sailors from U.S. Pacific Fleet readiness detachments aboard USS Zumwalt pose topside for a team photo.

[BOTTOM LEFT] Sailors preparing bunting prior to USS Zumwalt's change of command ceremony.

[BOTTOM RIGHT] Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Mark Long inspects and stows shipboard one-piece Fire Protective Garment (FPG) ensembles aboard USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000). (U.S. Navy Photos by Master Chief Logistics Specialist Enrique Flores, Jr.)

Diego and Pearl Harbor. Working aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4), USS Cape St. George (CG 71), USS Chafee (DDG 90), USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Cowpens (CG 63), USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS Howard (DDG 83), USS Lake Champlain (CG 57), USS Port Royal (CG 73), USS Preble (DDG 88), and USS Scout (MSM 8), Reserve Sailors working on the waterfront assessed over 20,000 material inspection items, identified over 2,500 discrepancies, and corrected more than two-thirds of those discrepancies prior to departing the ship.

"Our Reserve Sailors are highly skilled and fully integrated into the full spectrum of critical waterfront support." said Capt. Robert Nowakowski, commanding officer, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Readiness Headquarters. "Not only are we providing valuable material readiness augmentation to warships ashore and atsea, we're aggressively working with our

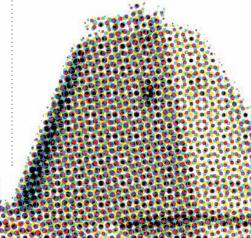
active component counterparts to identify and prioritize new requirements that lend themselves

naturally to RC support. We take pride in being a force-multiplier that enhances the combat power and warfighting capability of the Fleet as described in the Navy's 'Surface Force Strategy'."

As our Naval Surface Force enters a new age of Seapower, we must man, train and equip a force capable of responding to new and increased global challenges. Material readiness is the foundation that enables the fleet to operate forward, to provide a persistent and visible presence, and to be ready to respond when called upon in times of crisis. NR Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Readiness units will continue to



work closely with TYCOM and Reserve leadership and shipboard triads to deliver waterfront support that increases the warfighting readiness, capability and capacity of our Surface Force. **‡** 





## Naval Foreign Area Officer Diversifying the Mission Across the Globe

By Lt. Carolyn Parker, Defense Intelligence Agency Headquarters 0166

s he headed out the door for the first day of kindergarten, Lt. Cmdr. Gennaro Buonocore's grandmother gave him advice that has guided him to this day, "Don't forget your lunch and make a lot of friends". His world is much bigger now, and substantially more daunting, but he still finds that simple bit of advice arms him with the foundation to be a successful Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Reservist.

Every day he fosters good relationships, while never compromising his values. The Reserve Component (RC) FAO community gives Reservists the opportunity to use their skills in diplomacy by leveraging military experience, civilian skillsets, and cultural and language abilities to provide operational support for ongoing international engagement missions. The opportunity to work and experience cultures, customs, and people of different nations is truly a career unlike any other. Work as a FAO Reservist has the potential to impact the world — and they are hiring.

## **New Community on the Move**

On June 30, 2015, in accordance with the Navy's Total Force Vision, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations approved the establishment of the RC FAO community 1715 designator. RC FAOs serve forward and play a critical role in shaping and implementing the U.S. Navy's political-military policy. The duties of a RC FAO are extensive and varied, supporting joint staffs, fleets, component and combatant commanders, as well as serving in Security Cooperation Offices around the globe,

and supporting Senior Defense Officials and Defense Attachés. FAOs thrive on adventure and enjoy being involved in varied social customs and cultures. Today, more than ever, military diplomats are needed to ensure the peace, foster cooperation among friends, and minimize the impact of disagreements between nations.

Complementing the Active Component (AC) the RC FAO community has grown from 350 to 405 officers, serving in more than 70 countries with fluency in more than 30 languages — the RC FAO community is composed of 53 billets, 30 of which support OCONUS activities. This past year, two redesignation boards met and selected 44 officers to join the ranks. Lt. Cmdr. John Amiral, who currently serves as the director for the Joint Visitor Bureau at Aegis Ashore Missile Defense System Romania and Naval Support Facility Deveselu Romania, is one of the newly selected RC FAOs.

When asked why he re-designated Amiral said, "I joined the U.S. Navy shortly after 9/11. As an immigrant to the United States, my decision to join was driven by my desire to give back to the Nation which gave me so much, and at that time I didn't

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give a lot of thought as to what type of work I would be doing in the Navy. As I gained experience in the military and received an appointment as a commissioned officer, I started realizing that, as a Navy officer fluent in multiple languages with a diverse cultural background and a master's degree in political communication, I would be able to better serve my country as a Foreign Area Officer. I'm very humbled and honored to be one of the U.S. Navy's first Reserve FAOs — a plank owner."

The RC FAO community is seeking more superior-performing officers with cultural, regional, and language experience like Lt. Cmdr. Amiral to submit applications for re-designation.

#### **Community Attributes**

RC FAOs provide a clearer understanding of the battlespace through their regional and cultural expertise. The work of these dedicated officers is core to the Navy's mission: "Foster and sustain cooperative relationships with an expanding set of allies and international partners to enhance global security." To accomplish this, the RC FAO community heavily recruits Reservists with foreign language abilities and military or civilian backgrounds in international engagement such as employment with the State Department, United Nations, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, other international agencies, and international NGOs. Furthermore, as career linguists, RC FAOs are eligible to receive a continuous Foreign Language

Proficiency Bonus (FLPB) and can earn up to \$1,000 a month in bonus pay. Cmdr. Kieth Murphy, a State Department foreign service officer and Navy Reservist, joined the RC FAO community because, "...as a FAO there is potentially more opportunities to operate and support the Navy from within the embassy community. Such work makes it possible to serve in more interesting and remote foreign service posts while still fulfilling my Reserve commitment."

