

WASHINGTON – The Navy announced in ALNAVRESFOR 035/12 today a plan for Reserve Component Force changes and manning actions.

Over the next three years, approximately 6,000 Navy Reserve Expeditionary Force billets will be affected. However, leadership determined that no forced attrition will be required as a result of the billet reduction.

The end of the Iraq War and the ongoing drawdown in Afghanistan resulted in a reduced demand for expeditionary support, and Navy leadership made the decision to decrease the size of the force.

“Our Reserve Sailors assigned to NECC have performed brilliantly over the last decade,” said Chief of Navy Reserve Vice Adm. Robin Braun. “It’s important to recognize that all Sailors affected by these billet reductions will be reassigned to other units. Everyone will continue in a pay status and will be able to drill and perform annual training.”

The message also announced advancement quotas for cycle 091: opportunities for E-4 are 38% (a 12% decrease from last cycle), 11% for E-5 Sailors (down 1%) and 8% for E-6 Sailors (down 3%).

For Reserve Sailors, the planned billet reductions in Expeditionary Forces will create over-manning in certain ratings. Combined with historically low attrition rates, the reductions have already resulted in reduced advancement opportunities.

“We understand that this is disappointing news to our Reserve Sailors and their families,” said Braun, “But we are confident that going forward, our manpower will stabilize and advancement opportunities will improve.”