



Greetings Shipmates!

*What an outstanding week, VADM Debbink and his staff with the support of outstanding sponsors hosted the 2009 Reserve Sailor of the Year Program. Winners in every respect, the finalists were: **AWF1 (NAC/AW) Angelica Angilletta** of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FIVE SIX (VR-56), **EO1 (EXW/SCW/FMF) Paul Franco** of SEAL Team EIGHTEEN, **AWS1 (NAC/AW) Raymond Lawson** of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron EIGHT FIVE (HSC-85), **EA1 (SCW) Dwight Woodley** of NOSC New York City, and **HM1 (SCW) Shalanda Brewer** of Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit-Landstuhl. The finalists, along with their families, mentors and board members met personally with several senior leaders and were given tours of the Pentagon, United States Naval Academy, and the DC landmarks prior to the announcement of the winner. It was encouraging to watch these outstanding Shipmates bond over the week and enjoy sharing the experiences of each others career paths. You could tell that the Sailors enjoyed meeting and greeting the public that we all serve as they walked on the Mall in DC. Those Dress Whites stood out in the crowd. It was great to see the interaction with photo request, smiles and handshakes.*

The intent of this week's event was to select one Sailor who would represent the Navy Reserve during Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy's Sailor of the Year Week in July and provide lasting memories while saying Thank-you for a job well done! Mission Accomplished!

The weeks events culminated at a luncheon with the selection of HM1 (SCW) Brewer as the 2009 Reserve Sailor of the Year. HM1 (SCW) Shalanda Brewer will be meritoriously advanced to Chief Petty Officer by our CNO along with three other outstanding Sailors of the Year. Each having varied career tracks and multiple qualifications, these Sailors are a testament to the importance of the continuum of service. We focused the week's events on how much the Navy values their contributions and how much their service matters. The Navy is in good hands with the caliber of Sailors that will be relieving us in the future. Review OPNAVINST 1700.10K for more details about the Sailor of the Year Program.

Ms. Debbie Greene, VADM Debbink and I had the privilege to attend the Reserve Ombudsman Symposium last weekend. We joined the program leaders in a breakout meeting with Yellow Ribbon Program managers to discuss the status of many Sailor care and family readiness programs. VADM Debbink was the keynote speaker at the Appreciation Banquet Saturday evening, he expressed his thanks and admiration for the work of these extremely important members of our team as we all strive to support each Sailor, individually and proactively. I was able to wrap things up on Sunday morning with a final Thank-you message. When was the last time the CO, XO, CMDCM and Ombudsman were able to communicate face to face or via phone? Please communicate with, and support your Ombudsman, they are working extremely hard to make a difference. Allow them to support you as the command deals with various challenges during the deployment cycle. It was a pleasure to listen to the creative ways that they affected families.

I know that you are aware of the recent flooding in TN, the latest update that I received was that the Navy Reserve E-7 Selection Board convening is anticipated to be postponed. Please stand by for updates. Keep those affected in your thoughts and prayers as they work through this event.

By the way please do not forget Mothers Day on Sunday!

Latest Updates

CMDCM Continuum 23-27 June: See attached info request. The agenda is coming together nicely at this point, just need you to reserve your rooms prior to 28MAY and RSVP to CMDCM Curry as requested. We have numerous outstanding guest speakers scheduled to provide you with the current policy updates and the way ahead. Talk with your Sailors and let us know your concerns, so we are sure to cover the topic during briefs. Forward your specific questions up the chain of command.



VAQ 209 Family Readiness Day: Last Saturday morning, FORCM Wright had the opportunity to visit VAQ-209 at NAF Andrews and address 207 Sailors and their families to kick-off their Pre-Deployment Readiness Family Conference as they prepare for their upcoming deployment in support of OEF. FORCE spoke on topics ranging from the Navy Reserve mission to TRICARE for Reservist. He fielded questions from family members and was able to talk one on one with many of the SELRES and FTS Sailors that are preparing to mobilize.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Online Inbox Goes Live: A new online inbox that enables service members and their families to comment anonymously about the impact of a possible repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law has gone live.