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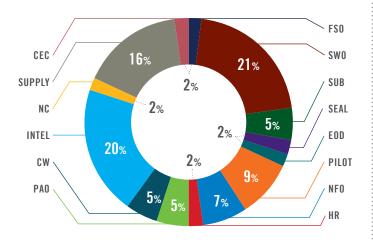
Lt. Buonocore (fifth from the left), then an Italian armed forces reserve civil affairs officer liaises with British army personnel on behalf of the Italian joint forces component within the MNF-I (Multinational Forces -Iraq) during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Navy Photo)





## Becoming a RC FAO

Today the RC FAO Community is manned at 83 percent of its authorized level. Entry into the community is highly selective and competitive. Currently, the only way to become a RC FAO is through re-designation. Like the AC FAO community, the RC FAO community draws its talents from a wide range of military communities with most RC officers transferring/ re-designating from Intel (20 percent), Surface (21 percent), Supply (16 percent) and Aviation (9 percent) communities.



◀ Lt. Cmdr. Khaled Abdulkareem teaches an Afghan Girl Scout how to ride a bicycle during his visit to Camp Resolute Support, Kabul, Afganistan. (U.S. Navy Photo)

The RC FAO community is looking for top-performing officers with cultural, regional, and language experience to submit re-designation applications. The community is offering opportunities for Selected Reserve (SELRES) officers from all designators to meet immediate manning needs for the newly established RC FAO community. All candidates must meet the eligibility criteria below:

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	
Security Clearance	TS/SCI eligible.
World-wide Assignable	Must meet Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) overseas screening standards.
Language Proficiency	Speak at least one foreign language as documented by Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) and/or Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) – minimum scores of 2/2 in two of three modalities of the DLPT/ OPI taken within the last three years.
Master's Degree*	Possess a regionally-focused international relations degree.
Regional Experience	Proven understanding of U.S. and foreign military operations, U.S. foreign policy and security cooperation objectives, as well as a deep understanding of interagency and nongovernmental organization capabilities and cultures gained from working and living in a specified region.

\*NOTE: Waivers to the master's degree requirement will be considered on case-by-case basis for applicants with significant regional expertise from military and/or civilian employment.

Further application guidance, to include deadlines and required documentation, will be promulgated via the Navy Personnel Command Reserve OCM website. ‡

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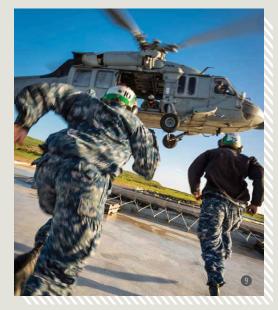




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• Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class William Nicewonger, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 85 (HSC-85) checks a tool pouch inventory after the completion of a maintenance inspection on one of the squadron's HH60-H aircraft. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Chad M. Butler)

- 2 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Daniel Garas directs Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jesse Paquin on targeting a sector of fire while practicing expeditionary combat scenarios during a field exercise with Expeditionary Combat Camera (EXPCOMBATCAM). (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Second Class Thomas Secrest)
- 3 Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Charles Wankat, of EMF GL One Det. R, conducts a visual acuity check for a Marine during medical stand down at NOSC Indianapolis. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Hidekatsu Kajitani)

- 4 Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Oliver Arceo draws blood for a Sailor's annual health exam at North Island Medical Clinic, Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, Calif. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Marie A. Montez)
- Petty Officer 1st Class Martin Wright, assigned to Navy Reserve Fleet Combat Camera Pacific (FCCP), uses a saw to cut rebar during FCCP's Winter Quick Shot in Azusa, Calif. (U.S. Navy photo)
- 6 Lt. Cmdr. Gregory Cygal, a strategic sealift officer assigned to Military Sealift Command Far East, assembles a low noise block downconverter during exercise Cobra Gold 2017 (CG17) (U.S. Navy photo)

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven Chase paused from training during Exercise Cobra Gold and participated in a community outreach event at the Child Protection and Development Center (CPDC) in Thailand. (U.S. Navy photo by Grady T. Fontana)

- Members of Reserve Unit Expeditionary Port Unit 108, Atlanta, assemble a satellite dish at the Republic of Korea Naval Base, Chinhae, South Korea. (U.S. Navy photo by Grady T. Fontana)
- Aviation Machinist's Mates 2nd Class Brittany Evans and Jason Lee, run toward the rotor wash of an MH-60S Seahawk helicopter to attach a torpedo recovery device to the aircraft on San Clemente Island, Calif. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Chad M. Butler)
- (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jason Howard)

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# Fitting the Billet

RESERVISTS SEAMLESSLY PROVIDE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO NAVCENT/5TH FLEET

By Lt. Greg Melville

he call came from the captain of a merchant ship in the Arabian Gulf. His vessel was damaged, in distress, and in need of urgent assistance. Information Systems Technician 1st Class Jason Repple was on watch and took the call from a small operations center at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain.

The captain needed to find the nearest port willing to receive his ship, in a region where even a slight misunderstanding can lead to a potential international incident. There was no time to spare.

Repple works for the Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) unit attached to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT)/U.S. 5th Fleet. At any given time, more than 270 Reservists across all specialties and roughly another 300 Individual Augmentees (IA) are serving NAVCENT/U.S. 5th Fleet at their headquarters onboard NSA Bahrain. These Sailors are seamlessly integrated into NAVCENT/U.S. 5th Fleet's hightempo effort to promote security across 2.5 million square miles of ocean in the Middle East. Some, like Repple, serve with one of the nine Reserve units that directly support NAVCENT, while others are on mobilization orders.

