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DoD establishes Northern Command

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers announced changes Apr. 17 to the Unified Command Plan (UCP) that establishes missions and geographic responsibilities for combatant commanders. The revised plan includes changes that accomplish the following:

- Creates a new combatant command, U.S. Northern Command, and assigns it the mission of defending the United States and supporting the full range of military assistance to civil authorities.
- Shifts U.S. Joint Forces Command's geographic area of responsibility to the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. European Command. This enables U.S. Joint Forces Command to focus on transforming U.S. military forces.
- Effective Oct. 1, 2002, the plan also designates geographic areas of responsibilities for all combatant commanders and assigns them responsibility for security cooperation and military coordination with all countries in the region.
- The continental United States, Canada, Mexico and portions of the Caribbean region will be designated as U.S. Northern Command's area of responsibility. While Alaska will be included in this assignment, Alaskan Command forces will remain assigned to U.S. Pacific Command.
- Commander, U.S. Northern Command will be responsible for security cooperation and military coordination with Canada and Mexico.

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Sailors can apply online for change of rate

Advancement opportunity can be quickly improved through a change of rate for some drilling Reservists faced with decreased advancement opportunity, due to overmanning in their ratings.

The Naval Reserve has initiated a program called "Enhanced Change of Rate" to streamline the process for Reservists. A personal letter from VADM Totushek has been sent to Naval Reservists who may be affected by this program.

The Enhanced Change of Rate interactive program is accessible on the Naval Reserve Web site at www.navres.navy.mil. Interested Reservists can seek assistance in navigating this Web site through a local Reserve recruiter.

The process is simple. Using the interactive site, Sailors can select a new rate and verify qualifications, then complete an application, download and forward it to the local Reserve Activity for endorsement.

A local recruiter then will submit the application electronically to PERS-812 via chain of command. PERS-812 will notify the individual Sailor via official letter once an application has been processed.

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Photo by PH1 Steve Schmidt

FIREFIGHTING TRAINING AT GREAT LAKES—In April, approximately 100 Reservists of NR CVNE 1169 from Naval Air Reserve Center Great Lakes participated in April firefighting training. Their unit augments East Coast carriers out of Norfolk; they must be ready to fight fires aboard a Navy ship. Above, active duty Navy DCC Douglas Causemaker leads Reservists to fight a class Bravo fire.

Naval Reservists respond to fight war on terrorism

About 9,800 Naval Reservists are still mobilized across the world, providing valuable support in Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*. To ensure that continuing support from the Naval Reserve Force is available in the ongoing war on terrorism, some Reservists are being demobilized over the next few months.

The Navy is focusing on long-term sustainment in the war on terrorism and needs continuing support from the Naval Reserve Force. Demobilizing some Reservists allows the Navy to continue providing support for warfighting forces, while achieving a balanced active and Reserve mix that spreads capabilities between the near and long term.

Reservists will continue to provide direct support to theater commanders in many skill sets, including intelligence and anti-terrorism/force protection.

All Navy commands are revalidating requirements to see how

they can most effectively meet new requirements, including increased security. At COMNAVRESFOR, for example, 35 Reservists were recalled to work in the Mobilization Center in New Orleans, bringing Reservists on to active duty to support the Fleet. Over the last few months, staffing requirements and the pace of operations have evolved, allowing some of those Reservists to be sent home.

"We were able to get into a routine and maximize team building and organization in our Mobilization Center," said CAPT Carl Hill, a Reservist recalled to supervise mobilization efforts for the Naval Reserve. "We learned that we didn't need the original number of people, but that we could maintain the same level of service."

More information on resources for mobilizing and demobilizing Reservists can be found on COMNAVRESFOR's Web site at www.navy.mil/navresfor.—COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs

CNO reaffirms commitment to Task Force EXCEL

WASHINGTON — Chief of Naval Operations ADM Vern Clark emphasized his support for the "Revolution in Training" during a recent meeting of the board of advisors for Task Force EXCEL (Excellence through Commitment to Education and Learning).

"I am willing to commit any resource at my disposal, and within my authority, to ensure the success of this project," said Clark.

Clark opened the roundtable discussion by reiterating that, next to winning the war on terrorism, the Revolution in Training was his number one initiative for 2002. He then continued by engaging advisors on the need for goal measurement, flexibility and organizational restructuring in the education

and training process. "For training problems, we need training solutions," said Clark. "We need to be thinking about how we can revamp our structure and policy to produce and measure the best outputs."

While the board engaged several functional areas of mission accomplishment, a great deal of discussion focused on how reorganization would provide greater opportunities for Sailors by streamlining the training and education structure and the performance documentation process.

To learn more about the Revolution in Training, log on to the Task Force EXCEL Web site at www.excel.navy.mil.

—JO2 J.D. Walter, Task Force EXCEL Public Affairs

Mine Warfare ships deploy to East Coast

INGLESIDE, Texas — Five Naval Reserve Force ships of Mine Warfare Readiness Group ONE (MIWRG-1) departed Naval Station Ingleside, Texas, on Apr. 1 for several months of mine warfare training and operations in the Gulf of Mexico and along the U.S. East Coast.

Mine countermeasures ships USS DEFENDER (MCM 2) and USS SENTRY (MCM 3) and coastal mine hunters

Survey input needed

The Force needs members to update a Web-based survey that collects information on why drilling Reservists choose to remain or leave the Selected Reserve. The Naval Reserve Career Decision Survey (NR CDS) now includes survey questions on the mobilization and the demobilization process for Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*. Sur-

SAILORS MATTER



FORCM(AW/NAC) Tom Mobley
Force Master Chief

We find ourselves relying more often on the Internet to help us manage our professional and personal lives. The Navy is keeping pace by making information, education, customer service and other programs available to help us work smarter. Here are some online resources:

- **Naval Instructions.** Reservists have access to information on Navy programs, opportunities and policies. Naval Reserve instructions are online at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/n01a_com/cnrfinst.html. Personnel questions can be answered at www.bupers.navy.mil/cdrom/cdrom.html. Knowledge is power, and this venue is giving us the tools for success.

- **Education.** In the past, some military schools were not available because of limited quotas or duration of schools. The Internet now provides the opportunity for distance learning, including highly sought-after non-resident courses like the Senior Enlisted Academy. HM "A" school will soon be an interactive online class, followed by a two-week capstone course with hands-on training.

Navy E-Learning provides credit for course completion including retirement points. Go to www.navylearning.navy.mil or www.navylearning.com.

Reservists can obtain their military transcript and can convert directly into college credits at www.navycollege.mil. Information on the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill is on the VA Web site at www.va.gov.

- **DFAS.** Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Web site, www.dfas.mil, provides pay information, a way to track travel claim liquidations, LES information and the recently added benefit of Long Term Care.

- **Navy Lifelines.** This site provides a wealth of information for Sailors, ombudsmen and spouses. I have it bookmarked as one of my favorites. You can find it at www.lifelines2000.org/.

- **Chaplain Assistance.** This site addresses personal concerns and religious information online at www.chaplaincare.navy.mil/index.htm.

E-mail has now given us the ability to correspond with anyone at anytime. This has made the exchange of information easier, faster and—if performed correctly—effective. Before firing off that e-mail, don't forget to use your chain of command. Help, assistance and guidance are often closer than you think.

Use e-mail to stay in touch with mobilized Reservists. It's important that they know we are still here to support them.

I've only hit on a few of the many Web pages available to you. Technology is empowering us today and our future Navy will see even more development and enhancement. Take advantage of what's available to you.

T. W. Mobley

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Change of Rate

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Navy Personnel Command offers toll-free help line

MILLINGTON, Tenn.—Navy Personnel Command, regarded in the Fleet as the one-stop source for career information, has launched a toll-free career information-based customer service help line for Sailors and officers.

