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Demobilization underway for some Reservists

As the Navy focuses on a long-term strategy in the war on terrorism, some Reservists activated under the partial mobilization for Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom* will begin to be demobilized in the next few months. The process and guidance for demobilization can be found in NAVADMIN 079/02 (DTG 272246Z MAR 02).

The support of approximately 10,000 mobilized Naval Reservists has been superb, and they have been serving with dedication and distinction. "I'm very proud of the way that our Naval Reservists have responded to the mobilization," said VADM John Totushek, Commander, Naval Reserve Force. "And I'm working with Chief of Naval Personnel VADM Ryan during this demobilization to ensure that we balance the needs of the Navy with the individual Reservist's circumstances."

The demobilization plan 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. The primary areas for continued Reserve mobilization support are direct support to theater commanders, intelligence and anti-terrorism/force protection support.

The majority of orders for Reservists under the partial mobilization were written for 365 days, which included in and out processing time, use of accrued leave and travel time to civilian residence. According to the NAVADMIN, mobilized Reservists serving on involuntary recall orders will be retained no longer than absolutely necessary, and will be demobilized as soon as other solutions—including active duty manning, civilian employees, contract personnel and technological solutions—become available to fill long-term requirements.

The Naval Reserve Force will release more guidance shortly with an update of Fiscal Year 02 personnel policies, including AT, IDT, unit assignment and more information for demobilizing Reservists.

Note: Readers can view messages on the Internet. For Navy NAVADMINS and ALNAVs, go to www.bupers.mil and select "messages." For Naval Reserve ALNAVRESFORs, go to www.navy.mil/navresfor/ and select "Command Services," then "Command Services Sites."

NOWS information available online

Reservists can get information on the upcoming New Order Writing System (NOWS) on the Force Web site at www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/nows. The site currently offers:

- General overview of the system
- Sample screen shots with explanations
- Training schedule for the first two phases
- Deployment plan for the Force
- Policy instruction draft
- Contact information
- Frequently-asked questions



Photo by LCDR Walter Rickert

THE BIG CHILL—Reservist PH1(DV) Cliff Ryan of NR MDSU TWO Det 101 breaks the surface in an access hole after a training dive during *ICE EX 02*, an international ice diving exercise in Quebec City, Canada, earlier this year. Naval Reservists joined military divers from all over the world for the exercise hosted by the Canadian Forces Fleet Diving Unit. Training included logistics, site selection and preparation, equipment usage and dive supervision. Participants conducted dives as well as an emergency drill simulating a diving casualty and evacuation procedures using helicopter support provided by Canadian Forces. Naval Reserve divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit TWO (MDSU TWO) Dets 101 of Newport, R.I., and 507 of Norfolk, Va., participated with members of their gaining command, MDSU TWO, from Little Creek, Va. LCDR Dan Daglio, OIC for NR MDSU TWO Det 101, said, "This was a great opportunity to participate in real-life conditions and learn from our NATO partners."

ESGR training video available

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) has released a video to help Reservists explain their Reserve commitments to their employers. The 12-minute training video details how the Reserve-employer relationship should work. It clarifies both the protections and responsibilities that Reservists have under the law.

The bottom line: It is up to Reservists to open up lines of communications and keep them open. Naval Re-

servists should let their employers know well in advance about any upcoming military training.

To order a copy of the video, go to <http://dodimagery.afis.osd.mil> and select the DAVIS/DITIS image on the left-hand side of the computer screen; then type in "employer relations training video" in the search box.

For any questions about the video, contact Ted Hart at 1-800-336-4590 ext. 426.—COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs

Reserve Sailors get opportunity to change rate

Drilling Reservists in overmanned rates will soon have the opportunity to increase opportunities for their advancement and training.

Those in over-manned ratings can change to a rating in Enlisted Community Management Objective (ECMO) category "A" or "B2." Not only does a change of rate provide Sailors increased opportunities, it helps the Naval Reserve fill critically undermanned requirements for the Fleet.

Last year, COMNAVRESFOR senior leadership conducted a series of manpower summits to address this and other issues. In an effort to improve advancement for our Sailors and to improve Force manning, COMNAVRESFOR implemented the Enhanced Change of Rate Program.

In April, eligible members of the Drilling Reserve will receive a personal letter from VADM Totushek asking them to consider a change of rate program. Additionally, a Naval Reserve recruiter will contact each of these candidates to help them select a new rating, verify eligibility and prepare an electronic change of rate request. An interactive Web site will be available as a resource for every step of this process, and headquarters staff will be ready to promptly process these change of rate requests.

There are many rates currently open in which the Naval Reserve can use Sailors' talents. Reservists are encouraged to act on the opportunity.—YNC Tina Morris, COMNAVRESFOR N11B

Reserve Flight instructors train Fleet pilots

The use of Reserve pilots in the Chief of Naval Aviation Training Command (CNATRA) has been so successful that CNATRA has expanded the program.

By the end of FY 03, there will be approximately 244 Selected Reserve (SELRES) and 77 Full Time Support (TAR) flight instructors assigned to training squadrons and wings at Navy air training sites.

Active duty Navy squadrons are benefiting from the skills and experience of TAR and SELRES flight instructors assigned to Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force.

Over the past year, Navy's aviation leadership has directed the full integration of Reservists into Training Command structure, from squadron to wing to CNATRA headquarters staff.

The training command mission is ideal for Reservists: it is based in the U.S., is regularly scheduled and matches the flying skills of Reserve Force aviators.

Approximately 200 of the SELRES and TAR have been selected for these billets so far. More will be selected in upcoming boards.—COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs

Overnight mail speeds results of Navy exams

WASHINGTON — Commands can help accelerate how quickly Sailors are notified of performance on advancement exams by taking advantage of overnight delivery.

"We want to get exam results to our Sailors as quickly as possible," said...