Reservists with the Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) unit at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain confer with their international partners during International Mine Countermeasures Exercise 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Robert Zahn)

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Karen Donovan, attached to Coastal Riverine Squadron 10, works as a member of the embarked security intelligence team on the USS Ponce (AFSB(I)15) during the International Mine Countermeasures Exercise (IMCMEX) 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Trevor Andersen)

Repple, in handling the ship in distress, gathered input from the watch team and contacted the authorities at the closest port. He then helped guide the ship and its captain safely to its destination and averted disaster.

"Knowing that you can affect what's going on in the real world is an amazing feeling. You can't beat that," says Repple, who was named the NAVCENT/ U.S. 5th Fleet Reserve Sailor of the Month for March 2016.

The NAVCENT NCAGS unit, based out of Chicago, consists entirely of Reservists. Members usually rotate to command headquarters in Bahrain on 30-day orders. NCAGS links communication between military forces and commercial shipping to ensure the safe passage of vessels on the waterways. Many NCAGS Sailors work with commercial fleets on the civilian side, so they know how to speak the lingo of both the merchant marines and military.

"We keep the commerce flow going," said Cmdr. Simon Hwang, commanding officer of NAVCENT NCAGS. "When something bad happens, we're going to be called upon to support it."

Reserve support to NAVCENT/U.S. 5th Fleet is led by Rear. Adm. Thomas Marotta, Reserve Deputy Commander, NAVCENT/ Reserve Deputy Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet.

"I am in awe of the important work our Sailors do day-in and day-out, not just from the NCAGS unit but across all NAVCENT units and specialties," said Marotta. "The Navy Reserve provides specialized support to one of the most operationally challenging AORs in the world. And they do so with extraordinary professionalism and dedication."

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NCAGS is just one example of the wide array of roles and responsibilities that Reservists fill at NAVCENT/U.S. 5th Fleet. Also supporting the command are Reserve units specializing in: medical and dental treatment, intelligence, contingency engineering management, public affairs, maritime operations, legal, theater security cooperation, and computer network support.

Then there are the augmentees assigned to NAVCENT/U.S. 5th Fleet in the Middle East, like Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Karen Donovan and Lt. Tim Nank, Reservists who served underway this year aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS Ponce (LPD 15).

"It's always a great opportunity for a Reservist to get underway," said Donovan, who earned her enlisted surface warfare pin during her deployment on the ship. "It's a whole new experience. I've met a lot of good Sailors who I'll stay in contact with."

Nank's first few days on the ship as an intelligence officer were overwhelming, yet exciting. "You've got all of these different kinds of information coming at you at once. You're definitely drinking from the fire hose, but you encounter it and you work

with it," said Nank. On top of the adjustments to the job, there was also the challenge of getting accustomed to shipboard life. "Getting lost and learning your way around the ship, that's all part of it," said Nank.

Given the volatility of the region within NAVCENT's area of responsibility, a Reserve Sailor's learning curve is, by necessity, a short one. There are three major maritime chokepoints in the Middle East, including the Strait of Hormuz, where more than 500 ships pass in a week carrying 20 percent of the world's seaborne traded oil. One of the command's primary responsibilities is to uphold lawful maritime order and protect the free flow of vessels.

For that reason, Sailors — both Reserve and active — working at the command must constantly be ready for the unexpected, just as Repple was when he received the call from the ship captain in need of assistance, and how Donovan and Nank did during their duties aboard Ponce. NAVCENT/U.S. 5th Fleet, and the nations of the region, are depending on it. \$\ddots\$

## Navy Reserve Units Dedicated to NAVCENT/5TH Fleet

**USFF Naval Cooperation for Guidance and Shipping (NCAGS) Chicago Unit** / Providing real-time information and guidance for commercial shipping areas of operation.

**NAVCENT Medical Unit** / Medical treatment for all personnel in area of responsibility.

**NAVCENT Intelligence Unit** / Providing intelligence products and personnel.

**Navy Office of Information (NAVINFO) NAVCENT** / Providing public affairs and mass communications support.

**NAVCENT Contingency Engineering Management Unit**Engineering consulting and design for construction projects within the area of responsibility

**C5F Maritime Operations Center Unit** / Watch standing and planning support for C5F Maritime Operations Center, Current Operations, and Future Operations Divisions.

**Fifth Fleet Legal Unit /** Providing legal support to NAVCENT/C5F Force Judge Advocate.

**C5F Theater Security Cooperation Program Support Unit**Providing exercise planning and execution support and support for NAVCENT Country Engagement Teams.

NAVCENT Mobile Ashore Support Terminal (MAST) Det A and MAST Det B Units / Providing computer network support and contingency operations planning and execution support.

## LCS Reserve Support: Making a Difference

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hree littoral combat ships USS Independence (LCS 2), USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) and USS Detroit (LCS 7) welcomed Navy Reservists to their respective crews to assist with a variety of assignments in the spring and summer of 2016. While extensive automation and contractor support assists in minimizing workload aboard LCS, only the ship's crew can take the ship through the many levels of certification required for operation.

It is here that the Reserve Sailors played an important role. As Navy Sailors, Reservists can augment the core crew in ways that cannot be done by contractors, such as facilitating tagouts, contractor escorts, equipment operations, force protection watches, and more.

## USS Independence (LCS 2)

In March 2016, Gregory Williams, who works at Zodiac Aerospace in Gainesville, Texas building commercial airline seats, donned his uniform as Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Williams and joined the Independence crew at the National Steel and Ship Building Company (NASSCO) Shipyard in San Diego, California.

