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From the Desk of Reserve Force Master Chief Ronney Wright

Greetings from Houston, TX just completed a great weekend visiting with the professional Sailors at NOSC Houston, spent Friday visiting with the staff and touring the new facilities. Saturday I enjoyed a full day conducting FORCM Calls, spent some time with the Chiefs mess, attended Open House briefings and wrapped things up with the retirement ceremony and dinner for HMCM Martin(FMF/SS) "Marty" Johnson. Between Miami, Cuba and Houston the temperature averaged around 98 degrees. Flying to Newport, RI for dinner with the RC Sailors attending SEA Class 29 on Sunday evening. Monday plan to join the class for PT in the morning, and then follow that up with a Navy Reserve 101 brief, then head down to Norfolk to kick off the 2009 Navy Reserve CMDCM Continuum hope to see you there.

SOUTHCOM HQ / JTF Guantanamo. SgtMaj Staudt, SEA to the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, CSM Hudson, SEL to the Chief National Guard Bureau, CMSgt Badgett, CMSgt of the Air Force Reserve, CMSgt Muncy, CMSgt Air National Guard and myself received command briefs, office calls and conducted all hands calls with RC enlisted service members during visit to SOUTHCOM HQ and JTF-Guantanamo facilities.

Navy Operational Support Center, Houston (NOSC). After operating at a downtown location for over 50 years NOSC Houston has relocated to the Armed Forces Reserve Center at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. Over 1100 active and reserve Sailors along with the Army's 75th Battle Command Training Division and the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines, 4th Marine Division. All services participated and showcased the new center to U.S. Representative John Culberson and staff members from the offices of Senator John Cornyn and U.S. Representative Pete Olsen.

Future proposed projects at Ellington Field include lodging, dining facility, commissary, expanded exchange, fitness center, track, small arms complex and medical clinic to support over 6K service members.

Clothing Allowance Increases for Selected RC (E7-E9). Since 1977, RC CPO maintenance clothing allowance has remained unchanged, and parity in AC and RC CPO allowances has diminished. By updating the Financial Management Regulations (FMR) to recalculate Reserve Quarterly Maintenance Allowance (RMA) based on a percentage of AC allowance and authorizing full Special Initial Clothing Allowance upon advancement to E7, equity in compensation for uniform usage between AC and RC Chief Petty Officers can be restored as another element of a true Continuum of Service. ASN(M&RA) has approved our request for this change and forwarded the proposal to ASN(FM&C) to authorize both increases. Specific monetary details will follow once the proposal has been approved.

Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD/RA) is seeking nominations to fill a three-year FTS/AGR E-9 billet on the Assistant Secretary of Defense Reserve Affairs personal staff as the Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. The OASD/RA SEA position is available beginning September 1, 2009. Nominations due no later than July 17, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact CAPT Mark Englebert at (703) 695-3620 (DSN 225) or CDR Jill Merklely at (703) 693-8612 (DSN 223). See attached memo for specific details.

OSHU Bethesda OIC/SEL Conference. Last Saturday morning spent time with the leadership attending the OIC/SEL OSHU Conference hosted by RADM Dullea. Senior Enlisted Leadership civilian occupations included Cardiac Care nurses, professors, historian, material management supervisors, Paramedics', CDC supervisors, and cable services. Each was able

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to share how their civilian skills support Navy requirements at reduced cost during annual training and mobilization.

RC Medical Corps Units Providing Full-Time Excellence. 260 Navy medical personnel are currently mobilized from multiple BUMED commands as a Naval Expeditionary Medical Unit supporting Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. The continuous rotation of RC Sailors into Germany enables us to contribute approximately 80,000 days of care each year to returning casualties. Another 105 medical personnel from BUMED are conducting Medical Readiness Training Exercises (MEDRETE) in Jamaica, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and in mid-August, Guyana. These missions provide direct patient care, education, and ancillary support to indigenous populations. RC medical corps is "Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere."