SAILORS MATTER



FORCM(AW/NAC) Tom Mobley
Force Master Chief

This month the Navy bids farewell to Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt. MCPON Herdt is the ninth to serve in this position and the first to have served in the Naval Reserve.

In 1974 he enlisted as a drilling Reservist and served with several units while attending Kansas State University. Then, after returning to active duty in 1976, he served as a Naval Reserve Recruiter in Milwaukee, Wisc., until rejoining the regular Navy in 1978.

I believe MCPON Herdt's Naval Reserve experience afforded him an understanding of unique issues facing Sailors in the Naval Reserve Force.

Most recently, during MCPON Herdt's testimony before the House Appropriations Committee Military Construction Subcommittee in February, he expressed concern about the long-term impact on current mobilization of Naval Reservists:

"My concern is that if our need for certain Reserve Force skills continues long-term, many of our citizen Sailors may suffer hardships from an extended period of a lower salary than they would receive normally from their civilian employers," MCPON Herdt told lawmakers. "Additionally, the extended absence of these Reservists from their civilian jobs will, in many cases, burden their employers in the form of lost productivity."

MCPON Herdt has taken the lead on many issues that will continue to benefit Sailors for years to come. Perhaps the most important is the expansion of educational opportunities. He believes in the value of an educated enlisted force and has taken steps to broaden opportunities for all Sailors. He will be missed, but I am sure he will continue to stay involved in support of our great Navy.

On April 22, Master Chief Petty Officer

(SS/AW) Terry D. Scott will become the 10th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. He most recently has served as the CNO-directed Command Master Chief for Naval Forces Central Command and 5th Fleet. Many Reservists have served in this region during Master Chief Scott's tenure and have had an opportunity to get to know him.

I look forward to introducing our new MCPON to Reservists across the nation. I am sure each of you will welcome him and provide him a better understanding of issues unique to the Naval Reserve. We have all been well-served by the individuals who have served in the MCPON office since the position was first filled in 1967. I am certain we can count on MCPON Scott carrying on that tradition of excellence.

T. W. Mobley

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Force Master Chief, U.S. Naval Reserve

In the Spotlight:

Naval Reserve Assault Craft Units



UNDERWAY—Sailors from ACU 2 Det 205 of NAVMARCORESCEN Buffalo, N.Y., transit by the Peace Bridge along the U.S.-Canadian border. Photo by BMSN Stacy L. Brown.

Who we are:

- 700 Sailors, mostly Selected Reservists in ratings BM, EN, QM, MM, MS and other Surface ratings, train and operate in the Gulf Coast, the Atlantic Ocean and Great Lakes area.
- A small contingency of Full Time Support (TAR) active duty Sailors, usually EN, HT or BM, support each detachment. They make sure Reserve Force craft—10 LCMs (Landing Craft Mechanized) and 2 LCUs (Landing Craft Utility)—are ready to get underway.

What we do:

- We provide the Navy with trained and qualified craftmasters, coxswains, engineers and other personnel to deploy and work alongside their active duty counterparts in support of amphibious operations worldwide.
- We provide technical expertise to operate and maintain small craft used in coastal warfare, force protection and other Total Force missions.
- We provide real-time, hands-on training in engine maintenance, navigation, boat handling, seamanship, damage control and boat repair.
- We respond quickly to contingencies, using flexibility in deploying detachments to meet Navy needs.

Special thanks and acknowledgment for ACU information goes to program manager HTCS(SW) Donald Pellinen, e-mail surfn51b@cnrf.nola.navy.mil.

Naval Reserve Assault Craft Unit locations

ACU 1
Det 1813
Great Lakes

ACU-1
Det 1819
Port Hueneme

ACU-5
Det 1
Los Angeles

ACU-5
HQ
San Diego

ACU 1
LCM Det 110
Orange, TX

ACU 2
Det 205
Buffalo

ACU-2
Det 2809
Cleveland

ACU 2
Det 2806
Baltimore

ACU 4
Det 1
Norfolk

ACU
Asheville

ACU 1
LCU Det 1908
Tampa

Join us:

- Selected Reservists within commuting distance of an ACU unit may contact their local Reserve Center.
- People who would like to join the Naval Reserve Force as drilling Reservists may contact a local Naval Reserve recruiter. Visit Web site www.navy-reserve-jobs.com or call toll-free 1-800-USA-USNR.
- Those who would like to join the active duty Force as Training and Administration of the Naval Reserve (TAR) Sailors may contact TAR Detailers ENC(SW) White at (504) 678-6026 or ITC(SW) Cannon at (504) 678-6209.

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“M” authorized for Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom

Naval Reservists mobilized for recall under Presidential Executive Order 13223 for Operation *Noble Eagle* and Operation *Enduring Freedom* are now authorized to wear the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) with “M” device.

An Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense memo of Dec. 21 announced awarding of the medal, and guidance is further clarified in NAVADMIN 062/02.

To qualify for the “M” device, members must have been mobilized for service in support of the following designated con-

tingency operations on or after Aug. 1, 1990:

- *Desert Shield/Storm* (Persian Gulf War)
- *Restore Hope* (Somalia)
- *Uphold Democracy* (Haiti)
- *Joint Endeavor/Guard/Forge* (Bosnia)
- *Desert Fox* (in the Persian Gulf call-up)
- *Noble Eagle*
- *Enduring Freedom*

The AFRM is authorized for wear by members of the Reserve components of the naval service meeting criteria detailed in SECNAVINST 1650.1G.

Reserve personnel recalled to active duty not directly mobilized for one of the above named operations are not eligible for the “M” device. Commanding officers determine eligibility from service records, affidavits, or upon completion of eligibility requirements at command or activity, and make appropriate service record entries for enlisted personnel and issue letters of eligibility for officer personnel.