The new phone number, 1-866-U-ASK-NPC, will be accessible nationwide and operated by as many as 20 NPC customer service agents equipped with the most current programmatic, pay and benefits information. This number will be augmented by a number accessible from overseas locations, and by a number which can be reached via DSN.

The goal of the customer service help

line is to provide Sailors and officers with comprehensive and personalized information regarding policy, procedure, distribution and more.

Sailors will be able to access information via the telephone or a Web-based application. They can "call to resolution" and speak directly with a government contractor or military service member, 12 hours a day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Central Standard Time, each day of the work week. Sailors will also be able to "click to resolution" 24 hours a day via a Web-based application accessed through the Internet. Each query can be assigned a tracking number, allowing Sailors to mon-

itor their question until it is resolved to their satisfaction.

"This gives everyone a personal account at NPC," said Owens. "It's designed to improve the Navy's response system, which will improve the relationship with Sailors." He added that the center also will offer the Fleet another resource for data, lessening the workload for detailers.

For more information about the customer service center or other career information products and services, contact the Center for Career Development at (901) 874-2200 or go online to Web site www.staynavy.navy.mil.

—J03 Laura Goulding

In the Spotlight:

Naval Reserve SPAWAR Units



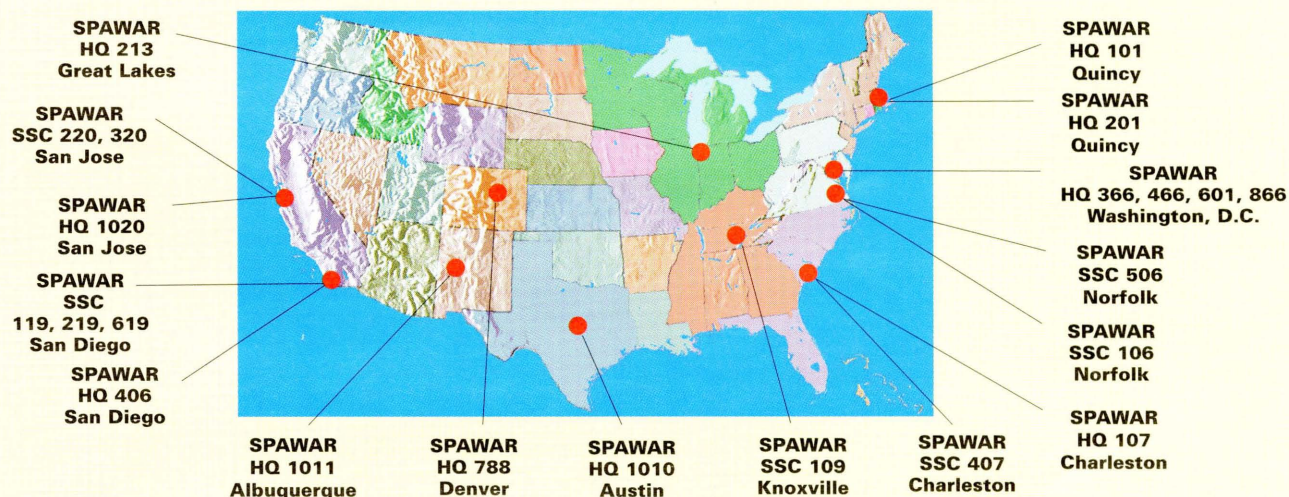
Who we are:

- More than 500 men and women in 22 units across the United States support SPAWAR in its mission: To provide knowledge superiority to the warfighter through development, acquisition and life-cycle support for C4ISR (Command and Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems; information systems and technology (IT); and space systems.
- SPAWAR Enlisted personnel have rates of Electronics Technician (ET), Information Systems Technician (IT), Electrician's Mate (EM), Engineman (EN), Storekeeper (SK) and Yeoman (YN). About a third of SPAWAR Reserve personnel are officers, mostly with warfare and engineering duty designators. Current IT expertise and experience from military and civilian careers enables SPAWAR Reservists to provide key Fleet support.

What we do:

- Support SPAWAR as the Navy's premier IT organization providing support to the Navy, joint commands, other services, DoD and other federal agencies.
- Employ Fleet Support Teams for C4ISR/IT missions, including:
 - Installations of C4ISR/IT equipment and systems aboard ships and submarines.
 - Integrated Logistics Support to ensure all SPAWAR systems technical manuals, parts and supplies are identified, accurate and available.
 - Battle Group Systems Integration and Testing (BGSIT) using real-world scenarios to assess performance of SPAWAR-installed equipment within a battle group.
 - Configuration Validation updating technical drawings for C4ISR systems and their interfaces.
 - Information Technology for the 21st Century (IT-21) using fly-away teams to give IT training to the Fleet, focusing on certified programs and commercial best practices.
- Participate in vulnerability assessments and provide support to the Computer Network Security Program.
- Provide assistance to space systems programs, bringing space information to the Fleet. This includes policy and requirements development, acquisition and engineering, operations, training, exercise support and surge augmentation.

Naval Reserve SPAWAR Unit locations



For more on the Reserve SPAWAR program go to <http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/> and click on "Navy Reserve."

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NEWS ONLINE

Navy Physical Readiness Program gets an overhaul

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — In response to feedback from the Fleet, the Navy is making major changes to Physical Readiness Test (PRT) standards. Beginning in October, age groups will be in five-year increments instead of the current 10-year groups, and the overall score will be based on an average of individual event scores.

"The lowest score as your overall score was a big dissatisfier in the Fleet, so we are going to average scoring," said CAPT Tim Cepak, deputy assistant commander of Navy Personnel Command for Personal Readiness and Community Support. "We're going to maintain the same goal-oriented approach to scoring for individual events, but each goal will have a numerical value assigned to them. No one event is going to be weighed over the other."

The revised Physical Readiness Program instruction (OPNAVINST 6110.1G) is

not finalized; however, the new PRT scoring table is available online at www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/missup.htm.

The new instruction will also establish a probationary performance category. Sailors whose overall score falls into this category will be enrolled in their command's Fitness Enhancement Program (FEP). Under the current system, a score of satisfactory or marginal on any individual event is cause for enrollment in FEP.

As opposed to the old system of cumulative point totals, the system of averaging scores will better reflect Sailors' level of fitness.

"The whole purpose of the test is to give an individual an idea where they are today so they can work with the command fitness leader to find out what they can do to improve," said Cepak.

Another major change is that age

groups will be in five-year increments (20-24, 25-29, etc.) rather than the 10-year groups under the current instruction. Scoring will be comparable to current standards.

Although changes to the test are of primary interest, Sailors shouldn't lose sight of the fact that the purpose of the Physical Readiness Program is to promote fitness and good health.

"If you get into the habit of a fitness lifestyle, as you age, you will stay young. Fitness is the fountain of youth," Cepak added. "You want to be able to enjoy your retirement, and to do that, you need to be physically active."

For more information on the Navy Physical Readiness Program, go to www.mwr.navy.mil and go to the "Select Your Page" on the pull-down menu.

By JO1 Daniel Pearson, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs



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

Dear Shipmates,

I just returned from a trip to Bahrain and Rota that confirmed many of my perceptions formed in the Pentagon and New Orleans. The old adage, "Where you sit determines what you see," has once again been proven during our current mobilization.

Our folks in Bahrain, close to the action and very busy, can easily see the value of what they are doing; and while many are enduring hardships, they are motivated and proud to serve.

At other locations, those who are not as actively employed have a more difficult time connecting what they are being asked to do with the war effort. We are attempting to identify those with hardships or underutilization problems to get them back home. The Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) in Millington (PERS 44M) is heading up this effort, but the gaining command should be able to help make desires of individuals known. Often an individual wants to stay on active duty, and CNP is trying to accommodate those desires as well.

One troubling thing we have seen is that some parent Reserve units have not contacted many of our Sailors while they have been mobilized. I find this a serious breach of leadership and strongly encourage each of you to contact your shipmates who are representing us so well around the world.

