

HOMECOMING

Sailors of Naval Reserve Force Coastal Minehunter USS SHRIKE (MHC 62) return to their home port of Ingleside, Texas, after a two-month deployment to the U.S. East Coast. Among those deploying to participate in a number of exercises, including Joint Task Force Exercise 02-1 with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY Battle Group and USS WASP Amphibious Ready Group, were 58 Full Time Support (TAR) Reservists, including 10 aboard SHRIKE. See page 5.

U.S. Navy photo by LT Marc Boyd

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Orange Center wins award for Family Readiness

ORANGE, Texas—Naval Reserve Center Orange, Texas, was recognized for its family readiness and mission support program during DoD ceremonies on Feb. 15 at the Pentagon.

Craig W. Duehring, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, presented an award for the Naval Reserve's top family readiness program to LCDR Darlene Bennett, NAVRESCEN Orange's commanding officer. The Center was honored for its ombudsman program and for focusing attention on financial concerns of Reserve families.

"We spend a lot of effort pulling families into mission readiness through the Internet, photos and media coverage," said Bennett. "When family members are able to see what their loved ones are doing on a drill weekend, they are more understanding and supportive of the military."

Centers from each of the six other Reserve components were also recognized for excellent family readiness and mission support programs. Units with winning programs were selected from a pool of noteworthy units throughout the U.S., Guam and Puerto Rico. Nominees were sent to Duehring's office for final approval. The DoD Reserve Family Readiness Awards program was established in 2000.

—From releases by JO3(SW) Erika L. Carrillo of NR REDCOM South and by Rudi Williams of American Forces Press Service

Patrol Wing squadron gets updated aircraft

The VP-62 "Broadarrows," based out of Jacksonville, Fla., will be the first Reserve squadron to be outfitted with the Navy's newest P-3 Orion variant Aircraft Improvement Program (AIP). The first aircraft is in modification and will be delivered to the "Broadarrows" this summer.

AIP enhances Reserve integration for Fleet contributory support as well as wartime mobilization. AIP significantly improves P-3 aircraft multi-mission capabilities for Fleet operations through system improvements in C4I interoperability, standoff target classification, improved survivability and enhanced weapons capability. It includes missile warning and countermeasures, Maverick missile system, tactical display upgrades, satellite communications data link, and improved electro-optics, including night capability.

Around the globe, Naval Reserve Patrol squadrons operate, providing three forward-deployed detachments year-round in support of Fleet surveillance, counternarcotics ops (see story at right) and antisubmarine warfare missions. Reserve P-3s support 7th Fleet in the Western Pacific out of Misawa and Kadena, Japan, and participate



Photo by CDR Glenn Tracy

FORCE PROTECTION FOR PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT—Reservists from three units escorted USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) during a February transit through the Panama Canal. Above, Reservist MA1 Dan Boehler mans the M-16 sniper position among masts in the tail of ALASKA. He and other members of NR COMSUBGRU TEN Force Protection Det One from Adelphi, Md., Det Two from Amityville, N.Y., and NR COMSUBGRU NINE Force Protection Det TWO from Alameda, Calif., provided teams of snipers, security watchmen and security response.—CDR Glenn Tracy

'Tridents' tough on drug cartels in surveillance ops

Working closely with U.S. Coast Guard and Navy warships, the "Tridents" of VP-65 spent six weeks in Latin America this winter fighting the war on drugs.

Operating P-3C Orion aircraft upgraded with state-of-the-art avionics and optics, air crews patrolled more than 2.5 million square miles of ocean in the Eastern Pacific and Caribbean in search of elusive "go-fast" boats and support ships used by drug cartels. "Go-fasts" are high-powered speed boats capable of transporting tons of illegal contraband. "Support ships" are fuel and supply replenishment vessels for the speedboats.

"One of the keys to our mission was finding the support ships," explained an aircraft commander. "Once you neutralize the supply vessels, 'go-fasts' are unable to refuel and reach their destination. The difficulty is that these support ships are often disguised as normal, lawful fishing vessels."

New Order Writing System testing and training begins

Commander, Naval Reserve Force (COMNAVRESFOR) continues to progress toward deployment of the New Order Writing System (NOWS).

Initial Integration Testing by members of NAS JRB New Orleans and REDCOM SOUTHEAST provided valuable input.

System Acceptance Testing is scheduled for the week of March 11. Follow-on testing will begin in April and will involve numerous field sites.

Testing sites will be deployed in four increments; every NOWS site to be given the opportunity to test the system before it is implemented for Fiscal Year 2003 orders in August 2002.

The goal is to provide hands-on training for least one or two persons from each order writing site on the use of NOWS and associated policies that go with the new system. Work is still underway with the Naval Reserve Professional Development Center (NRPDC) in New Orleans on specific training dates. The dates will be published and posted on the Web.

COMNAVRESFOR's plan is to bring personnel to NRPDC for three to four days of training. This training will concentrate on the Full Time Support staff at orderwriting sites and on fund managers who will manage and approve funding for orders.

The updated Order Writing Instruction is close to completion. The NOWS Team is working this issue and will ensure all new policies and instructions are an integral part of the training processes for NOWS.

For Selected Reservists members entering their orders online and unit Commanding Officers approving those orders, COMNAVRESFOR will provide robust online help and on-line tutorials where appropriate.