Williams, with two other Navy Reservists, were hand-selected from Navy Reserve (NR) LCS units spanning the country, successfully clearing Chief of Naval Operations restricted availability. As top Sailors from the LCS community, they carried the responsibility of assisting two different active LCS crews during eight months of restricted availability. On a day-to-day basis these Sailors stood watch, conducted maintenance, coordinated part deliveries, and conducted weekly tag-out audits. To the untrained eye, these three hard working Sailors would appear to be a permanent part of the crew.

"Our Reserve Sailors bring the skills necessary to add value in maintenance, watch standing and other support areas to help

the core crews effectively accomplish their mission," said Capt. Kenneth R. Blackmon, commanding officer, NR LCSRON TWO.

When their time aboard Independence came to an end in October, the three Reservists, including Williams, received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for their efforts during their eight months on board. In addition, Williams had done what no other LCS Reserve Sailor had done before — earned his initial Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Qualification (ESWS).

### USS Fort Worth (LCS 3)

In June, Fort Worth welcomed 10 Reservists while in Singapore. One of the Reservists was Annika McCalla who works in Denton, Texas as an engineer for an oil and gas company. Upon joining Fort Worth, Engineman 1st Class McCalla was dubbed the unofficial "Oil Queen." She soon found herself responsible for inventorying, testing and bringing aboard fuel and oil.

The Reservists settled in for their three week mission assisting the embarked ship's crew with repairs and preparations for Fort Worth's return transit to San Diego.

While aboard, the Reservists supported the ship through a continuous and planned maintenance availability, damage control material assessments, engineering light-off assessment, shipboard explosive safety inspection, preventive maintenance system, gauge calibration and equipment validation.

V Navy Reservists board the USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) as a Forward Logistics Element (FLE) team and traveled the globe to integrate with embarked active duty crews and missions. (U.S. Navy photo)



"Our LCS Reservists hit the deck plates running and immediately contributed to the very important work of bringing Fort Worth back to life. It was clear to me they were personally invested in our warship, and they fully integrated with our crew. In fact, I was extremely proud to be their captain," said Cmdr. Michael Brasseur, Fort Worth's commanding officer.

Despite the heavy workload, the team was still able to find time to take liberty and see the beautiful city of Singapore, including touring incredible indoor gardens and sampling the local cuisine.

### USS Detroit (LCS 7)

On October 22, Detroit was commissioned in the ship's namesake city. Joining the crew to provide support was Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Richard Hoffner. Hoffner, who works at Home Depot in Jacksonville, Florida





▲ [LEFT] Mineman 1st Class Michael Gunter conducts maintenance on small arms during his time aboard USS Fort Worth (LCS 3). (U.S. Navy photo)

[RIGHT] Legalman 2nd Class Amanda Hirata, Gas Turbine Systems Technician 2nd Class Kenneth Adams, Master Chief Logistics Specialist Sharon Bryan on the fantail of USS Detroit (LCS 7) supporting the commissioning celebration. (U.S. Navy photo)

and is a budding film director, documented the ship's commissioning and first port call. In addition to Hoffner, several other Reservists filled important roles during the ship's commissioning and first port call, including security, public affairs, logistics and ceremonial support.

During their eight days with Detroit, the Reservist team earned praise from the crew's leadership.

"Given the multitude of tasks involved in making a commissioning week and ceremony a success, we were blessed to have the support of Reserve Sailors to make it all happen," said Cmdr. Mike Desmond, Detroit's commanding officer. "These Sailors filled many critical roles, from maintaining perimeter security at Detroit's GM Renaissance Center, to assisting with the week's logistics and coordination, to providing [public affairs] coverage, to serving as the ceremonial Color Guard. Without the outstanding assistance of our USNR shipmates, Detroit's inaugural visit to its namesake city would have been nowhere near as successful."

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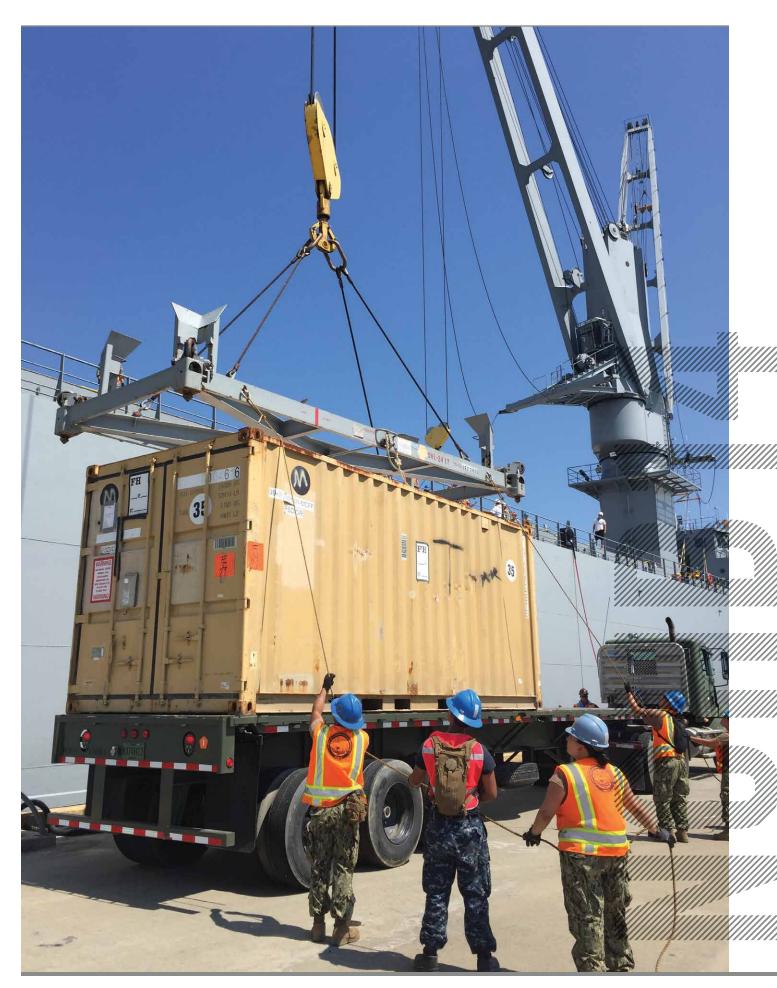
## LCS Reserves in the Future