Information Technology

The issue of the month is Information Technology. Realizing that we often put too much reliance on the ability of computers and networks to fix our problems, we have some really exciting initiatives underway:

- The Navy Marine Corps Intranet has gotten tremendous coverage in the media. It will be the tool for the future, and the Naval Reserve is included from the ground up. We were the first to be able to actually send an e-mail after cut over at NAF Andrews.
- The New Order Writing System will be deployed this year. By the time you read this we will be well into testing the system and, educating operators to make certain that our transition does not have negative impacts on you. We will also be able to spread the system to the field in a rational fashion.
- We also have our Data Warehouse up and running, and for the first time we are able to receive data from multiple sources and to integrate and compare data to get meaningful information and knowledge.

Travel Charge Card

I need to comment on our use of government charge cards. The majority of you use the card in strict compliance with regulations and policies set forth—but we have enough folks who break the rules that it has come to the attention of top leadership of the services and DoD. My advice: make sure you know and obey the rules regarding use of the cards. If you have violated the rules, pay your balance immediately. If you are having difficulty making payments, communicate with your command and the credit card company. Use the split payment

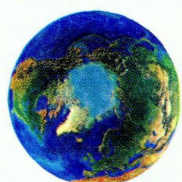


Photo by LTJG Christina Skacan

MEDICAL CARE IN AFRICA—Naval Reservist HM3 Leilani White of Arlington, Texas, distributes a dose of Vitamin A to Ofosu McBrian with assistance from Zetabeth Martui of Dodowa, Ghana, during the West African Medical Outreach Program in April. Approximately 55 Naval Reservists from Fleet Hospital Dallas, together with 45 Reservists from Fleet Hospital Minneapolis, arrived in Ghana and Togo, respectively, to participate in a two-week exercise that included bilateral training to enhance military interoperability, exchange of medical expertise and humanitarian aid. The two groups of Fleet Hospital Reservists hoped to complete the equivalent of 10,000 doctor visits to 16 villages in Ghana and Togo, administering thousands of immunizations.—LTJG Christina Skacan

WHAT'S NEW

Issue	Summary	References
• Revised PRT program	The Navy's revised Physical Readiness Program, effective October 2002 for all members, makes changes in PRT scoring and standards. Physical fitness is a crucial element of mission performance. PRT refinements support Navy's goal to develop a culture of fitness that will result in enhanced readiness.	NAVADMIN 087/02 www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/missup.htm
• Master at Arms Recall	Immediate opportunity for Reservists who are rated Master at Arms or who hold the NEC 9545 to go on active duty.	NAVADMIN 089/02 (901) 874-4042 (DSN 882); E-mail: pers811h@persnet.navy.mil
• Merger of AK and SK ratings	Details on merger of ratings Aviation Storekeeper (AK) and Storekeeper (SK) rating are outlined in this message.	NAVADMIN 098/02
• Cancellation of Selection	Selection boards for FY 03 active and Reserve Lieutenants are can-	ALNAV 033/02



Travel Corner

Information for Traveling Reservists

By CDR J. Daniel Nichols, Director, Force Travel

Here are some initiatives the COMNAVRESFOR Travel Office is working on to help Reservists who are planning and traveling for duty:

Early Release of Itinerary

We are well on our way to providing travel information prior to ticket purchase. Travelers should not try to change any travel arrangements directly with airlines; either contact SATO via contact information in the notification e-mail, or contact the local Naval Reserve Activity (NRA) to make changes. SATO can make some routine changes, but significant changes should go to the NRA to submit a modification to the orders.

Because itineraries are also being provided to the NRA via e-mail, some of my staff will contact each NRA to verify e-mail addresses. Remember that this address must be an organizational vice personal e-mail account and be accessible to NRA staff members.

Tele-ticketing Machines

We are continuing the initiative to remove the tele-ticketing machines from our sites that still have them. With the advent of ability to e-mail travel information, increases in e-ticketing options, and continued reduction in paper ticket use, it's prudent to reduce the administrative and financial burden associated with these machines. We will coordinate with SATO in early May and work on a schedule soon after that.

Rental Car Drivers

There have been queries from the field because some rental car companies are not renting to individuals under a certain age. The following is quoted from paragraph 8 of the rental car contract:

"Persons authorized to operate vehicles rented under this agreement, if properly licensed, include the renter, and without additional charge, the renter's fellow employees while acting within the scope of their official duties. Government employees who are age 18 or older, if otherwise eligible, may rent and operate vehicles under this agreement when on official business."

If there are issues with rental car agencies, NAVPTO is effective in resolving them quickly. Please provide feedback up the Chain of Command.

New Order Writing System

Please visit our Web sites for up-to-date information and questions and answers.

High band-width Web site:

www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/nows

Low band-width Web site:

www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/nows/lbw_site

This information is designed to keep the field updated on where we are going with NOWS and what policies and procedures are being considered to facilitate transition to the new process. THESE ARE NOT FINALIZED POLICIES—just ideas being discussed. Official guidance and policy will be released soon.

No Cross-over Orders

Anticipate that all FY 03 orders will be entered into NOWS. Orders needing to span from FY 02 to FY 03 must be split between the two systems. This can be accomplished with a little planning and flexibility. Fortunately, FY 02 ends on a Monday so there should be very few (if any) folks that need to report on Tues., Oct. 1, requiring a travel day on Sept. 30. We must ensure continuity in the orders between the two systems so our Reservists are continuously covered and that return travel is provided if required.

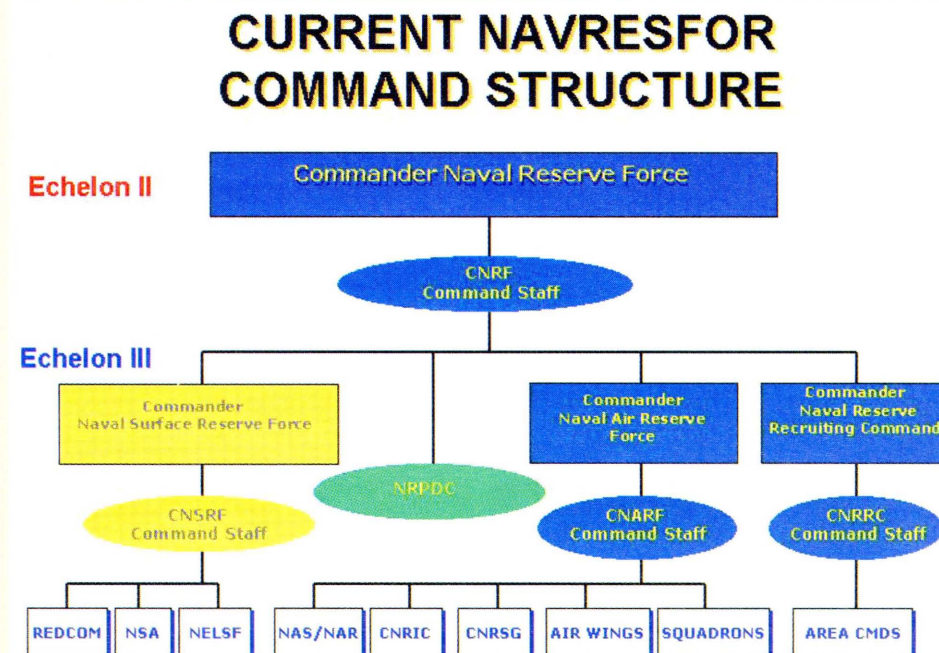
How will this affect legacy systems access? The deployment plan for NOWS has all official FY 02 orders produced by legacy systems (RIMS-OM & RESFMS), and all FY 03 and future orders produced by NOWS. Starting a new system, which is based on dollars vice man-days, at the beginning of a new fiscal year is a smart business decision. Putting all your eggs in one basket isn't. Here is how we are mitigating the risk:

- Legacy systems aren't being dismantled Oct 1. They will remain running for a few months in order to close out all FY 02 orders, even if the NOWS performs flawlessly.
- Starting in April, we deployed NOWS in a test/play/training mode to sites as local full time support (FTS) personnel complete training at the Professional Development Center in New Orleans. Training/deployment should be completed by the middle of August. A training schedule message will be released shortly. All sites will have the ability to try out the system in a non-operational environment. This five-month "Beta" test will allow us to fine tune any discrepancies that may turn up.