More about the “M” device is offered on the DoD Reserve Affairs Web site at www.defenselink.mil/ra/.—COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs

Reservists support NATO exercise in Strong Resolve

AT SEA ABOARD MOUNT WHITNEY—On the morning of Feb. 28, Reservists set sail from Kiel, Germany, aboard USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) to take part in one of the largest NATO training exercises since the end of the Cold War: Exercise *Strong Resolve*.

“What an opportunity for me to put my skills to work,” said MS1 Douglas Martin of Round Lake, N.Y. This was the fourth NATO exercise for Martin in 21 years of Naval Reserve service. For *Strong Resolve*, he was in charge of billeting more than 450 officers for three weeks.

“Managing berthing for this many officers can be challenging,” Martin said. “However, communication with NATO personnel is good. The experience is rewarding, and I would do it again.”

Strong Resolve is a training exercise to enable NATO to conduct two simultaneous operations in different geographical locations. One scenario in *Strong Resolve* involves an operation in and around Norway. This portion of the exercise involves defending a NATO ally and includes participation by 13 NATO countries.

The second scenario involves a crisis

response operation with 13 NATO and 11 Partnership for Peace (PfP) nations. The involvement of 11 PfP nations represents the largest participation of PfP nations ever in a NATO exercise.

“The aim is to exercise rapid deployment of multi-national forces to conduct two simultaneous operations,” said VADM Cutler Dawson, commander of Striking Fleet Atlantic.

This is the second time OS1(SW/AW) Harry Sundheimer of Red Hook, N.Y., has been involved in *Strong Resolve*. In this year’s exercise, he is responsible for collection of information pertaining to the progress of the scenario and preparing daily briefs. He values the opportunity to work with personnel from other nations.

“Personnel from Bulgaria, Poland and Uzbekistan were fun to work with,” said Sundheimer. “We work well together in attempting to accomplish our goals. Their standards regarding military life are similar to us in many ways.”

VADM Dawson is impressed with the talent and support of Reservists involved in *Strong Resolve 02*. “As always, Reservists have come through with tremen-

dous support,” he said. “We simply could not conduct an exercise of this magnitude without them. Reservists always bring vast experience and talent in a variety of fields.”

CDR Robert Paladeau from Allenhurst, N.J., is able to apply his civilian and military experience in *Strong Resolve*.

“I like the fact that I can use skills from both my Reserve and civilian positions,” said Paladeau, a Reserve Liaison Officer for his gaining command and a senior scientist in his civilian employment. “As both a Reservist and a civilian, I get the fortunate opportunity to work with NATO personnel.” This is Paladeau’s second NATO exercise.

“Striking Fleet has provided an abundant amount of support. The range of experience and expertise is incredible.”

As the exercise comes to a close, 15 Reservists will return to their families, homes and jobs. However, there are more than 20 Reservists who will remain on board as part of mobilization efforts subsequent to terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

—J02 David Hamilton, Second FLEET Public Affairs Staff
Go to www.secondfleet.navy.mil for more on *Strong Resolve*.

COMMANDER'S VIEW



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

Dear Shipmates,

Customer service is a continuing, expanding focus of our Force, and we welcome your ideas on how to do business better.

Last month I shared with you an update on the New Order Writing System (NOWS). This month, I'll discuss another initiative we are developing to improve business practices: proposed alignment of the Naval Reserve Force Headquarters in New Orleans.

As many of you have heard, we will align headquarters staffs to improve our service and support to the Fleet. On March 8, I signed a proposal, now submitted up the Navy's chain of command, to align the Naval Reserve Headquarters to more closely support the needs of you, our Naval Reservists, and the emerging needs of the Navy.

Proposed Alignment Preview

Here is a preview—keep in mind that the proposed package submitted is not set in stone. Many people in New Orleans and Washington, D.C., have done an enormous amount of work developing a plan to reshape the Naval Reserve Force structure into what will be a more highly effective organization designed for the 21st Century and the geo-political world in which we find ourselves.

Here are highlights of the alignment plan as submitted, with anticipation that changes may be made:

- A change of command/establishment ceremony of the Naval Reserve Forces Command is scheduled for July 20.
- At that time, RADM John McLaughlin, Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force, will become Commander, Naval Reserve Forces Command.
- At the same time, RADM John Debbout, Commander, Naval Surface Reserve Force, will stand down the Surface Reserve Force staff and assume the position of Deputy Commander, Naval Reserve Forces Command.
- We anticipate that RADM Dan Kloepfel will relieve RADM McLaughlin as Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve. Only squadrons, wings and NALO-hardware related program managers will remain on his staff. The Naval Air Force Reserve will assume solely Type Commander responsibilities.
- To keep everyone informed, an alignment button has now been placed on the Public Affairs page of both the high and low bandwidth COMNAVRESFOR Web sites. This link will provide updates, as well as a way for you to submit questions and ideas on alignment issues such as how to make our Reserve Force better.

I look forward to the future of our Naval Reserve. These recent examples—the New Order Writing System and proposed alignment—are ongoing efforts to support you and meet emerging needs of the Fleet.