The LCS Reserve community is on-track to become the largest Reserve organization. The NR LCS community has established nearly two dozen units across the country under two NR LCS squadron commodores based in San Diego, California and Mayport, Florida. Together, NR LCS leadership works with their active duty counterparts to optimize the role of the Reserve in supporting LCS around the world.

"The LCS Reserve enterprise continues to expand how we support our active duty counterparts. We are fortunate to have a robust working relationship at all levels of the chain of command. Sending Reserve Sailors to Singapore is a great example of the LCSRON requesting support and the Reserve enterprise surging to fill the need," stated Capt. Blackmon.

The Reserve Sailors who provided valuable support to Independence, Fort Worth and Detroit this year conceptually and successfully proved the viability of integrating Reserve Component Sailors with deployed LCS Crews.

"I'm excited to see the execution of these force multipliers in the coming year and beyond, which will aid us in maintaining a continuous presence in forward deployed theaters," said Capt. Jordy Harrison, commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron ONE. \$\ddot\$



# Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 14 Reserve Sailors Conduct Deployment Readiness Assessment

Lt. Bill Valente, SC, USN, Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Fourteen

ull-Time Support (FTS) and Selected Reserve (SELRES)
Sailors assigned to Navy Cargo Handling Battalion
(NCHB) 14 from Port Hueneme, California partnered
with Expeditionary Communications Detachment (ECD) 5
from San Diego, to conduct a Unit Level Training & Readiness
Assessment (ULT/RA) at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station in
Cheatham Annex, Virginia.

This evolution, which includes team training, watch station qualification, mock scenarios, and a final unit deployment readiness assessment, was facilitated by the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group (NAVELSG). This marked the final mobilization certification for NCHB 14, making them ready to deploy in support of worldwide contingency operations for FY17 and beyond.

Cmdr. Darin Perrine, commanding officer, NCHB 14 said, "I could not be more proud of my team! They performed admirably, even under difficult environmental and budgetary circumstances. The normal Fleet

Response Training Plan (FRTP) provides four years between these assessments but our Sailors were asked to accomplish their training and certify in only three years. I'd put my team up against any other cargo team out there. We Are Ready!"

NCHB 14 handlers worked around the clock during the assessment phase to ensure safe surface and air cargo movement operations, as well as cargo terminal operations. Expeditionary support of personnel and equipment was included indigenously without a hitch. Despite being short-handed and working 12-hour shifts in the Virginia heat and humidity, Sailors from each company honed their operational capability during mock equipment failures, resource limitations, and simulated attacks. The final assessment, which is executed and evaluated by the NAVELSG Training and Evaluation Unit (TEU), was designed to test the Sail under extreme conditions in support of mission requirements.

"I am absolutely blown away with the way all of these Sailors came together under these conditions and excelled as a team," said Master Chief Petty Officer Jeffrey Canter, command master chief NCHB 14. "It is a testament to their dedication, training and teamwork. I could not be more honored, than



- NCHB 14 Surface Company Sailors prepare to transfer a container from the pier to the vessel during the unit training phase of ULT/RA. (U.S. Navy photo)
- Air Cargo Company Sailors execute download and upload of air pallets to a modified C-130. (U.S. Navy photo)



I am at this time, to have worked with these Sailors in the field and realized the outcome of certification. We truly do 'Move the Navy!'"

The assessment was broken into two sections, NCHB 14's fuels company completing their training and assessment in May while the remaining ten companies, comprising the battalion's main body, completed their assessments in September. With the full certification, NCHB 14 is now ready to support worldwide deployment as a battalion unit-of-action in a contingency environment if required. NCHB 14 is currently scheduled to augment several deployed units in the United States Central Command area of responsibility.

"Despite funding issues due to a challenging budget year, our Sailors were ready and performed at a high level and accomplished our training and certification mission," said Lt. Cmdr. Talmadge, executive officer NCHB 14. "Everyone pulled together and succeeded in the areas we trained for. Our personnel worked very hard to prepare us for success. I couldn't be more proud of the officers, chiefs, and Sailors that came together to achieve the deployment certification."

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NCHB 14 is a Reserve expeditionary support unit headquartered in Port Hueneme, California with outlying companies in Phoenix, Arizona; San Diego: Sacramento: Los Angeles and Alameda, California. It has 349 activeduty, Reserve and FTS Sailors assigned to the unit. They provide trained, manned, and equipped expeditionary forces to support NAVELSG missions at home and abroad. The battalion's maritime forces ashore provide expeditionary cargo handling services for surface, air, and terminal operations, tactical fueling, and ordnance handling in support of worldwide Naval, Joint, interagency, and combined forces. NAVELSG is a Navy Expeditionary Combat Command unit and vital enabler of Maritime Prepositioning Forces (MPF), Joint Logistics Over The Shore (JLOTS) operations. **‡** 

- NCHB 14 expeditionary support company bravo provided food service during the unit training phase of ULT/RA. (U.S. Navy photo)
- ▼ A NCHB 14 Sailor maintains a defensive perimeter during the assessment phase of ULT/ RA where entry control point operations are tested and evaluated. (U.S. Navy photo)



## **Creating Better Opportunities in the Cloud**

By Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command N63 Cloud Services Program

n September 10, 2016, Petty Officer 1st Class DeMocha Gilliam became the first Navy Reserve Sailor to be migrated to the Reserve Cloud Connect (RC2) pilot program. She and 29 other Navy Reservists were excited at the chance to be Navy Reserve Forces Command's (RESFOR) operational cloud testers. Gilliam will have the opportunity to help RESFOR not only shape how Navy Reservists operate, but also how the entire Navy Information Technology (IT) support structure works in the very near future.