Before and After

How Naval Reserve Force headquarters will align in July

Before the Alignment:



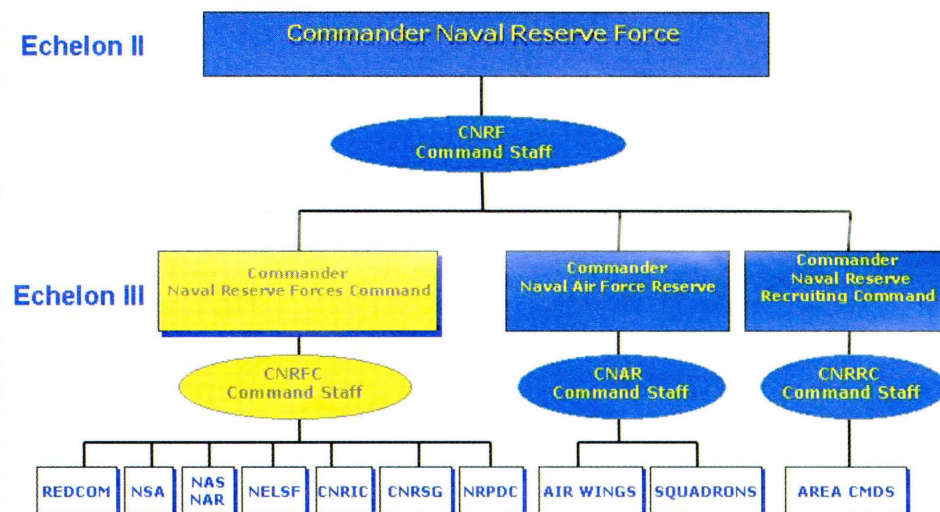
This wiring diagram (above) reflects current organizational structure of the Naval Reserve Force, including Naval Surface Reserve Force and Naval Air Reserve Force headquarters.

Chart Abbreviations

CNRF:	Commander Naval Reserve Force
CNRIC:	Commander Naval Reserve Intelligence Command
CNSRF:	Commander Naval Surface Reserve Force
CNRFCS:	Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command Staff
CNRSG:	Commander Naval Reserve Security Group
CNARF:	Commander Naval Air Reserve Force
CNAR:	Commander Naval Air Force Reserve
CNRRC:	Commander Naval Reserve Recruiting Command
REDCOM:	Naval Reserve Readiness Command
NSA:	Naval Support Activity
NAS:	Naval Air Station
NAR:	Naval Air Reserve
NELSF:	Navy Expeditionary Logistic Support Force
NRPDC:	Naval Reserve Professional Development Center

After the Alignment:

NAVRESFOR COMMAND ALIGNMENT



This preview (above) shows proposed alignment structure of the new Naval Reserve Forces Command and Naval Air Reserve effective July 20.

To improve efficiency and customer service, Naval Reserve Force is aligning its headquarters. Naval Reservists can expect to see some changes by July 20:

- This is an alignment of the headquarters staffs in New Orleans only. There will be no direct impact upon organizational structures of the Echelon IV and subordinate commands.

- Surface Naval Reserve centers and units across the nation will continue to report to Readiness Commands (REDCOMs). REDCOMs will report to the new Naval Reserve Forces Command (vs. the Naval Surface Reserve Force, which is being disestablished).

- Air squadrons and wings will report to the new Naval Air Force Reserve; most other formerly air-related activities will report to the new Naval Reserve Forces Command.

- Three commands historically linked to the Naval Air Reserve Force (the Naval Reserve Intelligence Command, Naval Reserve Security Group, Naval Air Stations/Naval Air Reserves) will report to the new Naval Reserve Forces Command.

- The Naval Reserve Professional Development Center (NRPDC) will also become a part of the Naval Reserve Forces Command.

For more information, or to submit questions online about the alignment, Force members can go to either the high-bandwidth Force Web site at <http://navres.navy.mil/navresfor/hbwhome.htm> or the low-bandwidth site at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/lbw_site/lbwhome.htm.—COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs



SOMEBODY IS STAYING STEADFAST.

SOMEBODY like you in the Naval Reserve. Continue to serve and keep all those great

★ Resources for mobilized Reservists and families ★



U.S. Navy photo by Michael Sandberg

HOMEcoming—Many mobilized Naval Reservists will return to their families this year, just as active duty Navy Sailors do. Above, in Norfolk, Va., active duty Navy Sailor ET2 Joshua Weaver heads home with his daughter, after returning from deployment.

MOBILIZATION UPDATES

Issue	Summary	Reference
• Revised FY 02 Drilling Reserve personnel policies	Reflecting the impact of Reserve mobilization in support of Operations <i>Enduring Freedom</i> and <i>Noble Eagle</i> , this message addresses a variety of policies: officer and enlisted billet assignment, High Year Tenure and age 60 policies, Annual Training and IDT policies, etc.	ALNAVRESFOR 010/02
• FITREP/Evaluation Policy for mobilized Reservists	While mobilized, Reservists will receive regular periodic fitreps/evals written by the active gaining command, and upon demobilization will receive a detachment of individual report.	ALNAVRESFOR 009/02 COMNAVRESFOR Mobilization Center: (504) 678-6620 (DSN 678) E-mail: mobctr@cnrf.navy.mil

Need help? Check these out:

Here is a list of resources to assist Naval Reservists and their families during the current Reserve mobilization for Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*:

• **Naval Reserve Assistance Center.** Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve personnel and their family members can get assistance on mobilization questions, military benefits and entitlements, and nationwide locations and points of contact for the following: Family Assistance Centers, legal services and health care benefits or to find an ombudsman.

Toll-free number is 1-866-831-8582, open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time; after hours, callers may leave a message and a counselor will return the call during normal operation hours.

The Reserve Assistance Center is also accessible online at www.nrpcweb.nola.navy.mil (Select "CNRF Mobilization FAQ," then click "ASK").

• **The Naval Reserve Force Web site** has mobilization information and frequently asked questions. For details, go to www.navres.navy.mil, click the Naval Reserve Force button, enter either the high or low bandwidth section and select "Force Mobilization" information.

Recent events have prompted a number of questions about the Naval Reserve, such as pay and benefits. Many frequently asked questions are answered at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/nrf/lbw_site/faq/index.htm. Individuals can also submit questions at this site.

• **Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS).** Several useful resources include the following:

• A "PERS-9 Mobilization Response Cell" is offered by Navy Personnel Command for questions from Naval Reserve Activities, Navy Mobilization Processing Sites and individuals between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. CST. Phone numbers are 1-800-346-0217, (901) 874-2416/17. DSN is 882. E-mail address is mobilization@persnet.navy.mil.

• Reservists can stay up-to-date with current recall information and can volunteer online to be recalled. Click the "Recall News" button at Web site www.bupers.navy.mil/. A hotline has recorded recall information: 1-901-874-2413.

• The Regular Navy Ombudsman Web site at www.persnet.navy.mil/pers66/ombudsman1/start.htm is also helpful.

• **Guide to Reserve Member Family Benefits.** Family members of Reservists may face challenges when a loved one is away performing military service. This site provides a booklet (in a .pdf file) that outlines how to access military benefits and where to obtain assistance when you have specific questions and problems. See www.defenselink.mil/ra/publications/handbooks/benefits.pdf.

• **Office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.** This Web site is dedicated to today's Reserve force. It provides information about the policies, programs and initiatives that OSD/Reserve Affairs manages for the National Guard and Reserve Components of the U.S. Armed Forces. See www.defenselink.mil/ra/.