J. B. Totushek

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Vice Admiral, U.S. Naval Reserve



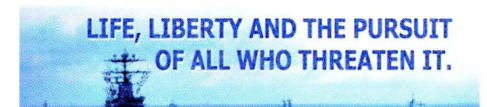
ANTI-TERRORISM FORCE PROTECTION OPERATIONS AND TRAINING—Inshore Boat Unit 17 is a mobilized Reserve unit airlifted to Apra Harbor, Guam, in support of *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom* immediately following Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The unit will soon complete its six-month deployment. Above, during weapons qualifications in the Philippine Sea, IBU 17 member BM1 William Cherry fires an M-60 machine gun; GM2 Don Breadon acts as safety observer and GM1 James Butler spots the fall of shot.—LCDR David Weeks, IBU 17

Ohio Reservists deploy to Japan for Keen Edge

YOKOTA AB, Japan—Reservists of U.S. Forces Japan Detachment 105 continue to set the pace in both training and supporting the war on terrorism. While

manding officer. “We have to be able to support our gaining command, unit members and families of those who are recalled in support of operations, as well

vided by USFJ staff members who traveled to Akron. The commanding officer also made a trip to Yokota AB for planning conferences late last year to coor-



OPPORTUNITIES

Critical Skills Needed in Force

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

Rates	Numbers needed
Equipment Operator (EO)	1,452
Hospital Corpsman (HM)	1,350
Master At Arms (MA)	1,112
Storekeeper (SK)	747
Construction Mechanic (CM)	685
Intelligence Specialist (IS)	393
Electronic Technician (ET)	362
Building (BU)	361
Boatswain's Mate (BM)	334
Operations Specialist (OS)	289
Mess Management Specialist (MS)	274
Construction Electrician (CE)	247
Information Technician (IT)	214
Steelworker (SW)	212
Aviation Maintenance (AM)	150

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

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. Reservists are currently supporting operations such as *Joint Forge* in Europe and *Southern Watch* in Saudi Arabia. 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 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.

Global CCS Maritime Training

A two-day course, Global Command and Control System (GCCS) Maritime Operator, is offered by Naval Reserve unit NR CNSP Det 319 in cooperation with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) and Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific. Training previously offered only to active duty Sailors is now available to Reservists twice every quarter.

The course is presented at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Phoenix, Ariz., and at Fleet Combat Training Center, San Diego, Calif. This GCCS Maritime Operator course has trained over 100 Reservists.

The GCCS Maritime Operator Course administered by NR CNSP Det 319 offers Reservists a cost-effective means of learning GCCS Maritime at an accelerated pace on IDTT weekends, without taking time and resources away from supporting their core missions. For more information, call (602) 353-3001.

Quality of Life Photo Contest

The Lifelines Services Network has announced a photo contest to capture images of the quality of life in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. A grand prize will be awarded to the entry that best portrays Navy or Marine Corps lifestyle.

The contest is held to increase the number of quality-of-life photos on the Lifelines Web page, while increasing awareness of the spirit of quality of life.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers associated with the Department of the Navy. Print specifications, contest rules and an official entry form can be obtained by logging onto Lifelines at www.lifelines2000.org. Entries must be received by June 1. Winners will be announced July 4.

For more about the Lifelines Services Network, contact CAPT Bill Hendrix by e-mail at Hendrix.William@hq.navy.mil or (202) 433-3974, or CDR Rudy Brewington at brewington.rudolph@hq.navy.mil or (202) 433-3865.

Defense Photo Workshop

The 10th annual Department of Defense (DoD) World-wide military photography workshop will be held June 3-8 at Defense Information School (DINFOS), Fort George G. Meade, Md. The workshop is to improve professional knowledge, proficiency and qualifications of DoD photographers and photojournalists. Workshop faculty members will provide advanced technical instruction to increase effectiveness, ability and visual communication skills of photographers so they provide high quality imagery to DoD and local visual information managers.

Selection for attendance will be competitive and limited to 25 photographers/photojournalists. Those attending the workshop are required to have a strong background in still photography. Enlisted personnel and DoD civilians from all services, who hold a photographer or photojournalists specialty code, may apply. Attendees will be selected based on their portfolio and command recommendation, which must be received no later than Apr. 29.

Additional workshop information, including requirements for package submission, may also be found on the DINFOS homepage at www.dinfos.osd.mil. Portfolios and a letter of recommendation from commanding officers should be sent to Defense Information School, Attn: LT Greg Kuntz (Photography Workshop), 6500 Mapes Road, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-5620.

Naval Reservist News

Reservists on Annual Training are needed to support *Naval Reservist News*. Officer and enlisted members with strong journalism and graphic/layout skills are needed. Working knowledge of desktop publishing software (QuarkXpress, Photoshop) and of the Navy/Naval Reserve is highly desired. Applicants are invited to contact NRN at (504) 678-6058 or DSN 678-6058. Fax is (504) 678-1925 and e-mail address is nrnnews@cnrf.nola.navy.mil.

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

Reservists to share medical expertise with African nations

By LTJG Christina Skacan, WA-MOP Public Affairs

Sub-Saharan heat, rural villages, meningitis, malaria—For approximately 110 Naval Reservists traveling to West Africa in April, those images breed not trepidation, but determination to make a difference for the people of Ghana and Togo.

Reserve doctors, nurses and hospital corpsmen from Fleet Hospitals Dallas and Minneapolis will deploy, led by CAPT David Maserang, commanding officer of West African Medical Outreach Program (WA-MOP). They will work side-by-side with their counterparts in Ghana and in Togo, providing training, basic medical care, vaccinations, well baby checks, dental care, visual care and medical and surgical consultations at villages in these countries.

"Additionally, we will provide training in disaster management for local medical and emergency personnel," said CAPT Maserang. Whether reacting to natural or man-made disasters, skills needed for rapid response, triage and basic organization of personnel, transportation and communication are crucial.

