



RC Communicator



Facts and Figures to Guide the Navy Reserve Leader

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Mission: The Navy Reserve mission is to provide strategic depth and deliver operational capabilities to our Navy and Marine Corps team, and Joint forces, from peace to war

Core Values: Honor, Courage, and Commitment

Strategic Focus: Deliver a Ready and Accessible Force; Provide Valued Capabilities; Enable the Continuum of Service

Key Topics of Interest	Key Navy Leadership
FY12 Enlisted Retention Board <i>(Navy Personnel Command)</i>	Secretary of the Navy Honorable Ray Mabus
OCHR Explains Federal Job Application Process <i>(NNS111026-02)</i>	Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jonathan W. Greenert
Navy enables on-base WiFi access for Reserve personnel <i>(GCN 27 Oct. 2011)</i>	Vice CNO ADM Mark E. Ferguson III
A Day in the Navy Reserve <i>(13 Oct. 2011)</i>	Chief of Navy Reserve VADM Dirk J. Debbink
	Cmdr, Navy Reserve Forces Command RADM Buzz Little
	Cmdr, Naval Air Force Reserve RDML John Sadler
	Force Master Chief FORCM (AW) Chris T. Wheeler

Navy Reserve Force by the Numbers

Operational Support Snapshot <i>(24 October 11)</i>	RC Major Commands	Navy Enterprises & Enablers
Selected Reserves (SELRES) 54,268 Enlisted 41,638 Officer 12,630 Mobilized to Active Duty 4,103 Active Duty Special Work 636 Annual Training 1,420 Active Duty for Training 957 Total Navy Reserve Component Performing Operational Support <i>(22%)</i> 14,234 Full Time Support (FTS) 10,477 Enlisted 8,834 Officer 1,643 FTS/SELRES Onboard 64,745 FY12 End strength 66,200 Difference 1,455 Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) 38,223 Voluntary Training Unit (VTU) 4,258 Active Status Pool (ASP) 33,965 Strategic Sealift Readiness Group (SSRG) 1,652	Region RCCs Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest Aviation Wings Tactical Support Wing, Commander Fleet Logistics Support Wing, Navy Air Logistics Office Naval Air Facility Washington Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base New Orleans Navy Operational Support Centers: 125 <hr/> Active Component Numbers <i>(31 October 11)</i> Officers 52,852 Enlisted 267,746 Midshipmen 4,525 Total 325,123 Civilian Employees 203,952	Warfighter Enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Naval Aviation ▪ Navy Expeditionary Combat Command ▪ Navy Information Dominance ▪ Naval Special Warfare ▪ Surface Warfare ▪ Undersea Warfare Providers Warfighter Enterprise Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Navy Installations Command ▪ Navy Total Force ▪ Naval Air Systems Command ▪ Naval Facilities Engineering Command ▪ Naval Sea Systems Command ▪ Naval Supply Systems Command ▪ Office of the Judge Advocate General ▪ Office of Naval Research ▪ Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery ▪ Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command

The Value of a Strategic Reserve

As the U.S. Navy continues to answer the Nation's call around the world, the Navy Reserve must balance strong demand for capabilities with finite resources. Because economic security is a vital component of national security, the Reserve must ensure every dollar is wisely spent.

One thing is certain: the Nation's naval warfighting capabilities must be credible. Sailors must be well-trained, mission-focused and resilient; ships, aircraft, submarines, systems and equipment must be ready and reliable. A force that is over-extended, under-maintained and exhausted cannot deter potential adversaries or protect allies. Conversely, a well trained & equipped Total Force – with a “deep bench” – that can easily shift from being “in reserve” to operational engagement, fully supports the national security objectives.

To fully appreciate the value of a strategic reserve, it is important to understand the Total Force concept. Both the Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) have strategic reserve elements that can be brought into play as needed. In an era of tough economic choices, a strategic reserve not only provides depth, but also preserves capabilities at lower cost.

The Reserve Component is an ideal and logical choice for many of these types of capabilities. Likewise, depth must be maintained for surge capability in case of multiple contingencies or broader-scale conflict. The Navy's fleet response plan, which has ships, squadrons and expeditionary units at varying states of readiness, is an example of how the Navy routinely uses strategic depth. Shifting some of this depth to the RC can be a way to retain certain capabilities at even less cost.

Just like the AC, the Navy Reserve is organized to provide valuable capabilities and transition from a strategic to an operational posture in a prompt, or derly manner. Therein lays the value of strategic reserve. Whether AC or RC, general surge forces or specialized skills, strategic reserve forces are ready to bring Combatant Commanders the right capabilities where and when needed. This is where the Navy Reserve shines: providing valued capabilities with a force that is ready and accessible.

Being ready IS the mission and heritage of the Navy Reserve! The Navy Reserve responds when the Nation calls and the ability to respond promptly have vastly improved in the last decade. The RC can play a leading role in missions that require near-instant response, such as submarine rescue teams, or as part of regular Total Force rotation which Seabee battalions have done for years. The Reserve provides ready and accessible capabilities in a highly cost-effective manner and because the Navy understands the value of a Strategic Reserve, the service of every Sailor is valued, from a few days per year to full-time duty.



As force structure, required capabilities, and cost are examined, the Strategic Reserve will play an important role in our Navy's ability to meet future challenges. Navy Reserve Sailors – “Ready Now, Anytime, Anywhere” – will be an essential component of our Navy's Total Force Strategic Reserve solution.

Key Messages

- In an era of tough economic choices, a strategic reserve not only provides depth, but also preserves capabilities at lower cost. The Reserve must ensure every dollar is wisely spent.
- Depth must be maintained for surge capability in case of multiple contingencies or broader-scale conflict. Shifting some of this depth to the RC can be a way to retain certain capabilities at even less cost.
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Quotable Quote

“Because our Navy Reserve is ready, innovative and agile, we can assign capabilities and missions to our Reserve Component with confidence.”

Admiral Jonathan Greenert
Chief of Naval Operations