• **Naval Reserve Ombudsman.** This program plays a vital role in assisting both commands and Naval Reserve families. Yonna Diggs serves as NR Ombudsman-At-Large; her toll-free phone number is 1-800-675-5728. See Web site www.navresfor.navy.mil/n1/ombudsman.html.

• **National Military Family Association (NMFA).** This association, known as "The Voice for Military Families," serves families of the seven uniformed services through education, information and advocacy. See www.nmfa.org/.

• **Naval Services FamilyLine.** Naval Services FamilyLine is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for every sea service family. FamilyLine answers questions about the military, refers spouses to helpful organizations and publishes and distributes free booklets and brochures with helpful information. See www.Lifelines2000.org/familyline/home.asp.

• **Pre-Deployment Reserve Family Readiness Guide.** Provided online by *Lifelines2000*, this guide outlines useful information on a variety of topics, such as dealing with emotions during pre-deployment, deployment and return. See Web site www.lifelines2000.org/services/deployment/pre_deploy/fam_readiness_res.asp.

• **Chaplain Support.** In addition to local churches and synagogues, etc., help from Naval Reserve Chaplains and Religious Program Specialists can be obtained through local Reserve Activities, or by calling COMNAVRESFOR Chaplain's Office toll-free at 1-800-245-4546.

This listing and other valuable information is posted on the Force Web site at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/. A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be found at <http://hq.cnrf.navy.mil/answertrack/mobilize.asp>.

Mobilized Reservists and families can receive TRICARE benefits



WASHINGTON (NNS)—Naval Reservists mobilized for Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom* will receive full military health benefits even if they and their families seek treatment from civilian health care providers.

The Department of Defense and TRICARE have worked together to formulate several changes which include:

- Waiving the deductibles for TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra to avoid undue financial hardship for families of mobilized members who may have paid an annual deductible under non-military providers.
- Paying 15 percent above TRICARE allowable rates for care provided by non-participating providers. Some doctors do not participate in TRICARE provider networks and are allowed by law to charge up to 15 percent above TRICARE Standard approved expenses.
- Waiving the requirement for Non-Availability Statements for inpatient care in civilian hospitals when family members of activated Reservists live outside a military treatment facility (MTE) area.

these instances, families may elect to use their TRICARE Standard or Extra benefit. Under TRICARE Standard, beneficiaries pay 20 percent of the allowable charge. TRICARE Extra offers discounted cost shares (15 percent of negotiated fees) when TRICARE network providers are used. All TRICARE options cap Reservist out-of-pocket expenses at an annual catastrophic limit of \$1,000. TRICARE benefits are retroactive to the first day of orders.

Before using the TRICARE benefit, Reservists should ensure that their family information is updated in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Beneficiaries may go online to find the three closest personnel offices or ID card facilities at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/. For more information about DEERS enrollment, beneficiaries may contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552.

TRICARE Dental Program

Mobilized Reservists receive dental care from military dentists, and they are not eligible for the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP). Families, however, may enroll. Information can be obtained by calling 1-888-622-2256 or visiting www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html. Single enrollment is \$7.90 and family enrollment is \$19.74. Members of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), other than the Special Mobilization

Family Demonstration Project and combine three key areas: First, the annual deductible for families who use TRICARE Standard or Extra are waived. Second, family members who receive care from "participating" or "non-participating" providers pay the same amount: 20 percent of the allowable charge. Third, the requirement to obtain non-emergency inpatient care from a military treatment facility is waived, which allows for continuity in treatment by their civilian providers.

Family members who continue to receive treatment from the civilian sector should be aware that TRICARE pays after their personal health care plan and becomes the primary provider only when Medicaid is involved or an individual insurance policy is specifically designated as a TRICARE supplemental policy. In those cases, TRICARE pays before the other insurance.

TRICARE Standard users should contact the Health Care Finder in their local area to ensure sure their provider has been certified or authorized by the regional TRICARE contractor. If they are not certified or authorized, the cost of the services, even if otherwise covered, will not be shared by the government.

For more regarding all of the TRICARE programs and treatment options, Reservists may contact the nearest TRI

Naval Air Reservists work to help active Navy squadron readiness

The Navy is improving the non-deployed readiness of aviation squadrons. One way is for Naval Air Reserve squadrons to relieve deployed active duty squadrons with high tempo operations. Another is an initiative called the Naval Aviation Readiness Integrated Improvement Program (NAVRIIP).

The recent success of Navy aircrews deployed and operating on the tip of the spear as part of Operation *Enduring Freedom* demonstrates a high level of readiness among deployed forces. However, over a period of years, the Navy sacrificed in the area of non-deployed aviation readiness to keep deployed forces at the highest levels of readiness.

NAVRIIP, led by flag officers from 17 commands including Commander Naval Air Reserve Force, aims to set, reach, and sustain non-deployed aviation readiness goals.

"We are focusing on streamlining and improving the readiness process so that non-deployed squadrons get the right parts, at the right time, for the right sortie," said CAPT Doug Henry, AIRPAC Force Aircraft Material Officer.

As problems are brought to leadership's attention, steps will be taken immediately to change the process. As changes occur, the program will implement a long term, lasting solution; and not merely a temporary fix, such as asking for more money. "The solution is not to buy more parts or to throw more money at the problem,"

said Henry. "The key is to improve the process," he added.

A key element in the streamlining process will be balancing and aligning efforts between different supporting commands. Three cross-functional teams within the NAVRIIP will address the more difficult changes. Underpinning each cross-functional team's efforts and a cornerstone of the NAVRIIP is the concept of getting more out of existing resources through a focus on process improvement vice the traditional approach of throwing money at the problem.

More information on NAVRIIP can be found on AIRPAC's Web site at www.airpac.navy.mil.

—AIRPAC Public Affairs

OPPORTUNITIES

Recalls for Security

The Navy has immediate opportunities for recall to active duty for Selected Reserve personnel, as well as for personnel mobilized from the IRR, who are either a rated Master at Arms (MA) or hold Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) 9545, Law Enforcement Specialist. Navy message NAVADMIN 089/02 outlines requirements.

Primary needs are for Sailors in paygrades E-4 through E-6 with 14 years or less of active service; however, all requests will be considered. Personnel holding the 9545 NEC who are approved for re-enlistment in the regular Navy will be permanently converted to the MA rating at their current paygrade.

Mobilized applicants approved for recall to active duty will be demobilized and allowed to re-enlist USN upon their effective demobilization date. (Personnel in the IRR who have not been mobilized, but express an interest in joining active duty ranks, should contact their local active duty recruiter.)

Members applying to re-enlist USN must be able to complete sufficient service to transfer to the Fleet Reserve prior to their 55th birthday. Applicants must meet physical readiness standards, be a U.S. citizen, possess a valid state drivers license, have normal hearing and color perception, vision correction to 20/20, and have no NJP or convictions in civilian or military courts in the two years preceding application. Questions may be addressed to PERS-811h, (901) 874-4024 or DSN 882, e-mail: pers811h@persnet.navy.mil; or N132d14, (703) 614-0805 or DSN 614, e-mail: n132d14@bupers.navy.mil.