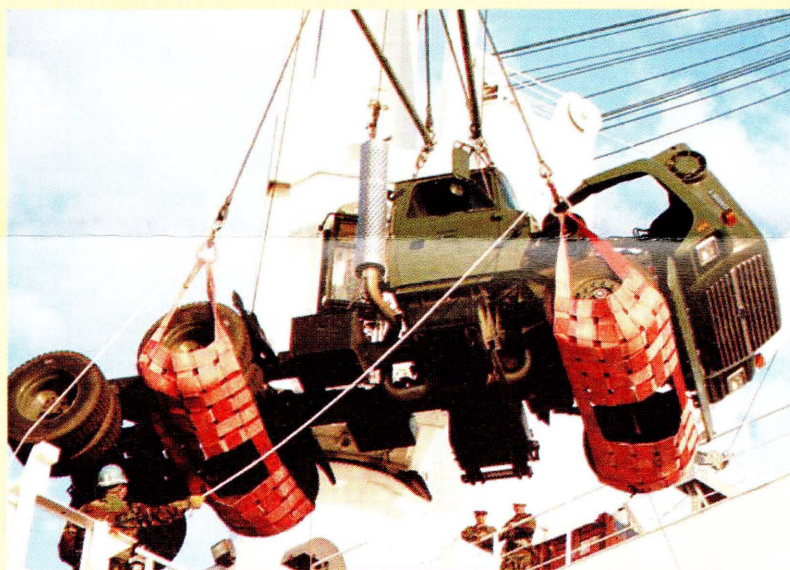
The mission, originally planned as the humanitarian aspect of West African Training Cruise (WATC) conducted in November 2001, was postponed following Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. Now, after two years of planning, WA-MOP will commence.

Working with Commander, Naval Forces Europe, U.S. Embassies in Ghana and Togo, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and the West Africans, Maserang traveled to host nations for planning conferences. He scouted locations and organized funding, staffing, force protection and logistics.

Maserang selected eight villages in each nation based upon reasonable driving distance from bases of operations, availability of sanitary support, electricity, water and infrastructure. To provide the best care possible, WA-MOP Sailors will interact with local citizens acting in the capacity of village medicine man, or the lead female of a village. Also, Reservists will participate in local cultural exchanges with dignitaries in communities of Ghana and Togo.



Combat stevedores excel in Trident Arch IX



Combat stevedores offload a truck from Military Sealift Command container and roll-on/roll-off cargo vessel USNS 1ST LT HARRY MARTIN (T-AK 3015).



TEAMWORK—Reserve Cargo Handlers BM3 Dana Huddleston, BM3 Ramon Lucas and Seaman Recruit Hicks rig the hook to be used for the next lift.

CHB-5 photo feature by SK2(SW) Tony Wecker

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—During Exercise *Trident Arch IX*, 116 Naval Reservists of Navy Cargo Handling Battalion FIVE re-loaded equipment and materials needed to set up a Fleet Hospital.

Working around-the-clock for five days in all-weather conditions, Reserve cargo handlers worked on the pier at Cheatham Annex to offload old, then onload new cargo to be stored on 1ST LT HARRY MARTIN (T-AK 3015) for contingency use.

Making a total of 721 crane lifts, their work saved the Navy an estimated \$1.4 million—and provided real-time readiness training. NCHB-5 is one of 12 Reserve cargo handling battalions of the Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force, providing worldwide Fleet support in every CINCs Area of Operations.



TRAINING—Reservist Julie Daub of Gig Harbor, Wash., participates in a training session with BM1 Krawitz on vehicle tie-downs.

Overnight mail can speed results of Navy exams for Sailors



Photo by Daryl C. Smith

SEABEE DEFENSE—E03 Mark Kurtz (left) and E01 Derek Sansone (right) of NMCB 21 man a defensive post during Exercise Sharp Wedge at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Reserve Seabees train to increase military readiness in Sharp Wedge

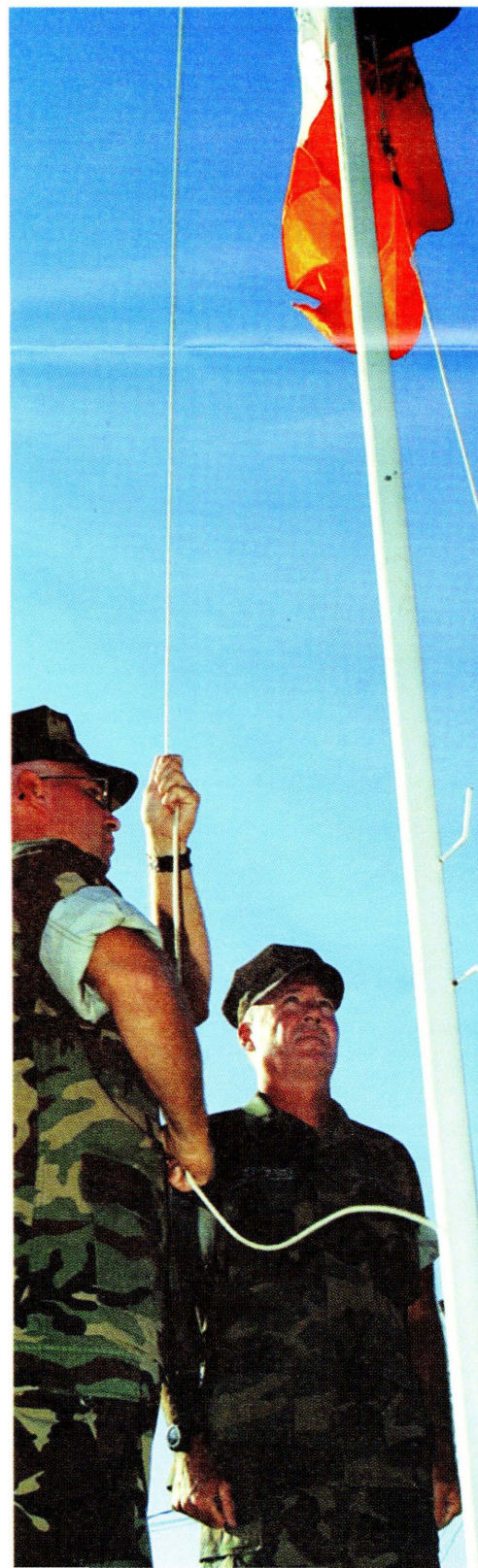
CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.—Nearly 800 Reserve Seabees from the Seventh Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) participated in *Sharp Wedge*, a four-week military training exercise at Marine Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sharp Wedge was conducted in two phases: First, a field exercise focusing on tactical construction; and second, on military skills instruction. U.S. Marine Corps units

from Camp Lejeune assisted Seabees by providing instruction and acting as aggressor forces.