Members can also receive assistance from their local Naval Reserve Center or servicing activity.

The system was developed with easy-to-use instructions to enable any member who can buy a book online to be able to enter their basic application information in NOWS and submit them to their unit commanding officer or training Officer for approval.

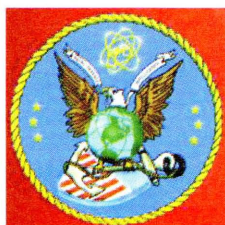
—Neil Clement, COMNAVRESFOR N6



Force Master Chief

Tax information is offered on the Internal Revenue Service Web site at www.irs.gov. Reservists can enter key words to search on various topics (such as "military deductions," etc.) to find useful information.

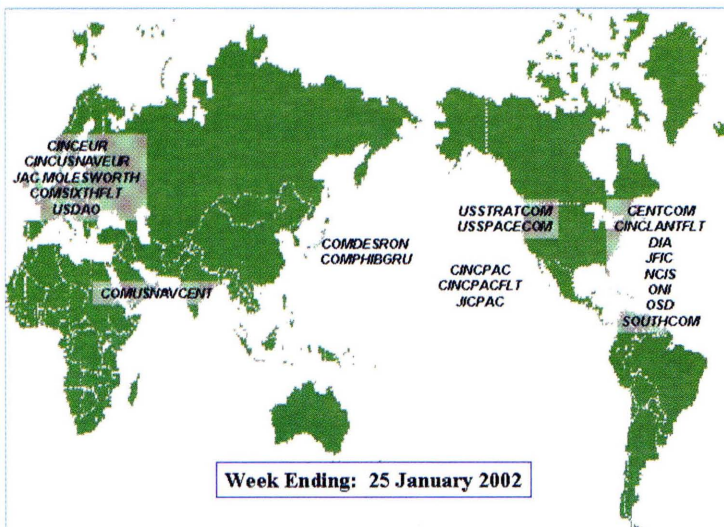
Note: For news of more updates, see the “What’s New” section on page 3 of this NRN issue.



Naval Reserve Intelligence



Naval Reserve Intelligence Command Units Around the Nation



Commands recently supported by Reserve Intelligence



U.S. Navy photo by LT Marc Boyd

Maintenance personnel from Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15 prepare a Mk 105 minesweeping sled for towing operations in the Gulf of Mexico. An MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopter will tow the sled with a 450-foot cable through simulated mine fields. A gas turbine engine on the sled generates electrical power and sends it to cables connected to the sled. The cables can simulate the magnetic or acoustic signature of a ship, causing a sea mine to detonate.

Helo squadron tests minesweeping sled

By LT Marc Boyd, Mine Warfare Command Public Affairs Officer

A thunderous roar broke the peaceful sounds of Mustang Island State Park near Corpus Christi, Texas, in February when an MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopter lumbered a mere 125 feet above the dunes. A storm of sand and sea spray clouded the otherwise clear sky. It wasn't an amphibious invasion, but a vital training mission that Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15 (HM-15), an integrated squadron with 390 active duty Navy, 120 TAR and 78 SELRES personnel, based at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, rarely gets to perform.

The mission? Tow operations with an Mk 105 Minesweeping Sled, standard equipment for HM-15. Pilots and aircrews regularly practice hooking up equipment, then towing it through simulated mine fields in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The purpose of the Mk 105 is to generate a magnetic field that simulates a real ship," explained LT Jeff Farlin, an HM-15 pilot. "We're trying to trick the mine into thinking that a real ship is passing over it, which detonates the mine. Our helicopter is a good way to clear mines. It's fast and can get to an area quickly," Farlin continued. "Once we clear an area, it allows other amphibious operations to take place."

"It's important that we maintain this capability," AE1(AW) Robert York, of Dallas, stated. "We're tasked to be able to do this mission from a beach site anywhere in the world. No matter where we are called, we have to be able to do it. We need to know all the particulars about doing this and work out all the bugs so that when we get there, we're ready to roll."

The Mustang Island training site offers a realistic training environment. As the massive 21-ton helo hovered overhead,



U.S. Navy photo by LT Marc Boyd

AM2 Jeremy Freehuff of Sandy, Ore., watches an MH-53E Sea Dragon from HM-15 tow a Mk 105 minesweeping sled into the Gulf of Mexico.

an aircrewman dropped a line out the back. Another aircrewman on the ground rushed out into the surf to tie the tow cable to the line which was then hauled into the helo and secured to the tow boom.

The Sea Dragons' three turboshaft engines produce more than 13,000 horsepower and hurricane force winds, creating a haze of salt and sand. "This is the hardest part of the entire exercise," Farlin yelled over the roar of the helo's engines. "There's a lot of coordination that goes on. Everyone is on radios talking to each other, making sure that we're doing it the right way, and we're doing it safe. Once in the Gulf, we'll practice towing tracks in a simulated mine field about a mile away," Farlin continued. "We pretend there are real mines in the field, which is basically an area that the helo will tow back and forth in looking for a simulated mine threat. Our job is to detonate those mines using our magnetic influence system."

COMMANDER'S VIEW



VADM John B. Totushek, USNR
Commander, Naval Reserve Force

Dear Shipmates,

This month we bring you up-to-date on one of the most needed quality-of-service improvements we have delivered in recent memory: the New Order Writing System, or NOWS.