Three-Year Officer Recalls

Naval Reserve officers are needed to serve in the following billets:

Billet Title	Grade/Designator	App. Deadline
• Pilot, VP-94, New Orleans, La.	LCDR/LT/1315	3 MAY 02 (2-yr recall)
• XO, NAVRESCEN Ft. Dix, N.J.	LCDR/LT	3 MAY 02 (2-yr recall)
• RLO, NRCC/BUMED, Wash., D.C.	CDR/2XX5	10 MAY 02 (3-yr recall)
• XO/Train. Off., NARCEN Selfridge, Mi.	CDR/2XX5	10 MAY 02 (2-yr recall)
• OIC, Shore Act., PSD New Orleans, La.	LT/1105	10 MAY 02 (2-yr recall)
• PERS 83/Perform., Millington, Tenn.	LCDR/LT/1050/2500	7 JUN 02 (2-yr recall)
• Read/Planner, NAVFACENGCOM D.C.	CDR/5105	14 JUN 02 (3-yr recall)
• Coast.War. GRP 2, Williamsburg, Va.	CDR/LCDR/5100	14 JUN 02 (2-yr recall)
• RESFOR Advisor, NSA Wash., D.C.	CDR/1615	26 JUL 02 (2-yr recall)
• CO, NAVRESCEN Sioux Falls, S.D.	LCDR/LT/1XX5	2 AUG 02 (2-yr recall)

Interested officers may contact LCDR Perry Christiansen, (901) 874-3718; DSN is 882. Fax is (901) 874-2910; e-mail is p921a@persnet.navy.mil. Web site is www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/data/pages/recall1.html.

Critical Skills Needed in Force

The Naval Reserve Force currently has openings for these drill pay billets across the nation:

Rates	Numbers needed
Hospital Corpsman (HM)	763
Master At Arms (MA)	725
Equipment Operator (EO)	707
Storekeeper (SK)	614
Builder (BU)	484
Construction Mechanic (CM)	396
Operations Specialist (OS)	295
Intelligence Specialist (IS)	292
Steelworker (SW)	277
Aviation Maintenance (AM)	242
Electronic Technician (ET)	220

Tell people about these opportunities to serve in the Naval Reserve. For more information, contact a local recruiter, call 1-800-USA-USNR, or go to the new Naval Reserve Recruiting Web site www.usnavalreserve.com.

Loans for mobilized Reservists

The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) now offers a new disaster loan program, the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan, to help small businesses whose owners or key members are mobilized for military service.

Loans are available to small businesses that may have suffered significant economic losses because an essential employee (including an owner or operator) is a Reservist and has been called to active military duty.

Filing period for small businesses to apply for economic injury loan assistance begins on the date that the essential employee (Reservist or small business Reservist owner) is ordered to active duty and ends on the date 90 days after the essential employee is discharged or released from active duty.

To find out more about SBA's loan program and where to file an application, go to www.sba.gov/disaster, visit the SBA's extensive Web site at www.sba.gov or go to www.sba.gov/disaster/mreidl.html.

ADSW for Joint and Contingency Operations

The Joint and Contingency TAD Assignments Branch of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO N123C) has ADSW billets available. Reservists are needed to augment joint, United Nations and NATO operations worldwide. ADSW orders are normally for 179 days.

Particularly needed are officers (TACAIR aviators, intelligence and supply) and enlisted (in ratings IS, OS and

IT). Interested Reservists are invited to check out 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.

Medical/Hospital Corpsmen Wanted

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

Do you know someone who is qualified in the medical profession as an EMT, Lab Technician, X-Ray Technician, Surgical Technician, Cardio-Pulmonary Technician and/or Paramedic? He or she may be eligible to join the growing ranks of the Hospital Corpsman. Tell people about this great opportunity to serve in the Naval Reserve. Contact a local recruiter or call 1-800-USA-USNR, or visit us on the Web site at www.usnavalreserve.com.

Naval Reserve 2002 Photo Contest

The 2002 Naval Reserve Photographer of the Year contest rules are posted on the Naval Reserve Public Affairs Web site at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/n01p_pub/index.htm. The contest seeks to identify top "still" photographic material as well as the best video material focused on Naval Reserve military life and activities. Material considered for the competition must be produced between July 15, 2001, and July 15, 2002. Entries must be received no later than Aug. 15, 2002.

Still media categories include combat camera, picture story, news, feature, portrait/personality, illustrative photography, pictorial, sports and still photographer of the year.

Video categories include combat camera, uncontrolled action, controlled action, editing, feature story/production, broadcast story and videographer of the year.

Apply Program for Officers

July 19 is the last chance to view billet requests for FY 03 command and non command billets. Naval Reserve officers who have already applied for senior command and other non-command billets may go to www.apply.nola.navy.mil to view last-minute opportunities and to make application request changes.

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

Force needs Reservists' updates for Career Decision Survey

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Most data is gathered using a seven-point scale ranging from "influence to stay" or "influence to leave."

Naval Reservists are required to update the CDS at all major career decision points: reenlistment, extension, advancement, promotion, any transfer to a non-pay status and for mobilized Reservists at their six-month mark and upon demobilization.

"The survey continues to be a real asset in understanding why a drilling Reservists may want to stay or

leave the Naval Reserve," said NCCM(SW/AW) David Flake, Force Retention Manager.

The survey may be completed on any computer with Internet access. To complete, follow these procedures:

- Log on to Web site www.navres.navy.mil.
- Follow the written instructions.
- Enter your Social Security number (SSN), a required field protected within guidelines of the 1974 privacy act. Data requested is encrypted and sent over a secure transmission with firewall protection. Data encryption

will ensure security of information obtained in the surveys; identities of individuals will not be divulged to any party and will not be available for any report.

Commanding officers and command career counselors should ensure 100 percent completion by all Reservists at major career decisions points, and for all demobilized Reservists. For more information, contact NCCM(SW/AW) David Flake at flaked@cnrf.navy.mil or NCC(AW) Duncan Graham via email at grahamd@cnrf.navy.mil.

—NCCM(SW/AW) David Flake, COMNAVRESFOR N1

AWARDS

Ney Awards for Food Service

Two Naval Surface Reserve units were among those recognized in the Edward F. Ney Memorial Awards winners announced recently by the Secretary of the Navy:

- ★ USS GLADIATOR (MCM 11) and
 - ★ USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13)
- were among afloat units recognized in the Atlantic Fleet. GLADIATOR garnered the runner-up award for small afloat units, while SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON won honorable mention in the same category.

Ney awards recognize overall food service excellence by evaluating key areas in customer service, restaurantship, cleanliness and management. They were established in 1958 by Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates and the International Food Service Executives As-

as winners of the RADM Maurice J. Bresnahan junior Training and Administration of Reserves (TAR) officer leadership awards. One officer was chosen from each of the three primary TAR designators. Winners are:

- ★ LCDR Christopher Moore, commanding officer, Explosive Ordnance Mobile Unit TEN
- ★ LT Leslie Jackson, executive officer, Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Norfolk, Va.;
- ★ LT Steven Fuselier, officer-in-charge, Naval Cargo Handling Battalion FIVE

RADM Bresnahan served as Commander, Naval Surface Reserve Force from April 1988 until his retirement from active duty in September 1993. Through his direct efforts, he molded the Surface Reserve Force into a ful-

Naval Reserve Video Contest Winners

Winners in motion media categories are announced for the 2001 Naval Reserve Photo Contest. Competition took place in seven categories of motion media. Results include:

MOTION MEDIA

- *Uncontrolled Action category:*
 - ★ First place: PH2 Lisa Borges, NR Naval Media Center
- *Controlled Action category:*
 - ★ First place: PH2(NAC) Jon Gesch, Combat Camera Group Pacific
- *Combat Camera category:*
 - No entries
- *Editing category:*

Reserve Seabees pave way for *Enduring Freedom* in Afghanistan

Reserve Seabees from the Northeast have played a key role in the nation's battle against terrorism, deploying among the first troops to arrive at Camp Rhino in November 2001 and Kandahar airport in Afghanistan in December 2001—paving the way for operations of Task Force 58 in Afghanistan.

BU1(SCW) Robert Tanner, CM2(SCW) Norman LeBlanc, CE2 Andres Rojas, SW1 Andrew Sliwa and LT Donald Panthen—all from NR NMCB 133, Albany N.Y., were contacted about 3 a.m. Sept. 26, and instructed to report to the Reserve Center by noon that day.

"That roughly gave us six to eight hours to pack up, put our home life in order, and to say goodbye to our families," says LT Panthen. "Though this was extremely difficult, every one of these Seabees did just that without batting an eye. Readiness equals opportunity, and our unit was ready to go," he said. "These folks departed with six hours notice and they all have served their country well and with honor."