During the field exercise, Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCB) 21 and 26 Sailors constructed base camps, established operations centers and defensive positions, conducted convoys and performed tactical construction. Construction projects included SEAhuts and

timber towers, which the Seabees will leave behind for the Marines to use. In the military training phase, NMCB 27 and Construction Battalion Mobilization Unit 202 Sailors received instruction on basic combat skills, various weapons, communications skills, runway repair, squad leader and Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) training.—Daryl C. Smith, Public Affairs Officer, 2nd NCB



Seabees build temporary facilities at Camp X-Ray

By Daryl C. Smith, Public Affairs Officer, 2nd NCB

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba—About 140 Navy Seabees recently completed the first phase of temporary detention facility construction for Taliban and al-Qaida detainees at Camp X-Ray. The 320 units are now holding 300 detainees.

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs) 133 and 3 were assigned to build 120 of the units, completed ahead of schedule Feb. 2. About 40 Marines from the 8th Engineer Support Battalion worked alongside Seabees as part of the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment Forward. The regiment is now awaiting orders for the next phase of construction: support facilities for a more permanent detention facility about five miles away at Radio Range.

Seabees constructed guard towers and wooden buildings called Southeast Asia Huts (SEAhuts) at Camp X-Ray and installed lighting. The Seabees also provided quality of life improvements to Tent City, where Army and Marine guards are currently living on a hill overlooking the detention facility.

"The Seabee work ethic is unsurpassed . . . It's part of our culture," said CDR Louis V. Cariello, commander of the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment Forward. "Coming in ahead of schedule means a lot to them."

NMCB 133 Seabees from Roosevelt

Roads, Puerto Rico; Guam; and Andros Island (including 14 Naval Reservists) and NMCB 3 Seabees from Norfolk, Va., Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Rota, Spain, joined forces under the 22nd Regiment along with about 20 NMCB 3 Seabees already working in Guantanamo Bay. Eight steelworkers were called in from Amphibious Construction Battalion 2 to help with detention facility construction.

Bringing such a diverse group together for a time-sensitive and critical mission was a challenge. "The high tempo and mission focus helped pull everyone together as the 22nd Regiment Forward," CDR Cariello said. "There was a lot of pressure to get cells completed because detainees were getting flown in here from Kandahar." Arrival of the first detainees only served to reinforce Seabees' commitment, he added.

Known as a haven for iguanas and banana rats, the terrain and climate of Guantanamo Bay presents its own challenges. With little shade from the sun, work crews drink plenty of water and use sun protection as temperatures reach the mid-80s daily. Their efforts have paid off, as there have been no heat stress cases to date.

Although not technically part of the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment Forward, 17 Seabees from Construction Battalion Units (CBUs) 423 and 411 also played a major role. They assisted Fleet

Hospital Unit 20 erect a 7,500 square-foot hospital in just five days. The facility includes an operating room, X-ray room and laboratory and is used to provide medical treatment for detainees. The normal hospital configuration contains 36 beds, but was altered to 20 beds for security reasons. "Our job was to get the hospital up and running and to make things as comfortable as possible for the staff," said LT Jon Scott, officer-in-charge of CBU 423. The hospital consists of several metal containers connected by air-conditioned tents. Seabees are now providing public works support, maintaining water, sewage, electricity and air conditioning. "We assist the doctors and nurses with anything they need to make their jobs easier," LT Scott added.

"Active, Reserve, East Coast, West coast, CBUs, ACBs and Marines all rolled together with one purpose and focus on why we're here," CDR Cariello said. "It just shows what Marines and Seabees can do, and it's been a lot of fun to be a part of it."

Despite the intense pace of work, Seabee morale has remained high, CDR Cariello said. "They're not getting a lot of time off, but they've been focused on the mission, and that's kept them motivated. They might not realize it now, but they'll look back 20 or 30 years from now and think of what they've done here. And they should," CDR Cariello said.

Seabees proudly raise New York flag in Cuba

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba—The New York City flag that traveled to Afghanistan with Navy Seabees (in honor of those lost at the World Trade Center) has returned to the Reservist who originally received it from New York City's Police Department.

CE2 Joseph McShea is one of 14 members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Reserve augment unit working with about 125 active duty Seabees from NMCB 133 and NMCB 3 in Guantanamo Bay. He is working in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, helping build facilities to hold Taliban and al-Qaida detainees. He and two other members of his Reserve unit hoisted the flag during a March 8 ceremony at Camp X-Ray.

CE2 McShea was working as an elec-

serve unit and worked on bucket brigades, digging by hand to try to find survivors. It was a scene unlike anything he had ever seen.

"The shock of the collapse was so great, everything was just pulverized to nothing bigger than a quarter," CE2 McShea said. "You couldn't recognize what anything was."

McShea worked at the site for a day and a half. He explained that a horn would sound when pieces appeared ready to fall.

"When that horn sounded, you'd run—you'd run like a little kid—you'd run for your life," he said. "You realized quickly that this was a dangerous, dangerous place."

When New York City Police LT Gene

comprised entirely of members from New York. The Reserve augment unit joined NMCB 133 on deployment in Guam and presented the flag to the commanding officer, CDR Douglas Morton. The New York flag flew over the Seabee camp in Guam from mid-October until a detail deployed to Afghanistan in late November to repair a runway and a camp for U.S. forces.

BU1 Robert Tanner took the flag to the forward operating base at Camp Rhino, where U.S. Marines raised it on a bamboo pole. It also flew in front of the detention center the Seabees built in Kandahar.