This capability will be a tremendous improvement in terms of delivering orders and tickets in a reasonable amount of time. It has implications for exciting changes in the way we do business as well. Obviously, it will make order requests input more accurate and, hence, shorten delivery time.

Having the ability to push decision-making for travel much further down the chain of command will allow us to make smarter decisions. The system will allow us to make decisions in dollars rather than man-days — real savings, which will help us get the most from our AT and ADT money. If you want to learn more, check out the COMNAVRESFOR Web page at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/.

Recruiting is still a challenge for us even though the tide of patriotism is running high in America. We are finding that many veterans leaving active duty at this time are hesitant to join us because they think that there is good chance that they will be mobilized. You can help by getting leads from people you meet who may want to be part of our great team.

Be on the lookout for sharp young men and women who meet our qualifications, and talk with them about the Naval Reserve. Tell them that you will have a recruiter call them and then get the lead to your local recruiter; if you are not near a recruiter, call 1-800-USA-USNR.

We will be emphasizing change of rating for Sailors from over-manned ratings to those that are under-manned. If you are in an over-manned rating, talk to either a recruiter or your command about a change of rating. Under certain circumstances, you may be eligible for a bonus and you will certainly increase your promotion opportunity.

We are working with Navy commands and BUPERS to identify Reserve requirements that will go beyond the one-year policy that the Secretary of Defense has established. Our intent will be to set up a detailing shop in Millington, Tenn., that will balance requirements of the Navy with needs of the Reservist. We are also working with active duty commands to ensure that we are mobilizing Reservists only for the War on Terrorism and not to fix under-manning problems.

Thank you all for your dedication and service. You are making a difference. Take care of each other this month.

J. B. Totushek

J. B. TOTUSHEK
Vice Admiral, U.S. Naval Reserve

View Online:

VADM Totushek's
Testimony
as Chief of Naval Reserve
before the

WHAT'S NEW

ISSUE

• **High Year Tenure (HYT)**
Policy for E-4 Drilling Reservists

SUMMARY

Authorizes waivers for E-4 drilling Reservists who reach HYT in CY 02 to remain in pay status in specified rates.
(New message COMNAVRESFOR 311100Z JAN 02 cancels COMNAVRESFOR 021000Z NOV 2000.)

REFERENCE

Correction: ALNAVRESFOR 004/02, para. 1, should read "CY 02" not "03."
Web site: www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/n01a_com/admin/00402.htm
Contact: PNC Liedy, (504) 678-5158 (DSN 678)

• **Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA)**

Encourages Senior Chiefs (active and Reserve) to submit applications to attend USN SEA. See Web site for requirements.

Message: COMNAVRESFOR 110100Z FEB 02
Web site: www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/

• **Family SGLI**
(Servicemember Group Life Insurance)

Mobilized Reservists need to be aware that Family SGLI premiums are being paid on their behalf (but not deducted from their pay). This means that members who enrolled in Family SGLI (automatic unless they "opted out") are receiving coverage while mobilized, with a debt (of premium costs) accruing on the member's DJMS(RC) pay account. The debt will start to be recouped when a member demobilizes and returns to drilling status.

Message: COMNAVRESFOR 121100Z OCT 01
Web site: www.cnet.navy.mil/sea/default.htm

Message: COMNAVRESFOR 211405Z FEB 02
Web site: www.navres.navy.mil

OPPORTUNITIES

Balkans Peacekeeping Forces

Reservists on Presidential Reserve Callup are needed to support the CTF-67 P-3 Imagery Detachment for peacekeeping forces in the Balkans. The following billets are opening in the next few months:

- **Operator** (E-5/6, usually OS, AW). Operates radios and video download, communicates with planes, performs administrative functions and acts as LPO.
- **Liaison Officer** (O-3 to O-5, aviation designators or Intel eligible). Leadership ability is required. Officers work closely with HQ and Intel staffs at sites and often brief senior officers.
- **Officer-In-Charge** (O-5). Reports to CTF-67, is responsible for entire detachment. Key requirements are leadership and ability to interact with a major HQ staff.

At each of three sites, a Liaison Officer and enlisted operators (Reserve, active duty Navy and Marine) work closely with HQ and Intel staffs to provide real-time video from P-3 missions at three sites in Bosnia (Sarajevo, Mostar and Tuzla) and one site in Kosovo (Pristina). Personnel assigned generally get to rotate between sites.

A Presidential Recall (normally for 270 days at these sites) entitles a Reservist to return to his or her pay billet, employer protection and the Soldiers and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (interest reduction on loans, etc.). Full pay and allowances for active duty plus Hostile Fire Pay and Family Separation Allowance may be authorized at \$150 and \$100 per month, respectively. For enlisted, all pay is tax-free. For officers approximately \$4,700 is tax-free (allowances are always tax-free). Participants earn two 96-hour passes and 22 days of leave.

Point of Contact is Officer-In-Charge CDR Byron Joseph II, e-mail byron.joseph@s4usnic.army.mil. Mailing address is: CDR Byron Joseph II, USNIC/P-3 Imagery Det, Operation Joint Forge, APO AE 09780. Applicants should include a resume or information about themselves.