NMCB 133, the parent active duty command, is based in Gulfport, Miss., and routinely deploys for seven-month rotations, responding to mission and construction projects globally. NR NMCB 133 (Augment Unit 133) is primarily based out of three Reserve centers: Albany, Glens Falls and Watertown, N.Y.

Reserve Sailors were mobilized with 90 other Seabees out of Gulfport, Miss., and all the Seabees initially went to Guam, joining up with the main body of NMCB 133. LT Panthen was sent directly to Bahrain to work on the Engineering Logistics staff, while the other Seabees from the greater New York area were redeployed from Guam to support operations in Afghanistan, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

BU1(SCW) Robert Tanner was on the initial air detachment of 27 Seabees from NMCB 133 departing Guam and landing at Camp Rhino, Afghanistan, in late November.

As the Air Detachment in Afghanistan grew and also had to support the runway in Kandahar in addition to Camp Rhino, an additional 12 Seabees were flown in. That second wave included CM2 LeBlanc and CE2 Rojas who flew into Kandahar, Afghanistan. CM2 LeBlanc was key



Photo by LT Donald Panthen

in maintaining all the heavy equipment used by the Seabees for their primary mission: maintaining the runway.

"We call it RRR (Rapid Runway Repair)," says LT Panthen. "The Seabees spent 16 to 24 hours a day in runway maintenance keeping the airstrips open."

Within days of the Seabees' arrival, C-17s were able to land and take off in Kandahar. Seabees resurrected an old Russian street-sweeper from the local junkyard and miraculously brought it to life again. The sweeper was critical to clearing potential foreign object damage (FOD) that covered the runway and taxiways. Army engineers who came in to replace the Seabees still use it as a back-up.

To make the airstrip usable after heavy bombing it had suffered during the early campaigns against the Taliban, Seabees placed concrete caps over 18 huge craters.

"The first one was done with one 11-cubic-foot mixer; that took 22 hours to complete from beginning to end," says Panthen. "It took about 40 batches of concrete using the small mixer."

Over the next several weeks, Camp Rhino was closed and all 39 forward-deployed Seabees were repositioned to Kandahar with additional tasking of constructing a short term holding facility for detainees. Construction supplies were hard to come by, and Seabees built the

detainee facility using whatever material they could get their hands on, according to LT Panthen.

"They towed in wrecked vehicles from the local 'bone-yard' to help construct walls and guard towers," said Panthen. Only weeks after the initial tasking, hundreds of Taliban and Al Qaida detainees were being securely held.

"Without the Seabee's tremendous support and 'Can Do' efforts, the Task Force would have been impaired," he said. "This mission was dependent on hundreds of air ops and landings for which Seabees made the difference by keeping runways operational."

CE2 Rojas was instrumental for establishing an electrical distribution system in Kandahar. He was consistently sought after for any type of electrical issue by all coalition commands, according to CM2 LeBlanc. "The local Afghans whom we encountered were very appreciative of the efforts of the U.S. Armed Forces. They felt that we were bringing some stability to their lives," said LeBlanc.

There was a seamless folding of active duty and Reserve Seabees together, according to Panthen. "You can't tell an active Seabee from a Reserve one, and the way we have integrated, trained and worked with NMCB 133 has been a win-win situation," he said. "All of us are in this together and together we have succeeded."

The final retrograde for Seabees out of Afghanistan was through Kuwait, where heavy equipment was cleaned up prior to returning to Bahrain. LT Panthen, CM2 LeBlanc and CM2 Newman loaded all the heavy equipment onboard a Logistics Support Vessel; and, in an unusual operation, they personally sailed with equipment down the Persian Gulf back to Bahrain, where they off-loaded equipment for maintenance and re-staging.

Albany Reserve Seabees are all out of Afghanistan now, and have returned to Guam, Puerto Rico and Bahrain.

"We continue to make a difference and put another place in history for the 'Can Do' spirit of the Seabees," says Panthen. "Everyone has been putting long hours and at time we have felt exhaustion, but we support each other and together we have pulled through. We are very proud to have had the opportunity to turn 'Can Do' into 'Have Done.'"

—LCDR Randy Britton, NR REDCOM Northeast Public Affairs



Ombudsman's Notes

By Yonna Diggs
Naval Reserve Force Ombudsman-at-Large

Many Reservists will now be returning home from deployment. Preparing for the initial deployment is a challenge for an Ombudsman, but post-deployment can be just as challenging. Ombudsmen should have a heightened awareness at this time of services that families may need upon return of servicemember.

It may be a good idea to talk to your Commanding Officer about sponsoring a post-deployment workshop or briefing. Remember as an Ombudsman, you are not a counselor, so when assisting the Command with post-deployment workshops, seek out professionals in the field for help. The Navy has many resources that can assist you as well as the community organizations. Some tips to focus on in this workshop are:

- Reunion orientation for both the spouse and the returning service member.
- Invite representatives from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR).
- Be sure to have a Tricare Representative there to deal with transitioning healthcare issues.
- Financial Counseling
(Consult the Fleet and Family Support Center about possibly getting their Personal Financial Management Coordinator to assist you.)
- Ensure that there are qualified professionals to brief children and allow them to talk about post-deployment issues that affect them.

As we move through the transition of pre-deployment, deployment and post-deployment, we must be proactive in supporting our families. If you are a new Ombudsman, partner with experienced Ombudsman in the field for suggestions and assistance if necessary. If you would like additional information about the Reserve Ombudsman Program, contact me, Yonna Diggs at Yonna.Diggs@cnet.navy.mil or phone (800)675-5728. Visit the Naval Reserve Ombudsman On-line at <http://www.life-lines2000.org/ombudsman/index.asp>



Photo by AW1 William Horstick

AIR MAINTENANCE—Readiness to fly Navy missions is important to Naval Air Reserve squadrons. Above, members of VP-65 wash a P-3 Orion aircraft after flight; maintenance crews will then make sure that all is in order for the next takeoff in support of Fleet training and missions.

HSL-60 "Jaguars" make first flight

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The newest Reserve Force squadron, Light Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HSL) 60, made its maiden flight March 4. HSL-60 is the Naval Air Reserve Force's first SH-60B Light Airborne Multi Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III squadron. The "Jaguars" include 200 TAR and SELRES personnel based out of NAS Mayport, Fla.

After squadron maintenance work led by AECS Dave Sievers, the new Jaguar 602 taxied to the NAS Mayport duty runway under the direction of Plane Captain AD2 Rose Hurst and took to the sky. Squadron maintenance officer LCDR Eric Humphreys and executive officer CDR Don Burns were at the controls for the functional check flight, while AW1 Jim Peters and AD1 Shawn Robertson checked out aircraft mission systems and vibrations.

HSL 60's mission is to deploy combat-ready SH-60B LAMPS MK III helicopter detachments onboard surface combatants upon mobilization, providing under sea warfare, surface warfare, vertical replenishment, search and rescue, medical evacuation, naval surface fire support and communications relay capabilities. HSL 60 provides Fleet contributory support throughout the year, conducting counter-drug operations in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean. The "Jaguars" provide airborne surface surveillance to support embarked U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachments in an effort to stem the flow of illegal narcotics into the United States via the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific.

DoD establishes Northern Command

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While Alaska will be included in this assignment, Alaskan Command forces will remain assigned to U.S. Pacific Command.

- Commander, U.S. Northern Command will be responsible for security cooperation and military coordination with Canada and Mexico.
- Russia and the Caspian Sea will be included in the area of responsibility assigned to U.S. European Command; however, U.S. Pacific Command will retain responsibilities for certain activities in Eastern Russia.
- Antarctica will be included in the area of responsibility assigned to U.S. Pacific Command.