During its travels, the flag also acquired a number of signatures including those of Army GEN Tommy R. Franks,

FirstGov Web site opens digital portal for information useful to military

WASHINGTON—The federal government's redesigned Web portal, FirstGov, provides countless links that any Internet surfer might find useful.

Access is easy. The site is named FirstGov, but the Web address is a noncase-sensitive firstgov.gov. You don't even need to type www unless it's too old a habit or you're using an old browser.

Military members might find the search engine on the left side of FirstGov's home page particularly helpful. It can call up any state's official Internet site. Service members and their families can find information on state taxes and motor vehicle registration requirements.

Many states offer veterans' benefits in addition to the federal government's. Education and burial benefits, state government veterans' employment preferences and job

training assistance are other possible state Web topics.

On FirstGov's home page, under the heading "Online Services for Citizens," is a link titled "Change Your Address." Service members moving from one duty station to another can change their address with the U.S. Postal Service via an online form for \$1, or they can print forms free and mail or take them to their local post office.

The Postal Service site has links to numerous other government and private services available to get settled in a new location. Links to government services, for instance, include emergency numbers, schools, senior citizens programs, Better Business Bureau and local Departments of Motor Vehicles. Links to civilian services include telephone and utility companies and Internet service providers.

Other FirstGov links provide federal forms and regulations, directories for federal agencies, military personnel locator information and links to copies of the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

Click on the home page's "Laws & Regulations" link, then the "Statistics Gateway (FedStats)" link. You'll gain access to an alphabetical listing of statistics kept by various government agencies. You can also find links to pages designed for children that several government agencies maintain.

If all else fails, and you can't find what you're looking for, the FirstGov main page includes a search engine that reaches out to all federal and state government Internet sites.

—Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA, American Forces Press Service

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Navy and Marine Corps Medal

AT1 Timothy Burke of VP-92 at NAS Brunswick, Maine



Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT David Hardwick of NR COMNAVAIRLANT 1086 at NAVMARCORESCEN Norfolk, Va.

CDR David Sweede of NR COMNAVAIRLANT 1086 at NAVMARCORESCEN Norfolk, Va.

CDR David Stitzlein of NR COMNAVAIRLANT 1086 at NAVMARCORESCEN Norfolk, Va.



Joint Service Commendation Medal

LT Richard A. Wilson of NAVRESCEN Cleveland, Ohio.

EOC Robert E. Hamilton of NR COMNAVCENT, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Fla.



Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

CAPT Peter J. Romano of NR LEPSU 0269 at NAVAIRESCHEN Chicago, Ill.

CDR Robert M. Craig of NR SECGRU at Naval Reserve Readiness Command Minneapolis, Minn.

CDR Gregory W. Eaton of NR ROTA 0269 at NAVAIRESCHEN Chicago, Ill.

CDR Greg Hales of NR COMNAVAIRLANT 1086 at NAVMARCORESCEN Norfolk, Va.

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Joint Service Achievement Medal

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IT1 William E. Lane III of NAVRESCEN Cleveland, Ohio.

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IT2 Reginald Mason of NAVRESCEN Cleveland, Ohio.

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Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

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YN3 Karla Shipp-Johnson of NR CVNE 1169 at NAVAIRESCHEN Chicago, Ill.

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SN Marilyn O. Barnes of NR COMSUBLANT Det 305 at NAVRESCEN Cleveland, Ohio.

HIGHLIGHTS

RIMA builds ships' brows for subs

DENVER, Colo.—Denver Naval Reservists are making ships' brows for the U.S. Navy Atlantic Submarine Force.

Building the brows is a Reserve Intermediate Maintenance Activity (RIMA) project. Submarine Squadron Support Unit (SSSU) Norfolk is the project's 'client' according to LCDR Tom Lyons, commanding officer of Naval Reserve USS Frank Cable (AS-40) Det B, the primary Reserve unit involved in the project. Members of Navy Submarine Support Command (NSSC) Pearl Harbor, Maintenance Det B, and Fleet Maintenance Unit Destroyer Squadron 2 are also involved in the project.

"This is a big deal," said LCDR Lyons. "COMSUBLANT has incorporated the use of these brows into their force protection plan." NAVMARCORESCEN Denver was selected in large part due to the size and capability of the shop and craftsmen.

The project's importance increased dramatically following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Typically, submarine brows are 40 to 50 feet long, may weigh up to 6,000 pounds and require handling by a crane. The brows being built by the Reservists are lighter and easier to maneuver, and therefore much quicker to place and remove. Additionally, these brows pivot on wheels.

"A couple of guys can move it around to position it," Lyons said. "When subs must get underway quickly, they can just cast off lines. In a high-threat situation they can get out of a harbor quickly."

This type of brow has proven successful at Pearl Harbor, which inspired Atlantic Fleet interest.

Denver's effort is also a great cost savings for the Navy. Civilian contractors have built similar brows for more than \$65,000 each. The cost of materials is about \$20,000 with no cost for labor.

The first brow was delivered Jan. 14. SSSU officials recognized the quality and provided final funding for a second brow, which is nearly complete.

The project is the latest in a long line of multi-unit RIMA projects successfully completed at the Denver Reserve Center, including building and installing equipment storage lockers ships' lockers for fast attack subs USS ALBANY (SSN 753) and USS MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL (SSN 708). RIMA projects provide the Fleet with products it needs at a substantial cost savings, and benefit Reservists by giving them skilled hands-on in-rate training.

—ENS Eric Brian, NR NIB 1118, Fort Carson



POHANG, South Korea—MS2 William Dillard prepares meals for troops participating in joint/combined Exercise RSO&I/Foal Eagle 02. Dillard, from Cargo Handling Battalion NINE, Columbus, Ohio, is one of nearly 200 Naval Reservists working in Pohang. Dillard was assigned to the Harvest Eagle Galley, a portable dining facility that can feed up to 1,000 people at a time.