ADSW Opportunity

The Joint and Contingency TAD Assignments Branch of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO N123C) has ADSW billets available now. Reservists are needed to augment Joint, United Nations and NATO operations worldwide. ADSW orders are normally for 179 days. Reservists are currently supporting operations such as *Joint Forge* in Europe and *Southern Watch* in the Middle East. Skills particularly needed at this time include:

- **Officers** - TACAIR aviators, Intelligence and Supply
- **Enlisted** - Ratings IS, OS, and IT

Interested Reservists are invited to check the N123C web site at www.bupers.navy.mil/jtad/jtad.html to review the current list of billets available and apply for a billet online.

Points of contact are CDR John Kroft, n123c@bupers.navy.mil, (703) 695-3748, DSN 225-3748 and PNC Cathy Drew, n123c1@bupers.navy.mil, (703) 614-4088, DSN 224-4088. Fax is (703) 695-9940 or DSN 225-9940.

Reserve Public Affairs Leadership Symposium

The 2002 Senior Reserve Public Affairs Leadership Symposium for Naval Reserve PAO unit commanding officers, senior Reserve PAOs and senior enlisted (LPO or Chiefs) will be held May 4-5 in Hampton Roads, Va., at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Conference Center, 1-800-872-6338.

Members should submit requests for two-day IDT orders via local Naval Reserve Activities. Points of Contact are LT Phaedra Link, e-mail nib102@yahoo.com, for logistics and assistance; and CDR Phil Garcia, e-mail garciap@lanthsa.navy.mil for agenda and speaker information.

For more information and to register online, log on to <http://paosis.tripod.com>.

Essay Contest

"Combat Readiness in a Joint Context" is the topic for the 9th annual Armed Forces Joint Warfighting Essay Contest announced by the U.S. Naval Institute.

The top three essayists receive \$2,500, \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. Prize-winning essays will be published in the October 2002 issue of *Proceedings*.

The contest is open to everyone. Essays, which must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2002, may be heavy in uniservice detail, but must have joint application.

"We're looking for persuasive discussions of joint warfighting—tactics, strategy, weaponry, operations or other issues involving two or more services," says Julie Olver, managing editor of *Proceedings*.

Essays must be original works of 3,000 words or less, excluding footnotes and text accompanying graphic elements. They must not be currently submitted or previously published elsewhere. Shorter opinion pieces or professional notes, typically 2,000-word technical arguments, also may be competitive. For details, visit www.navalinstitute.org.

Public Affairs in Chile

Reservists on Annual Training (AT) are needed to support U.S. Military Group Chile during *Feria Internacional Del Aire Y Espacio (FIDAE)* in Santiago. Two-week ATs may be conducted March 18 to April 15. Applicants (officer or enlisted) must speak basic Spanish, have an official passport and have all level one (1) anti-terrorism and other required courses completed for overseas deployment. Duties may vary from manning the JIB and providing basic admin support to working as an escort officer to flag officers. Interested Selected Reservists may contact LTJG Frank C. Kostenko, e-mail kostenkf@santiago.mg.southcom.mil. Mail address is USNRTCA FIDAE Coord, US MILG-Chile Unit 4116; APO AA 34033. Phone is 011-56-2-330-3105 or 3435; fax is 011-56-2-330-3171. Trunk to Embassy is (301) 985-9349 or DSN 294-9000. Dial Tone, 8-843 3378/3123/3171/310.

Construction Skills Wanted

The Naval Reserve needs new members with experience in the following areas:

- **Construction Electrician.** Do you know someone whose civilian job involves installing and repairing interior wiring, operating and servicing electrical equipment, overhead and underground primary/secondary distribution systems? He or she may be eligible to join the Seabees as a Construction Mechanic.
- **Construction Mechanic.** Do you know someone whose civilian job involves maintenance, repair and overhaul of automotive engines (diesel and gasoline) and construction equipment? Who supervises others in equipment repair? He or she may be eligible to join the Seabees as a Construction Mechanic.

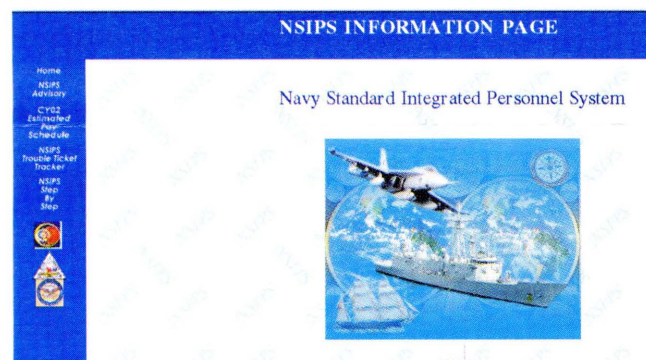
Tell your friends about these great opportunities to serve in the Naval Reserve. For more information, contact a local Reserve recruiter, visit Web site www.navy-reserve-jobs.com or call toll-free 1-800-USA-USNR.

APPLY Deadline

Selected Reserve officers looking for their next pay billet in Fiscal Year 2003 command or non-command positions must apply online at www.apply.nola.navy.mil. The deadline for APPLY registration is April 30.

For more opportunities, Reservists may browse the Force's Web site and its related links at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor.