Title 10 of The United States Code requires that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff review, no less than

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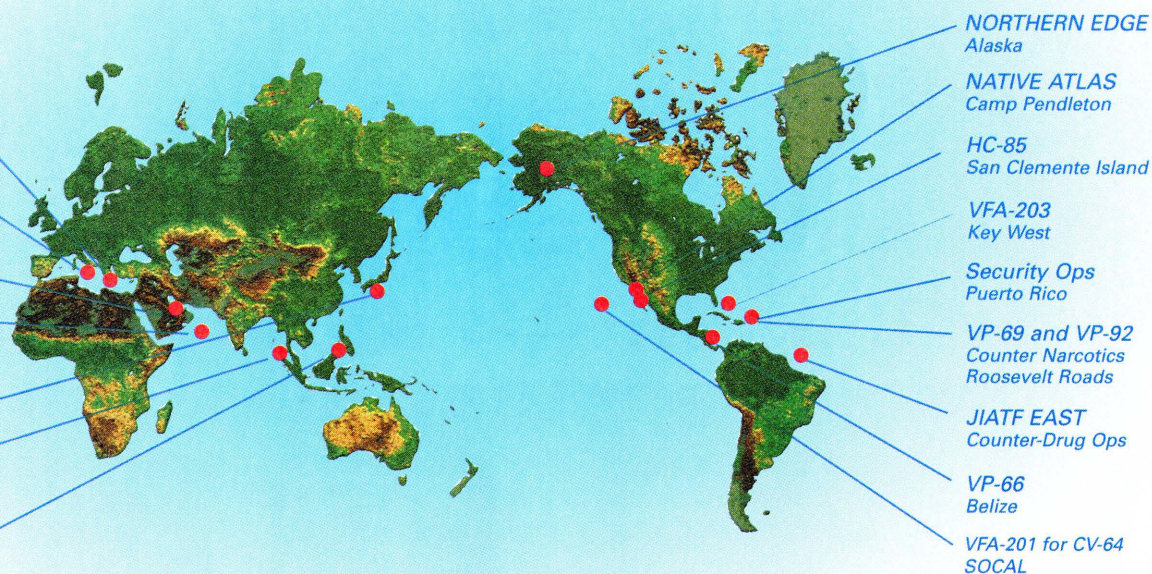


This period in time has been coined as the Information Age. In fact, Informational Technology, the issue of the month, is now so powerful and accessible that anybody with the

Every ESC meeting involves, to varying degrees, Informational Technology. From the New Order Writing System (where each Reservist personally initiates, submits and tracks his or her orders all electronically from home) to the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (where from anywhere in the world a Reservist can communicate with, and

ervists support Navy missions

from across the nation deploy on Annual Training and other duty to support Navy missions throughout the year, in peacetime and during contingencies throughout the year. Not in time" showing where some Naval Reservists (●) were deployed in early April 2002:



any other Naval Reservists also may have been deployed in early April... in detachments, assigned to overseas commands, etc. to COMNAVRESFOR and COMNAVSURFRESFOR staffs for operations information, and to Debbie Fisher for map update.

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Sailors can opt for savings

The next Military Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season runs from May 15 to July 31. Reservists who missed out on the initial opening may enroll during this new open season. The military TSP Web page www.tsp.gov/faq/how-do-i-uniserv.mil offers helpful information. There are several ways to enroll in TSP, and your Reserve Activity can assist you. Self-enrollment using Employee/Member Self Service (E/MSS) is the easiest way. This newly-developed, self-service capability is designed to empower military members to assume greater control for many aspects of their military finances. Web site www.dfas.mil/emss offers information about E/MSS.—CDR Mike Schesser, COMNAVRESFOR N4

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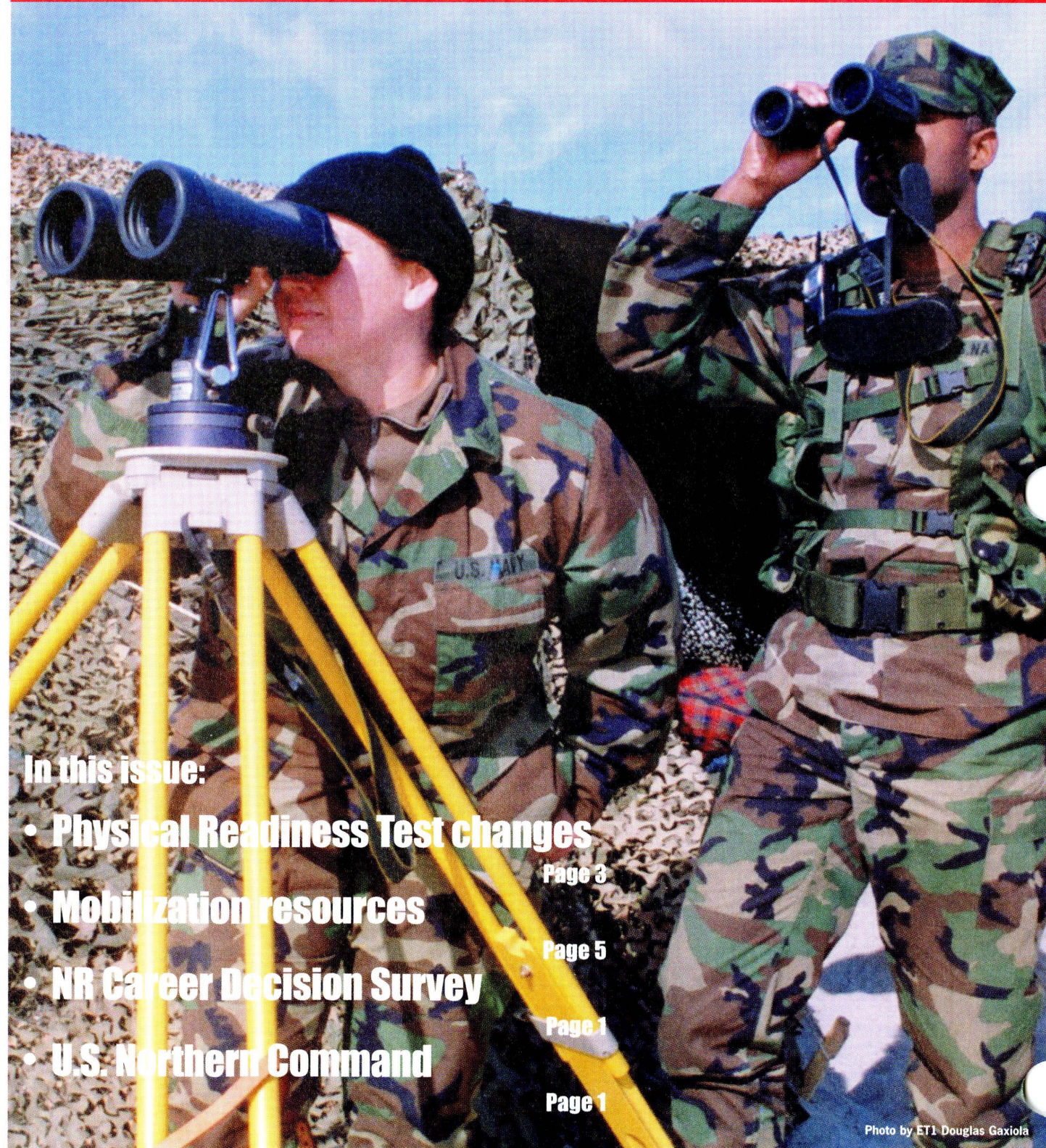
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Photo by ET1 Douglas Gaxiola

ON WATCH—Naval Reserve Sailors are defending America's ports, harbors and bases under the banner of Operation Noble Eagle as part of the new security demands following Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Above, PN3 Michelle Hernandez and MS3 Michael Berry observe vessels in San Diego Harbor. They and approximately 520 other Reservists of Amphibious Group THREE have been recalled to active duty.—JOSN Jason Trevett