The inbox will enable service members and families to offer their thoughts about how a repeal of the law that prohibits gays and lesbians from openly serving in the military might affect military readiness, military effectiveness and unit cohesion, recruiting and retention, and family readiness, a defense official explained.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates created an intradepartment, inter-service working group to conduct a fair, objective, comprehensive and dispassionate review of these issues, the official said. The online inbox is one method the group will use to systematically engage with the force and their families.

A non-Defense Department contractor will monitor comments made through the inbox and eliminate any identifiable information inadvertently submitted to ensure anonymity, the official said.

The inbox is posted at <http://www.defense.gov/dadt>. Respondents must possess an official Common Access Card to provide input.

Motorcycle Safety: Please review NAVADMIN 310/08 for policy concerning the Navy's stance on motorcycle safety. <http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/353C30B4-A24D-416E-8C10-260BB347DA4D/0/NAV08310.txt>
http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=52287

The Foreign Language and Culture Pilot Program: This program will allow reservists, in specific designators and ratings, to take advantage of language and culture studies at an accredited local and state colleges or universities. Eligibility for this program is established by, OPNAVINST 1550.11, and targets specific designators and ratings. The following officer and enlisted communities are eligible for the program: 1655, 2105, 2205, 2505, 2905, 3105, 4105, 5105, BU, CE, CM, EA, EO, HM, MA, MC, SW, UT and others as necessary. Enlisted members must have at least 24 months remaining on their service contract at completion of the last course approved for the program. Officers must sign a page 13 and agree to continue serving as a SELRES for 24 continuous months following the end of the last course approved for the program. Refer to OPNAVINST 1500/55, for program guidelines and procedures for submitting the application OPNAV 1500/55.

The total bonus amount paid to an individual participant shall not exceed \$5,000 in the fiscal year the course is completed. The following award levels are authorized:

Bonus Amount	Course Level and Discipline
\$1,250	100-200 (or equivalent) level culture
\$1,500	300 and higher (or equivalent) level culture
\$2,000	100-200 (or equivalent) level language
\$2,500	300 and higher (or equivalent) level language



If there are any questions please visit:

<https://private.navyreserve.navy.mil/3447B/n7/CISO/LC/LC/Language%20and%20Culture.aspx?PageView=Shared&PagePreview=true>, contact your local NRA / ESO or the program point of contact, Ms. Lisa Wade COMNAVRESFOR N73, Email: cnrfc_ciso@navy.mil, (757)322-6607 DSN: 262.

Around the Force

Naval Intelligence Reserve Conference, Brooke Army Medical Center and NOSC Visit. VADM Debbink’s visit to San Antonio last weekend included three meaningful engagements with Sailors from across the spectrum of service. He was honored to serve as the guest speaker at the Naval Intelligence Reserve Conference, hold an all-hands call with the outstanding Sailors serving at NOSC San Antonio, and visit the Warrior and Family Support Center (WFSC) at the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston.

EOD Expeditionary Support Unit ONE (ESU-1) Reservists Stay “Ready Now”. Under Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group ONE, the ESU 1 Reservists recently participated in mobilization exercises in the China Lake desert including land navigation, field medicine, convoy training, weapons qualifications, small unit tactics, and night vision training. Other members of the unit trained at NAB Coronado, completing mine countermeasures drills and dive training.

30 DAY OUTLOOK

- * RWW Sedona (14 – 16 May)
- * Armed Forces Day (15 May)
- * SPAWAR Reserve Program (SRP) Spring Executive Steering Group (ESG), Mayport, FL (21-22 May)
- * Ombudsman Training, Manchester, NH (22-23 May)
- * Canadian Navy Centennial Dinner, Washington (25 May)
- * Memorial Day (31 May) *Put on your uniform and honor our fallen!*

60 DAY OUTLOOK

- * Leave (3-6 June)
- * HM BOA Site Visit Chicago, HM Birthday Ball (10 June)
- * CMDCM Continuum, Great Lakes IL (23-27 June)
- * NC Symposium, Norfolk VA (27 June-1 July)

As of 5 May 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 -31)	65,469	<u>RC Medical Readiness</u>	
RC Sailors Performing Operational Support:	19,382	Fully Medically Ready:	80.8%
RC Sailors Mobilized or Deployed:	6,593	Partially Medically Ready:	7.1%
RC CPO's Mobilized	863	Total:	87.9%
RC Flag Officers on Active Duty:	24		
Average Weekly Savings Using VR Airlift:	\$1.02M		