Reservists can track personal pay issues on NSIPS Web site



HELP FOR RESERVE PAY PROBLEMS—Naval Reservists can now view the progress of their personal pay issues online at www.nsipshelp.navy.mil. Updated weekly, this Web site offers a list of all trouble tickets (by Reserve Center) and current status of resolution. Also offered are DFAS pay dates and NSIPS (Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System) advisories. Especially useful for Full Time Support personnel are the Web site's step-by-step procedures for Reserve personnel "gains" and ad hoc report writing.

—PNCS(SW) Darren Darby, COMNAVSURFRESFOR N11A, e-mail: darbyd@cnrf.navy.mil

Reservists can tell others about Force issues

By CAPT Jean Roberts, COMNAVSURFRESFOR Executive Steering Committee PAO



The colossal role of U.S. Naval Forces stays center court in the minds of VADM Totushek and other members of COMNAVSURFRESFOR's Executive Steering Committee. Their focus remains on the urgent business of building and maintaining a strong Navy/Naval Reserve.

You, as a Naval Reservist, are part of our success story — and there is more you can do. Each month, COMNAVSURFRESFOR highlights an "issue of the month." You can help by knowing the issue of the month and then doing one thing to put the word out about that issue. It's that simple!

We ask that you "Do One Thing" to let others know our vital role in our nation's defense. Talk to others (Reservists, family members, community members) and let them know what's going on. The more people know about their Naval Force, the more they will support it. Write to me at jroberts@pjic.edu and tell me the one thing you did this month to get the word out. I will share your story with the ESC. Here are issues of the month.



Photo by LCDR J. Michael Smith

COLD WEATHER OPERATIONS—Among warfighting capabilities that Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital personnel must have is the ability to provide medical treatment for wounded troops in high-altitude, cold weather, mountainous environments. During exercise *Winter Angel 02*, 70 Reservists of Fleet Hospital Dallas trained at an altitude of 10,000 feet in the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif. Above, a sled team transports a "patient" to the Battalion Aid Station. Fleet Hospital Reservists gained experience in dealing with cold weather injuries, trauma assessment and transport using snowshoes and skis. They also tested their ability to construct an Expeditionary Medical Facility and use Fleet Hospital assets in a cold, adverse environment.—LCDR J. Michael Smith

No Cold War Medal for legal wear on uniform

WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense will not be creating a Cold War Service medal, and commemorative medals being sold by private vendors are not authorized for wear on military uniforms, defense officials said.

"After careful consideration, it was decided not to create a medal," said Brad Look, deputy director of Office and Enlisted Management Personnel for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. "Throughout the Cold War years, commanders used a full spectrum of individual, unit and service awards to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of service members," he said.

Certificate for Eligible Applicants

informing them of approval of a Cold War medal, according to Arlette King, chief of policy for the Army Award Branch. "We've tried to correct the issue by posting messages on our Web site stating that there is not an authorized medal," King said. Several different designs of medals are offered on the Internet and even at military clothing sales stores. "This is America. Anyone can purchase a commemorative medal from private vendors—just not wear it on a uniform."

It is illegal to wear unauthorized medals on a military uniform, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, uniform policy noncommissioned officer of the Army Deputy Chief of



US Navy photo by LT Marc Boyd

TEAMWORK—Sailors strain to take slack out of the bow line as USS SHRIKE (MHC 62) returns to its homeport of Ingleside, Texas. The Naval Reserve Force Coastal Mine Hunter deployed Dec. 27 for a two-month deployment to the U.S. East Coast. SHRIKE, along with four other ships of Mine Warfare Readiness Group Four, participated in a number of exercises, including Joint Task Force Exercise 02-1 with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY Battle Group and USS WASP Amphibious Ready Group.—LT Marc Boyd

Surface leader talks about mobilization, customer service

RADM John Debbout assumed command of the Naval Surface Reserve Force last summer. Since then, approximately 10,000 Reservists have been mobilized to support our nation's War on Terrorism. More than one out of every 10 drilling Reservists has been recalled or is in the mobilization pipeline. The recall has underlined an urgent need to reduce paperwork and to establish a more "customer service" oriented system aimed at giving Reservists the tools and the help they need to focus their work on actions that directly support the Fleet. RADM Debbout recently shared the following for NRN readers in an interview:

Q: What does the future hold for further Naval Reserve involvement in the War on Terrorism?

A. We are making a real difference in this war. Our nation's high level of confidence in the Naval Reserve is a direct result of our achievements, particularly since Sept. 11. Looking ahead, it's clear that we will be called upon to do even more in the areas of Homeland Defense and direct support to the Fleet overseas. Now, we must provide continuous, ongoing support over what will likely be a long period of time.

Q: How is this mobilization different from previous recalls?

A. Due to the unique nature of this war and the downsizing of the active duty force over the past decade, there is pressing need today for far more Reserve support than ever before. Unlike the past, this need will continue for years rather than months.

Q: What are you hearing from the Fleet about the Reservists who have been recalled?

A. Great things! Every day I hear active duty Commanding Officers and Master Chiefs extol the profes-

sionalism of our people and their excellent work and enthusiasm. What's particularly exciting for me is to hear these leaders describe how they can no longer distinguish between Reservist and active duty—all they see are dedicated Sailors doing their jobs. We are one force, working together toward a common goal.