By now, you have likely heard the Navy plans to move 75 percent of all IT capabilities to the "cloud" by 2022. The term "cloud" can be used to cover many technologies, vendors and approaches to delivering IT services. This month we will take an in-depth look at the Reserve Cloud Connect (RC2) project powered by Microsoft Office 365, a cloud based collaboration and productivity platform provided by Microsoft.

IT services are not something our Navy
Reservists spend a lot of time thinking about
unless they aren't functioning properly. Thus, one might
wonder, "what's in RC2 for me?" Let us highlight a few of the
items that answer that question. All RC2 enabled Sailors will
receive the following:

- 100 GB primary NMCI mailbox "in the cloud"
- 100 GB archive NMCI mailbox "in the cloud"
- 1 TB of storage for files "in the cloud"
- Full suite of Microsoft Office applications through Office Online
- · Skype for Business for audio/video conferencing
- Anytime access via a browser

Let us start with the features Navy Reserve Sailors will see immediately. We will then cover some of those the Navy Reserve will begin to see over the next few months as the user base grows and the service offerings expand.

Larger mailboxes. Every user will move from the current (approximately 2 GB mailbox) to a 100 GB primary mailbox and 100 GB archive.

Flexibility in email. Access to Navy email at any time on computers with a supported browser and CAC reader. This approach creates flexibility for using the Navy Reserve Cloud services at a time and location that suits the user, not the provider. Having a browser based services provide the Navy with a great deal of flexibility and allows Sailor to always have the latest capabilities and features at their fingertips as soon as they become available.



Coming Soon: Major storage upgrade & SharePoint Online. In mid-FY17 RC2 will rollout 1 TB of storage for every Sailor in our pilot program. This capability along with SharePoint Online will allow Sailors a single location to store all their critical data. This will protect Sailors from hardware failures and make collaboration on files much easier and more interactive. Sailors will be able to take advantage of Office Online, a browser based version of the Office clients, to edit

and save files right to SharePoint Online sites or to their personal OneDrive storage site. Sailors will also be able to edit and collaborate real-time on a single file. This will ensure maximum productivity without the need to install Office on the local machine. Every bit of this data storage (at rest) and data processing (at use) meets personally identifiable information (PII), for official use only (FOUO) and mission unclassified handling security requirements.

Coming Soon Part 2: Skype for Business. Also anticipated for release in FY17, Skype for Business will be rolled out to RESFOR pilot users. Some Sailors are already familiar with Skype as they use it to communicate with loved-ones while away from home. Skype for Business will bring similar capabilities to the Navy. Skype for Business is a collaboration tool that can be used to share presence, instant messaging, application sharing and virtual meetings for up to 250 people. Presence allows Sailors to see when colleagues are available for collaborating and instant feedback. Conducting meetings via Skype for Business can also reduce the need for travel and enable more flexibility in working around complex schedules and in different time zones.

How can you sign up? Well, guess what? We need your help! We have made it very easy to get involved. Simply head to the Navy Reserve Homeport landing page and click on the RC2 symbol. Do it today as each member fills an Office 365 development license and they are going quickly!

# SPAWAR and Office of Naval Research Reservists support NATO Stem Event

By Lt. Cmdr. Peter Bradford, NR STRATCOM HQ

he Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE) is North Atlantic Treaty
Organization's (NATO) knowledge repository for maritime science and technology. It conducts research that enables NATO member nations to better protect their maritime interests. Additionally, CMRE provides enhancements to unmanned vehicles that better enable missions in hostile environments by avoiding, defeating and surviving attacks.

Furthering its work with unmanned vehicles, the CMRE enhances interoperability of unmanned vehicles and aims to enable NATO nations to work more effectively and efficiently together. One such example of this is the Student Autonomous Underwater Challenge – Europe (SAUC-E), which was recently held at the CMRE in La Spezia, Italy. Started in 2006, SAUC-E challenges the next generation of engineers to design and build an Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) that can perform realistic missions.

"SAUC-E advances the state-of-art of UUV by challenging multi-disciplinary teams of students and engineers, to perform an autonomous mission in the underwater environment," said Dr. Fausto Ferreira SAUC-E event organizer and technical director. "The event also aims to support the continuous exchange of ideas and the interdisciplinary interactions between researchers in the NATO countries, fostering ties with the new generation of engineers and sharing capabilities among allies, according to Smart Defence proposal."

Smart Defence is a new way of thinking about generating modern defence capabilities through a new culture of cooperation that means pooling and sharing skills, setting priorities and coordinating efforts better. In 2012, the Office of



Naval Research (ONR) and ONR Global started their sponsorship of SAUC-E. This year, Navy Reservists from the SPAWAR Reserve Program (SRP) and ONR Reserve Component (ONR-RC) supported the event in a collaborative effort.

"The Reserve support was primary to the success of the competition," said Dr. Ferreira. "The fact that they organized themselves to cover the several positions available and managed to ensure that there was always someone for each post was very helpful. Without the Reserve support, the competition would be

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"We served as judges and coxswains, provided sonar operation, waterfront operations, and safety checks," said Capt. Allen Lytle, representative from ONR.