Operational Support Summary. 23,129 Navy Reservists are providing integrated Operational Support to the Fleet and COCOMs, including 6,161 individuals who are mobilized or deployed. NALO airlift scheduling cost avoidance by using VR aircraft vs. AMC during the week provided a cost savings to the Navy of \$1,879,065. We flew 112 of 115 requested PRI-1/2 flights for a 98% completion rate.

RC Medical Readiness. SELRES, 84.7% Fully Medically Ready—up from 84.3% last week; 5.3% Partially Medically Ready for mobilization; total 90.0%, up from 89.9% last week.

E7 BOARD RESULTS. The board has secured, currently waiting for the Report of Proceedings approval by CNP. Until then make sure you review MCPONs 2009 Induction Guidance with the CPOs in your AOR. There should be zero doubt about expectations.

DID YOU KNOW

Individual Augmentation (IA) Gram 06, Suitability Screening for IAs, NAVADMIN 180/09. This message announces new guidance on pre-deployment suitability screening for Sailors nominated for IA Expeditionary Assignments. All commands are directed to execute NLT 20JUL09.

SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS (SRB) NAVADMIN 176/09. To clarify any confusion that may exist, the temporary suspension of the SRB program mentioned in NAVADMIN 176/09 will only impact FTS and AC. This NAVADMIN does NOT impact our SELRES retention bonus program. Commands should continue to execute SELRES enlisted retention bonuses per existing guidance.

TRICARE Reserve Select. Information regarding enrollment in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS). Can be found at <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Plans/ReserveSelect> current costs: Member-only \$47.51, Member & family \$180.17 per month.

Enlisted Learning and Development Strategy Podcast. Recommend you listen to this podcast from CNP. <http://www.navy.mil/media/audio/cnp/cnppodcast.htm>

CNO ADM Gary Roughead briefed the Subcommittee on Defense, Senate Committee on Appropriations (SACD) On June 2, 2009. Following the admiral's prepared posture statement, Sen. Thad Cochran, (R-Mississippi) asked the CNO about the Navy Reserve. COCHRAN:

I had the pleasure of spending several years as a Reserve officer following active duty in the Navy, and I enjoyed the opportunities of going back to Newport, Rhode Island, for example, and being on the staff of the -- of the faculty at Officer Candidate School, and continuing to be involved.

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Do you still have a strong Reserve program utilizing the experience and talents of -- of former active duty officers in Reserve activities, or do we -- is that a wise investment? Or what is your impression of the naval Reserve mission today in -- in how it complements the active duty forces?

ADM ROUGHHEAD:

Senator, we are one force today. The integration of our active component and our Reserve component is as close as it has ever been. And in fact, most of the individual augmentees that have gone into the Central Command area of operation over the past eight years are -- are Reserve sailors and officers.

We cannot be the Navy we are today without our Reserve component. And the way that they move in -- into our active force after having served in an active capacity is absolutely seamless. And the importance that we place on our Reserve programs is -- is extremely high.

And the Navy that the secretary was referring to as being as professional and as competent and as agile as it is today is a function of that active-Reserve integration that -- that has taken place.

Ready Now! The June issue that discusses the Navy Reserve strategic plan can be found on the Navy Reserve website. Check it out and talk with your Sailors and families. Post for viewing.

How do you verify that your commands Brilliant on Basics are really reaching the Sailors that need the information within the first 72 hours of reporting?

30 DAY OUTLOOK

- *SEA Class 29, Newport, RI (22 Jun)
- *CMDCM/CSC Continuum, Norfolk (22-26 Jun)
- *Ombudsman Graduation Charlotte, NC (27-28 Jun)

60 DAY OUTLOOK

- *2009 SOY Week Washington DC (13-17 Jul)
- *NNOA Conf Houston TX (19-24 Jul)

90 DAY OUTLOOK

- *Recruit Graduation (30-31 Jul)
- *NOSC Gulfport (1-2 Aug)
- *RCC NW CO/SEL Conference (24-25 Aug)
- *NNRPB (28-30 Sep)
- *NERA Conference

Have a great weekend and make sure to take care of Evaluations, Career Development Boards and leadership training. Thank you for all that you do to ensure that your Sailors are Ready now. Anytime, Anywhere!

V/r,

Ronney