Q: You frequently talk about the need to improve "customer service" throughout the Force. Why is this so critical?

A. We're asking for a tremendous commitment today from our people. We owe it to them to respect the impact these added demands have on their lives. It's essential that we do whatever it takes to make it as easy as possible for them to do business with their Reserve Centers. In today's environment, we can't afford to lose good people. More than anything else, we need to take care of our people.

Q: What's being done to enhance customer service at Naval Reserve Centers?

A. You'll see many positive changes in the months to come. A good example is our New Order Writing System (NOWS), a streamlined, Web-based process that will reduce paperwork and get orders much more quickly to Reservists. We clearly need more consistency among our Centers so that drilling Reservists know that no matter where they are, they can reach NRC staff for help. Ensuring that we are meeting their needs is our number one priority; and we will do whatever is necessary to meet that mark.

Q: What can individual Sailors do to make the Naval Reserve more efficient and effective?

A. I want each Reservist to pass along, through his or her chain of command, ideas for streamlining the system. Challenges posed by the War on Terrorism require

the best thinking of each of us who wears the Navy uniform. We need their help so that we can not only fight hard, but also fight smart. I also want us to rethink our policies to simplify processes. If a policy doesn't pass the "common sense" test, I want to know about it.

Q: What do unit Commanding Officers and senior enlisted leaders need to know about your views on leadership?

A. I echo the CNO's recent statement that leadership is the foundation of our profession. In leading well, we honor the promises made by our Sailors to serve. In return, we must fulfill promises to enhance their growth and development. I firmly believe that our people will do the right thing. My job is to support our commanders and senior enlisted leadership and give them the tools they need to do their jobs. I want unit skippers to take command, to seize the initiative and to take risks that are necessary to provide the highest level of support to the Fleet—and to our people.

Q: What do Naval Reservists need to know about their role in today's military?

A. They need to know that the long hours they have spent over the years, learning their jobs and improving their skills during weekend drills and Annual Training, are paying off. Our people have demonstrated again and again that our Naval Reserve is fully prepared to step up to the plate quickly and efficiently when our nation calls for help.

Readers can hear RADM Debbout talk about today's Naval Reserve Force by visiting www.navresfor.navy.mil and clicking on the green "Naval Surface Reserve Force" link.

—CAPT Jim Harnar

Dental policy helps Reservists' oral health, pocket book

MILLINGTON, Tenn.—Dental problems can be a showstopper for deploying Reservists, but a new insurance program is a major tool for keeping dental readiness high, says United Concordia's Jan Taylor, one of two Reserve Force dental program advisors.

Now in its second year, United Concordia offers Reservists insurance. Policy fees are among the lowest for any dental program nationwide. Rates vary if members are mobilized or go inactive in a non-drilling status (Individ-

ual Ready Reserve (IRR) members and family members of SELRES and IRR are eligible, but must pay 100 percent of premiums. Premiums can be paid through a bank account debit, by credit card or via monthly, semi-annual or annual billing. Payroll deduction is possible, but when SELRES miss a drill weekend, there's no paycheck to pull from and the member jumps into a monthly billing status. Taylor said this will not cause disenrollment.

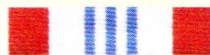
um and the Selected Reservist (SELRES) pays 40 percent. Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) members and family members of SELRES and IRR are eligible, but must pay 100 percent of premiums. Premiums can be paid through a bank account debit, by credit card or via monthly, semi-annual or annual billing. Payroll deduction is possible, but when SELRES miss a drill weekend, there's no paycheck to pull from and the member jumps into a monthly billing status. Taylor said this will not cause disenrollment.

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Legion of Merit

CAPT W. Bruce Hemphill of NR CINCLANTFLT JTF HQ Det 100 at NAVMARCORESCEN Norfolk, Va.

CAPT Douglas M. Rouen of NR CINCEASTLANT 108 at NAVMAR-CORESCEN Atlanta, Ga.



Defense Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT Matthew O'Connell of NR SACLANT Det 106 at NAVMAR-CORESCEN Washington, D.C.

LCDR Jeffrey C. Jockel of NR DCMD B 202 at NAVRESCEN Bronx, N.Y.



Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT Earl F. Naab of NR VTU 1914G at NAVMARCORESCEN Tucson, Ariz.

CDR Joseph Arango of NR NSWC Indian Head 106 at NAVMAR-CORESCEN Washington, D.C.

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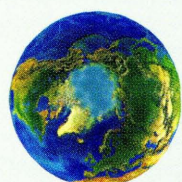
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Travel Corner

Information for Traveling Reservists

By CDR J. Daniel Nichols, Director, Force Travel

Trial Initiatives in Travel

In preparation for the New Order Writing System (NOWS), N33, NAVPTO and the regional SATO manager have undertaken some trial measures to improve customer service. (As a caveat to trial initiatives listed below, please bear in mind that the SATO contract is Navy-

duty side of the house, and by contract. As with most things, it comes down to money: SATO is a commercial organization in business to make a profit; they have learned returned tickets cause a lot of additional work. It's logical that SATO reduces the number of "return" tickets the closer to the travel date they issue the ticket.