Part of this cadre of Reservists also consisted of several Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) officers from the SRP who provided a dive site inspection in order to support Reserve divers next year.

"Unfortunately, we weren't able to get any U.S. divers in the water this year," said Cmdr. Jim Mason, commanding officer SPAWAR 1010 and EOD officer. "But part of our job was to set up the proper relationships and gather required information so as to establish a U.S. military dive capability for future events."



Civilian divers were used to move task objects and to recover UUVs that would not surface on command.

"There have been some diving incidents of late, so we needed to be 100 percent by the book with any Reserve diving, especially overseas," said Lt. Cmdr. Steve Johnson, a SPAWAR and EOD officer.

Dr. Vladi Djapic, SSC-PAC and one of the active-duty sponsors for the SRP Unmanned Vehicles Program, started SAUC-E when he was assigned to the CMRE. "Each team consists of at least 75 percent of student designs, resulting in a UUV capable of performing realistic missions," said Dr. Djapic.

Although held in a shelter harbor, teams deal with real life conditions such as limited visibility, salt water and even fish, with no control, guidance or communication.

The UUVs must perform a series of tasks autonomously, which include the passage of a validation gate, inspection of a wall to find a buoy, creation of a 3-D image of an underwater structure, sea floor mapping and detection of a black box at the bottom of the competition arena. The tasking even had a search and rescue component, as each team had to find a sunken mannequin. Teams use various sensors including cameras and scanning sonar. Additionally, teams received subjective points from their journal paper, static display, and innovation. Each time also has a chance at discretionary points which were rewarded after the last competition run.

Individually, each team tries to earn the maximum number of points for each task, and hopefully win the competition. Overall, the competition looks to improve the technology and individual understanding of the systems, software, autonomy, and cognition of the UUVs that participate in the SAUC-E competition through collaboration with other teams, professors, government and



■ Left to right: Brig. Gen. Stuart Risch, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency commander; Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Rockwell, U.S. Air Force deputy staff judge advocate; Vice Adm. James W. Crawford III, judge advocate general of the Navy; and Col. Michael Smidt, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) staff judge advocate; provide their senior-level perspectives on legal support to combatant commands during the Advanced Operations Law Conference. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Lovelady)

▲ Lt. Cmdr. Peter Bradford, a Navy Reservist judge advocate assigned to Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, USSTRATCOM, and Major Erik M. Mudrinich, Chief of Space Law, USSTRATCOM discuss rules of engagement pertaining to space operations in preparation for night watch in support of Global Lightning/Austere Challenge 2017. (DoD photo)

industry partners, and sponsors. Lectures were presented by subject matter experts.

"In all, the competition had an excellent learning environment," said Cmdr. Gary Anaya, SAUC-E judge.

Italy provided a hot and humid work environment that required a lot of sun screen. But as Cmdr. Mason said, "Yeah, I wanted to jump in the water every day to cool off, but the food was awesome. Whether on base or in town. I remember a great Italian dining facility (DFAC) in Afghanistan, I loved having that cooking again."

"I've helped at RobotX in Singapore and several RoboSub Competitions in San Diego," said Chief Petty Officer Kyle Allen, a member of SPAWAR and a veteran of STEM events. "It's great working with the students, but I liked the NATO aspect to this event."

This year's competition had teams from Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Hungary, United Kingdom, and the Canary Islands.

"It's a great event for the Reserve. You travel to an interesting place, and get to interact, and sometimes mentor with students from all over Europe," said Capt. Lytle. "It's a win/win. Show the flag, be an ambassador for the Navy and Reserve, and see Italy."

## Good Ideas Come from Everywhere!

ARE YOU A SAILOR WHO IS FRUSTRATED BY CERTAIN POLICIES? DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA AND NO ONE IS LISTENING? NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

By Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command N5 Force Policy Board

very Reserve Sailor has direct access to submit suggestions to the Chief of the Navy Reserve (CNR). Let that sink in for a moment. You, a Sailor with access to the Navy Reserve Homeport, can submit your innovative ideas, policy suggestions, and proposals for how we can best conduct business and better take care of our Sailors.

What's the catch? There isn't one! Here are three recent examples:

- Remember those times you had to originate travel from a location other than your home of record and couldn't? One of your NR Sailors fixed that right up and your frustrations were heard. The idea to fix this problem was elevated to the Reserve Forces Policy Board and resulted in a change to the JTR.
- · How many of you have worked in admin, tracking and signing a million muster sheets every DWE? Problem fixed. Through the NRPB, a Sailor suggested enhancing EDM capabilities to allow digitally signing muster sheets.

• NROWS + DTS / order dates = an equation that's frustrating to solve. Thanks to a great idea submitted by a Sailor, you now have the ability to schedule/execute travel outside of order dates in NROWS and DTS. #lessheadaches = #winning!

Cmdr. Michael Frey recently submitted an idea to eliminate the annual MRR submission requirement and only require resubmission if there were significant adverse changes.

"The process was a heck of a lot easier than I expected and I wish I would have done it sooner." Frey said. "It was after 36 years of service that I learned about submitting suggestions to the Navy Reserve Policy Board. I wasn't sure what

"I have to say that I am really shocked that my submission made it through the first round...so when I saw the email asking for policy at the opportunity. What is the worst thing that could happen, other than the board saving "thanks for your recommendation but we are not forwarding it on for further consideration. What is the best thing that could happen... impacting the careers of our fellow Sailors, which is just fascinating to me. Let me know if you need to discuss this issue or how I can play a part in shaping policy in the World's Finest Navy! 99

> ISC Phil Schoolcraft **NOSC Washington DC Defense Intelligence Agency**

to expect, but was quite surprised and pleased at the quick response and action. The team took the issue and ran to the end zone! I'm happy that there is a good process to make changes to policy, and I will certainly teach my Sailors that this option is open to them."

