



Greetings Shipmates!

*On Tuesday, MCPON Rick West, FLTCM Benning, FORCM Martinez, CMDCM Walker and I visited the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations (AFMAO) Center at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. We were provided with a brief and allowed to observe the way our fallen and their families are cared for, from the time the fallen are received by dignified transfer to the time they leave the center for their final resting place. Dover's AFMAO is the Defense Department's largest joint-service mortuary facility, and the only one in the continental United States. The AFMAO has a total force staff consisting of active and reserve Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and civilians who prepare the fallen service members for transport to their final destination as determined by their families. Taking care of families and offering support is the number one priority for the AFMAO staff. The center carefully orchestrates and coordinates each step from initial notification of death, to arranging transportation for the primary next of kin and two other family members at the DoD's expense to observe the dignified transfer operation and escorting families to Dover, to information regarding benefits, support programs and services. Each one of us left Dover, DE humbled by this experience. The staff of the AFMAO truly lives up to their mission statement of **"Fulfilling our Nation's Sacred Commitment of Ensuring Dignity, Honor and Respect to Our Fallen; Care, Service and Support to Their Families."***

Daily, service members around the nation conduct final funeral honors for our fallen and I would like to say Thank-You for your support to honor the service and sacrifice of our Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and their families. The most humbling and inspiring aspect of my time as Force Master Chief has been the opportunity to see first hand the full spectrum of sacrifice made by these patriots who have answered our Nation's call to service.

Latest Updates

Congratulations to our new Command Master Chief and Senior Chief Selectees: NAVADMIN 055/10 and 056/10 will list those selected as class 2010.

Selection Board Applications: Did you know that you can apply for all of the enlisted selection boards active or reserve component? Yes, PERS still need you to apply for both the Active and Reserve Component CPO Selection Boards. Master Chief's this is our time to give back to our Navy and our Sailors. If you have never been a selection board member, I strongly recommend you submit an application to sit this year. We also need seasoned Master Chiefs, so those who have sat boards previously, volunteer and bring your knowledge to the panels. You can't make a difference or be part of the solution unless you apply early and often. Applications for the Active E-7 board must be received NLT 15MAR and Reserve E-7 board NLT 01MAR. To apply, click on the link below and make a difference. <http://www.npc.navy.mil/Boards/ReserveEnlisted/GeneralInfo.htm>

Operation Heroes: On Sunday, 30 May 2010, CBS will televise Operation Heroes, a program that will honor one service member from each military branch for choosing to put the safety, well being, and lives of others before their own. Recommendation packages are due to MCPON's office no later than 15 Mar. The point of contact in MCPON's office is YNCM Shawn Newcoste who can be reached at shawn.newcoste@navy.mil. NAVADMIN 050/10 provides guidance on package requirements and can be found on NPC's website: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Messages/>

Navy Safe Harbor – Warrior Games 2010: The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in conjunction with Wounded Warrior programs from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine

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Corps, will hold a DoD wide “Warrior Games” event 10-14 May 2010. The event will be hosted and sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee’s (USOC) Paralympic Military Program Team at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Eligibility will include wounded, ill, and injured Service Members from the following categories: upper injuries, lower injuries, spinal cord injuries, TBI and PTSD. Events will include shooting, swimming, archery, volleyball, cycling, track, basketball, discus and shot put. The point of contact for questions is U.S. Navy Safe Harbor Program (703) 697-6196. A Fact Sheet for the Warrior Games is attached for your information.

Enlisted Selection Boards: NAVADMINS which announce enlisted selection boards require that commands submit via Naval Message items awarded, earned, or received by the candidate after 29 January 2010 in order to be considered by the selection board. Commands who do not have message transmission capability should ask their NOSC/RCC/ISIC for assistance in transmitting the message. Refer to NAVADMIN 265/09.

COMNAVRESFOR Selected Reserve (RSOY) 2009 Sailor of the Year: You have less than one month before the packages are due! RSOY packages are due by 15 March 2010. Review CNRFINST 1700.1L for guidance on package format, <https://www.navyreserve.navy.mil/Pages/default.aspx>. Sailors are doing great things across the globe for the Navy and our Nation, so make sure we recognize the best and brightest Navy Reserve Sailors!

High Year Tenure (HYT): HYT requests are steadily increasing. Please ensure HYT requests are within the guidelines of MILPERSMAN Article 1160-120 (High Year Tenure) and MILPERSMAN Article 1160-130 (Selected Reserve High Year Tenure). Prior to submission of an HYT request, contact the appropriate Detailer and the Enlisted Community Manager at Naval Personnel Command.