In actuality, the Naval Reserve is an anomaly in that we want our ticket shortly after an order is processed rather than shortly before we travel. Getting ticketed early is also why the Naval Reserve is a leader in returned, or unused, tickets. The Naval Reserve returned over \$8 million worth of unused tickets in FY 01.

More background: N33 and NAVPTO don't release itinerary information to a traveler until the ticket is paid. Why?

side with the itinerary and releasing travel information to the traveler in a timely fashion. Most travelers don't care if a ticket is paid for; they just want to know the "when" and "how" of their trip. We'll try releasing itineraries as they are made rather than after they are paid.

As we embark on

HIGHLIGHTS

Reservists augment Security Force

Naval Reservists across the gamut of enlisted ratings have been mobilized for security duty throughout the world. Mobilized Sailors are integrated completely into the Naval Security Force to strengthen the physical security force.

LCDR Edwin Lombard, NSA New Orleans security officer, highlighted the fact that Naval Reservists, now mobilized, are integrated completely into the Naval Security Force. They are on active duty around-the-clock. "Their activation has allowed us to overcome shortcomings in our normal, full-time manning," Lombard said. "It allows us to obtain and maintain a higher level of force protection."

He emphasized that they are more than physical presence: "They provide a key element in physical security of the installation as a whole. Our Naval Security Force protects the installation and personnel so that military functions can be carried out successfully and military missions can continue to be accomplished in a safe environment," Lombard said.

They receive intensive basic security and weapons training to become full-time Naval Security Force personnel. On-the-job training continues alongside fulltime law-enforcement personnel including Department of Defense civilians, active duty Masters-at-Arms (MAs) and Sailors holding Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) code 9545 for Navy law enforcement who officially respond to incidents.

The mission of the Security Department is to protect life and property, to enforce law and regulations, and to preserve good order and discipline. Law enforcement and physical security have specific differences: Law enforcement has to do with taking action against aggressive and criminal acts, such as robbery, theft and vandalism. Physical security—in the military—covers overall security for the installation and for protection of life, property and materiel.

Chief Petty Officer McCalla Dooley, a disbursing clerk, is responsible for weapons and anti-terrorism training for Security Department and Auxiliary Security Force personnel at NSA. Trained by the Marines in anti-terrorism methods, he has coordinated training in various types of weapons, life-saving measures, CPR, first aid, responses to calls and mobile patrols. Sailors are given training in basic security functions, such as watchstanding, vehicle and personnel searches, identification card checks, vehicle registration checks and checks and searches of areas not visible on camera. Chief Dooley was impressed with the performance of mobilized Reservists. "Mobilized Reservists have been positive and professional," she said. "They provide a visible physical presence as an anti-terrorism measure."

More about Naval Reserve mobilization, including frequently asked questions, references, helpful hints and more, can be found at www.navres.navy.mil.
—Michelle Autin, COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs

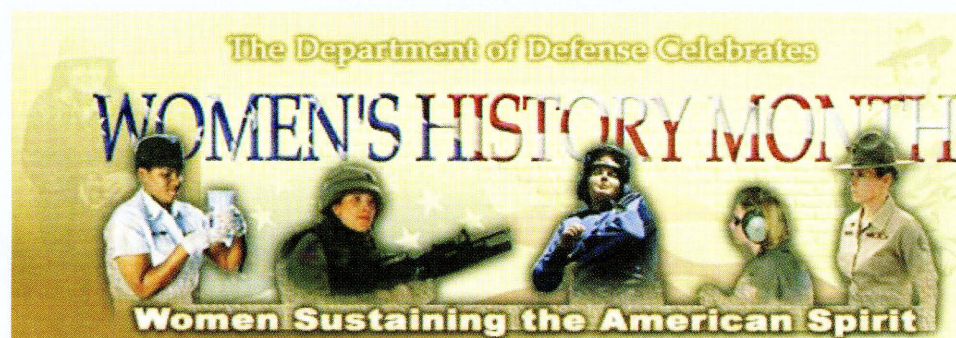
Columbia Reservists get new Center

COLUMBIA, S.C.—Naval Reserve Center Columbia is relocating to Ft. Jackson after 55 years of service to Sailors. The current location is at the corner of Pickens Street and Blossom Street near the campus of University of South Carolina. A ground-breaking ceremony for the new center was held Feb. 9. The new Naval Reserve Center will be located on Ft. Jackson Army Post.—LT Caroline Tetschner and JO2 Jennifer Valdivia, NR REDCOM Southeast Public Affairs



BUG SCHOOL—HM2 Edward Ostrowski (left) of NR Fleet Hospital Fort Dix Det 20 gets instruction on handling live cockroaches from active duty instructor HM1 J. Dean (adorned with an albino cornsnake) at USN Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

Photo by HMC(FMF) Jeffrey A. Hamman



Reservists can find interesting information at www.defenselink.mil/specials/womenshist2002/.



Photo by Bill Cook

SECURITY CHECK—SK1 Karen Rushing of Shreveport, La., checks identification cards of motorists at the main gate of Naval Support Activity New Orleans. She is one of many Naval Reservists providing increased security at Navy installations worldwide following Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Bug School" offers challenge

NAS JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Reservists from several different commands representing Fleet Hospital Fort Dix, N.J., and Fleet Hospital Camp Lejeune, N.C., attended one of the first courses offered in over 18 months at Navy Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center (DVECC) in Jacksonville. "Medical Entomology and Pest Management Technology" is an overview course that shows how public health pest control functions in the military.