Rear Adm. Grafton Chase commented, "Great innovative ideas come from everywhere, from every Sailor. I highly value all ideas no matter how seemingly far fetched and encourage their submission. Those are the ones that make huge changes and improvements on how we operate, making a better, more effective and competitive Navy of the future.

Here's how it works: Bursting with your great idea, you log into your account on Navy Reserve Private Homeport (https://private.navyreserve.navy.mil) and click on the "Have an Innovative Idea or Policy Suggestion" button on the left. Fill in a simple online form asking for details about your idea and hit submit! It's that simple, so why are you waiting? ‡



## Our Strength is our People... Every Sailor Matters

MISSION: THE MISSION OF THE NAVY RESERVE IS TO DELIVER STRATEGIC DEPTH AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY TO THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AND JOINT FORCES.

FEBRUARY 2017

48,054

Selected Reserve (SELRES)

35,398 Enlisted 12.656 Officer

2,657

Mobilized to Active Duty

700

Active Duty Special Work

1,909

Annual Training

1,551

Active Duty for Training



▲ Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Kyle Miller, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 85 (HSC 85) conducts flight control maintenance on one of the squadron's HH60-H aircraft. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Chad M. Butler)

13,493

Total Reserve Performing Operational Support (24%)

10,035

Full-Time Support (FTS)

8,507 Enlisted 1.528 Officer

50,582
Individual Ready

Reserve (IRR)

## CITIZEN PATRIOT

## **Deadrea Mitchell**

Navy Operational Support Center Atlanta

## **HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR**

Deadrea Mitchell is the Human Resources Coordinator, New Accession Coordinator and Command Path Coordinator for Navy Operational Support Center Atlanta. She is responsible for administration and oversight for Reserve services and manpower activities for 30 units and more than 1,200 Navy Reserve members.

Mitchell began her career in the records management department at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee, over 16 years ago. For the past 10 years, Mitchell has been placing recruits and serving as the go-to career adviser at NOSC Atlanta, where she is known for her vast knowledge of military policies, dedication and straightforward manner.

When Mitchell isn't helping Sailors, she is volunteering at an assisted-living home or making her famous dressing for the command's potluck dinners.





"I want Sailors to know that if I say that I'm going to do something, it's going to get done, and if I can't assist them, I will find someone who can."

## FACES OF THE FORCE



### NAVY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER ROCK ISLAND

**Personal Specialist Seamen Brianna Abidin.** Seaman Abidin was recently honored as the Blue Jacket of the Quarter, Q3 and Q4 2016 at Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island, Illinois. Abidin has made herself an integral part of the team as a member of manpower department, SAPR team, assistant command fitness leader, and Reserve Pay coordinator. Abidin entered boot camp in July 2015 and checked into NOSC Rock Island in October 2015. Abidin is also working toward her associates in Biblical Studies through Moody Bible Institute.



## NAVY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER LOUISVILLE

**Yeoman 1st Class Charlie Cox.** YN1 Cox enlisted in the United States Navy in 1998 and has held a variety of billet assignments including, instructor duty at Navy Reserve Professional Development Center New Orleans, where he earned his MOVSM and MTS certification. He volunteered for a one year mobilization to Baghdad, Iraq, where he earned his Expeditionary Warfare Specialist qualification. Currently, he serves as the Command Services department head, security manager and mobilization officer at Navy Operational Support Center Louisville.



### NAVY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER SAN DIEGO

**Personal Specialist 2nd Class Jessica M. Freeman.** PS2 Freeman serves as the Career Counselor for NOSC San Diego. She processes reenlistments, extensions, retirements, RC2AC packages and rating conversions for 1,600 active-duty, FTS and SELRES. Additionally, Freeman serves as the Assistant Educational Services Officer, where she ensures that examination worksheets are created and all exams are ordered for advancement candidates. Freeman is very active with the Command's MWR program and volunteers with two different San Diego area animal rescue agencies.



### NAVY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER CHARLOTTE

Chief Master-At-Arms Richard F. Pierce. Chief Pierce is a SELRES currently assigned to the Navy Operational Support Center Charlotte's Staff on ADSW. He was solely responsible for the development of the Navy's first Navy Operational Support Center Armed Watch Stander Program to include 3M, Post Orders, Pre-Planned Responses (PPRs), and Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) instructions. His collateral duties include Urinalysis Coordinator and Command Fitness Leader. Additionally, MAC served on active duty for six years in the United States Marine Corps.



## NAVY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER SACRAMENTO

**Electronics Technician 1st Class Kelly Schwab.** Serving as the LPO for Expeditionary Maintenance Detachment T, ET1 Schwab recently trained and successfully qualified seven Sailors in theater anti-submarine warfare watchstations during RIMPAC 2016, gaining her recognition from Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Rear Adm. Roegge. Schwab is also an active participant in the NOSC Sacramento funeral honor guard and has provided administrative support to Submarine Squadron 11 Emergency Control Center on multiple occasions.

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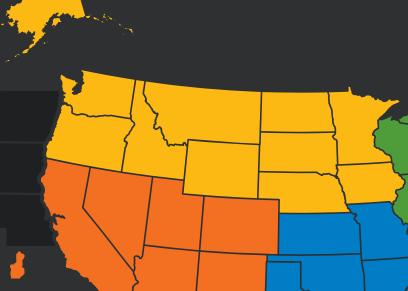
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