Jacksonville Mob Site excels

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The Navy Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS) unit based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., processes recalled Reservists in support of Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Within three weeks following Sept. 11, 19 of 21 unit members were recalled to active duty. The Jacksonville site has mobilized 1,200 Reservists in support of current operations. ITC Tara Kissling, an NMPS team member, credits her unit's success to a personal touch: "The Navy is a family, and we don't want Sailors to feel like just a number."

Use of a shuttle bus has proven to be another secret to the unit's successful mobilization of more than a thousand personnel. In a process that takes an average of three to five days, NMPS team members need to work fast and efficiently to mobilize a Reservist. The shuttle bus is run by NMPS team members and transports in-processing personnel to medical and dental centers, the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD), the Fleet and Family Service Center, and base legal offices.

"We make ourselves available and approachable because we are the final step before active duty," Chief Kissling said. "I know without exception that everyone processed through this door is ready, willing and able to fulfill their duty when they leave." But the job doesn't end when everyone is mobilized. Reservists returning from active duty go through a similar process to be demobilized. "We're the last to go home," Kissling added, "but that's what it's all about."—J02 Jennifer Valdivia, REDCOM Southeast Public Affairs

Hot meals keep morale high in Korea

When nearly 200 Naval Reservists descended on a remote facility in Korea that normally houses less than 20 active duty Sailors and Marines, expectations of comfort were low. Yet when they walked through the gate and were told to "go get some hot chow," it was not a cruel joke. Reserve Seabees and cooks had erected a tent galley and were prepared to serve 680 hot meals a day.

They came from all across the United States, gathering in Pohang, South Korea, to support Reception Staging Onward-movement and Integration/Foal Eagle '02 (RSO&I/FE), exercising procedures to be followed in case personnel and equipment reinforcements were required on the Korean peninsula. Hot meals came from the Harvest Eagle Galley (HEG), a portable dining facility that can be unpacked from pre-packaged containers in configurations which can feed as many as 1,000 people at a time.

Having a means to feed large numbers of personnel is imperative in the event of wartime conditions. Should large numbers of military personnel be required to respond due to hostilities or humanitarian missions, they will be able to perform their duties with a full stomach, courtesy of Navy/Naval Reserve galleys.

Setting up a galley in Korea proved to be a challenge for LCDR John Price of NR COMNAVFOR Korea Det A, Des Moines, Iowa. He worked with a crew of 10 Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, 17 from Ft. Carson, Colo., and NMCB-18 from Ft. Lewis, Wash. "The equipment was nearly 17 years old and had been used only once before," said Price.

Getting the facility constructed and running was only part of the effort. Food had to be brought in, a menu prepared and the meals cooked. The 10 Mess Specialists who make the chow came together from two different CNFK units: Supply Support Battalion Unit 2 Detachments in Syracuse, N.Y., and Quincy, Mass.; and Cargo Handling Battalions 9, Columbus, Ohio and 14, Port Hueneme, Calif. Most of them never worked together before, but with their combined experience of more than 160 years, they quickly came together and began producing 170 meals, four times a day.—LCDR Richard Maloney

Action Photos Wanted

Naval Reservist News seeks timely news photos of Reserve Sailors at work (not posing for camera) as they train, deploy and support Navy missions.

Send color prints or digitals (300 dpi or higher) to NRN for consideration. Include photo credit, caption information and a weekday point of contact (phone and e-mail) with each submission.

See page 2 of this issue for NRN address information.

Department of Defense fights government credit card abuse

WASHINGTON—Defense officials are on the trail of any one who hasn't paid government travel credit card bills and those who have misused government purchase cards. The Department of Defense (DoD) intends to have a package of remedies in the form of proposed legislation or administrative changes within 60 days. A task force was set up in March, made up of the DoD inspector general and Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and representatives from

the Office of Personnel Management, Justice Department and Office of Management and Budget. Task force objectives are to investigate and punish wrongdoers, develop reforms, and improve training and senior management enforcement. DoD has issued about 1.4 million travel credit cards to individual employees and service members; DoD also issued about 207,000 purchase cards to persons authorized to buy office supplies and equipment. Defense officials

say users' current delinquency rate on travel cards is 11.7 percent and 3 percent for centrally-billed purchase card accounts. Accounts are considered delinquent when payment is not made within 60 days.

Punishment for card misuse, fraud and abuse can include termination of DoD employment, imprisonment, probation, restitution, fines and demotion. The Defense Criminal Investigative Service has 17 open investigations involving 90 persons allegedly

involved in credit card fraud. Other completed cases have resulted in jail terms, probation and restitution.

Credit card programs are an essential part of DoD's efforts to improve its business practices. The cards cut costs, free up funds for critical requirements and create potential for accountability.

—excerpted from release by Linda D. Kozaryn, American Forces Press Service. The entire story may be viewed at Web site www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2002/n03272002_200203274.html.

What is Leading Change?

By CAPT Jean Roberts, COMNAVRESFOR Executive Steering Committee PAO



If you were to say that Leading Change is a management plan that affects your future as a Naval Reservist, that's true—but there's more. The U.S. Naval Reserve Force is in the business

of supporting the Fleet. That's our job, and Leading Change initiatives improve the ways we do our job. To some, those are just words, but I can assure you that to VADM John B. Totushek, those words are taken very seriously.

VADM Totushek has made it clear that the Force Executive Steer-



Ombudsman's Notes

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

Family readiness is a key element in an overall mission readiness plan. Commands across the nation realize the value of having an effective ombudsman program to facilitate readiness. Here are a few suggestions on how to recruit an ombudsman.

- Seek the advice of ombudsmen in the field. They are constantly communicating with families and would have an idea of spouses who would be good candidates for the program.