Affectionately nicknamed "Bug School," its two-week curriculum is geared toward the Naval Reserve community and open to all ratings. Topics include medical entomology, identification of vectors, pest survey and control measures as well as vector-borne diseases, bites, stings and injuries. Malaria and other vector-borne diseases have demonstrated their impact on fighting forces throughout history.

DVECC began as a Malaria Control Unit just after World War II and exists today under BUMED. In addition to two Navy Centers (Jacksonville, Fla., and Bangor, Wash.), an Army school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and an Air Force school at Sheppard AFB split responsibilities for training DoD personnel.

CDR Patricia Trujillo, a Veterans Affairs attorney as well as a Naval Reserve nurse attending classes, adds, "DVECC provides an invaluable service to Navy personnel. As a Fleet Hospital Nurse, the information from this course has immediate preventive and treatment implications."

HM2 Michael Pilat, a Naval Reservist attached with 4th FSSG, said, "The material dealing with ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes and snakes was relevant to what I may encounter in the field."

"Since many deployments by Fleet Hospitals are taking on a humanitarian role in Third World countries," said CDR Susan Pape, "I felt that medical entomology will be helpful in identifying medical conditions foreign to us in the U.S."

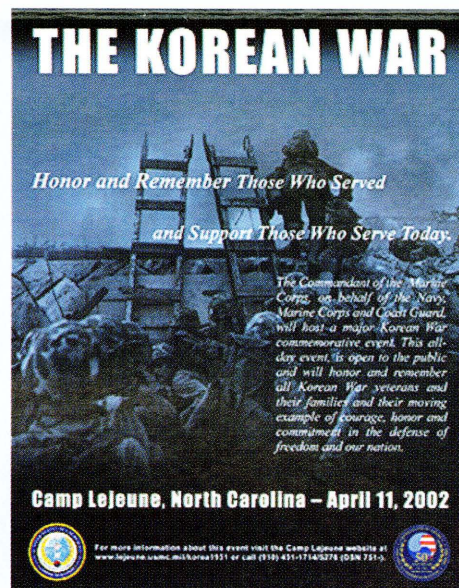
The Medical Entomology and Pest Management Technology course introduces Reserve personnel to problems that insect and animal pests present to U.S. military and assumes no prior knowledge of subject matter.

"We have trained professionals including Medical Officers, Nurse Corps Officers, Medical Service Corps Officers, Hospital Corpsmen and Dental Technicians, many other rates such as Mess Management Specialists, Storekeepers, Boatswains Mates, Ship Handlers, Food Service Officers and many others attend as well," said David Wolfert, assistant training officer at DVECC Jacksonville, himself a retired Navy Preventive Medicine Technician and instructor. "We try to tailor each class to the appropriate experience and educational level."

SK2 Dennis Aiman, upon completing the course, said, "The course offered awareness of the means to identify infestations and methods available to prevent and control a pest population. This training would definitely be an asset to any SK, MS or SH that has control or custody of any storeroom spaces."

More information about DVECC and its class offerings can be obtained at Web site <http://dvecc-jax.med.navy.mil>.

—HMC(FMF) Jeffrey A. Hamman

**Korean War Commemoration**

The U.S. Marine Corps, on behalf of the three Sea Services, will host a major Korean War commemorative event at Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 11. The event is open to the public and will honor and remember all Korean War veterans and their families. For more information, visit Web site www.lejeune.usmc.mil/korea1951 or contact Major Skip Crawley or Gunnery Sgt. Jim Riley, (901) 451-1714 or 451-5276 (DSN 751), e-mail CrawleyS@lejeune.usmc.mil or RileyJC@lejeune.usmc.mil.
—Camp Lejeune Consolidated Public Affairs



By Yonna Diggs, Naval Reserve Force Ombudsman-at-Large

Ombudsman's Notes

The Naval Reserve Ombudsman Program has been

- Set up a certain time of the month to have your ombudsman newsletter sent to your command staff for duplication, printing and mailing out. It may be possible to have your newsletter online if approved by your command.

- If you are a command ombudsman, attached to a command where there is also a unit ombudsman, arrange a meeting with your command to discuss how

part of mobilization or deployment on their financial status. Remember: Do not try to be an expert. Look for professionals in the field to assist you during this workshop.

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For more information and frequently-asked questions, visit the DFAS Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss. The E/MSS Customer Support toll-free number is 1-800-390-2348.—Michelle Autin

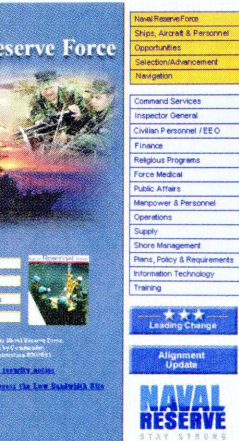


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WARFIGHTERS TRAIN — UT2 Ralph Moore of NMCB 21 mans a foxhole during *Sharp Wedge* training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Nearly 800 Naval Reserve Seabees participated in the four-week exercise to increase military readiness of Reservists in the Naval Construction Force—ensuring their ability to mobilize and deploy rapidly to support real-world missions.