Supply Corp's 215th Birthday: The Supply Corps is 215 years old. The starting of the Supply Corps dates back to 1795 when President George Washington appointed Tench Francis, a Philadelphia businessman, as the country's first Purveyor of Public Supplies. Starting the Navy's support with only six frigates, the Supply Corps has grown to a force of 3,582 Officers both Active and Reserve Component. At any given time, 30 percent of these officers are employed in afloat and expeditionary billets bringing with them a wealth of knowledge from varying backgrounds and leveraging their operational logistics expertise across all theaters. The Supply Corps officers proudly wear the oak leaf insignia and are trained currently at Athens Georgia (soon to move to Newport RI) and employed in three principal lines of operation: supply chain management, acquisition management and operational logistics. The Supply Corps has grown in many different directions in the last 10 year, with each new turn of history the Enlisted Supply Community has grown and excelled in its support. Without both Branches of the Supply Corps tree, Officer and Enlisted, the oak tree that supports the Corps would not be complete. Happy Birthday Supply Corps!

Senior Enlisted Academy Non-Resident Course (SEA-NRC): As you know the e-learning requirements for the SEA-NRC have changed due to the availability of the Skillssoft courses, therefore the application and timelines for requesting a quota have been adjusted to meet the new requirements. If you would like to attend the SEA-NRC, you must first complete the PPME courses, found on NKO e-learning, and submit an application to this office. Once your application has been received and is approved, the SEA Course manager will provide a login ID so that you can gain access to the additional e-learning courses. Applications must be received NO LATER THAN 3 weeks prior to the course commencement date, NO EXCEPTIONS! This will allow you sufficient time to complete the 14 e-learning requirements in addition to the course work that must be completed and ready to turn in on



the first day of class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PSC(AW) Trina Ethier at trina.ethier@navy.mil or 703-695-3976.

Around the Force

Navy Reservist in Orbit Aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour. Navy Captain Kay Hire launched into orbit last week as part of the crew of STS-130 aboard Shuttle Endeavor. Scheduled to land this weekend, she will spend 13 days in space operating the shuttle's robotic arm and working on the space station's observation deck. After serving eight years in the active component, Captain Hire joined the Navy Reserve, serving in various assignments while working full time at the Kennedy Space Center. In 1993, she became the first female in the military to be assigned to a combat aircrew when she reported to VP-62, and has been recalled to active duty ISO USNAVCENT during OEF/OIF. Captain Hire currently serves our Navy in the Integration and Interoperability Programs support division of SPAWAR.

RC Helicopter Detachment Delivers Full Time Excellence During Relief Efforts in Haiti. Navy Reservists of HSL-60 recently returned to NS Mayport last week after embarking on USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36) ISO OPERATION UNIFIED RESPONSE. The *Total Force effort of 34 Sailors* operating the two SH-60B helicopters (*one from HSL-60, one from HSL-44*) had been on station conducting HA/DR missions since 18 January. The detachment flew 87 MEDEVACs from Haiti to the USNS COMFORT and delivered over 40,000 pounds of food and water to various remote landing zones within Haiti. USS UNDERWOOD and the HSL-60 Sailors are resuming preparations for an upcoming Counter-Illlicit Terrorism deployment to the SOUTHCOM AOR.

Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE RC Update. 348 Navy Reservists are on orders providing support to the relief efforts in Haiti. Navy Reserve air assets have flown 105 sorties, totaling more than 830 flight hours and carrying 1,926 passengers and 2.26 million pounds of cargo. *No Navy involuntary mobilizations (units or individual augmentees) have been executed to date.*

30 DAY OUTLOOK

- * Guest Speaker, MCPOA, Pleasanton, CA, NOSC San Jose, VA Center, Ombudsman Graduation (25-28 Feb)
- * Navy Reserve 95th Anniversary Reenlistment/Recognition Event (5 Mar)
- * National Navy Reserve Policy Board, Norfolk (7-10 Mar)
- * Congressional Testimony (16 Mar)
- * CENTCOM (17-22 Mar)

60 DAY OUTLOOK

- * Millington, TN (26-27 Mar)
- * RSOY Paper Board, Norfolk, VA (4-7 Apr)
- * RFOTS, Norfolk, VA (23-25 Apr)

As of 17 February 2010:			
<u>Operational Support Snapshot</u>		<u>N095 H1N1 Vaccinations</u>	
FY10 Pres Bud End Strength	65,500	Military: 59/59 (100%)	
RC Sailors (FTS/SELRES) Onboard: (Delta + 629)	66,129	<u>RC Medical Readiness</u>	
RC Sailors Performing Operational Support:	19,465	Fully Medically Ready:	74.6%
RC Sailors Mobilized or Deployed:	7,110	Partially Medically Ready:	14.1%
RC CPOs Mobilized or Deployed:	885	Total:	88.7%
RC Flag Officers on Active Duty:	21		
Weekly Savings Using VR Airlift:	\$1.74M		