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From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY SELECTED RESERVE POLICY

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 1235.11 of 6 May 96 (NOTAL)
(b) DOD Directive 1215.6 of 14 March 97 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To issue the Department of the Navy (DON) policy for the Navy and Marine Corps Selected Reserve to support their respective missions. This instruction has been substantially revised and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 1001.37.

3. Background

a. The changes promulgated by this instruction are issued in response to the shift in reserve utilization from cold war to peacetime contributory support. The traditional role of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve was focused on meeting cold war global threats with little or no notice. Today, the National Military Strategy calls for the seamless integration of active and reserve components into a Total Force, i.e., a single, cohesive fighting force capable of meeting the entire spectrum of requirements, including war or national emergency, contingency operations, military operations other than war (MOOTW), contributory support, humanitarian operations, and at such other times as the national security may require.

b. As defined, the reserve component will "...provide trained units and qualified persons available for active duty in the Armed Forces, in time of war or national emergency and at such other times as the national security requires." In today's world of reduced resources and increased commitments, it is essential that the investment in our Reserve Forces be used efficiently to augment Navy fleet operations and Marine Corps global demands in order to enhance the optempo/perstempo demands of our forward deployed Navy and Marine Corps team. Total Force integration is imperative.

c. References (a) and (b) provide Secretary of Defense guidance concerning the structure, use, and training of individual mobilization augmentees (IMA), other individual



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reserves, and units. This instruction is intended to incorporate and conform to the provisions of those directives and accompanying instructions.

4. Policy

a. The Selected Reserve will be organized into units and individuals, including IMAs, or any combinations thereof, which are deemed appropriate by the active component to ensure that SECNAVINST 1001.37A trained and qualified reservists are available for active duty throughout the entire spectrum of requirements, including war or national emergency, contingency operations, MOOTW, peacetime contributory support (PCS), humanitarian operations, full or partial mobilization (including pre and/or post mobilization), and at such other times as the national security may require.

b. Reserve billet requirements will be reviewed and validated across the full spectrum of national security requirements on a regular basis. Based on the criteria contained herein, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) will validate Selected Reserve billet requirements. Flexible readiness will be applied to Selected Reserve units and individuals where warranted.

c. Units, elements of units, and individuals will maintain flexible readiness conditions which will be determined by the CNO/CMC. These units and individuals will be available to provide peacetime contributory support as coordinated with their designated active commands. PCS shall be defined as support to military missions, MOOTW or contingency operations, provided by members of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve, or any other function which supports the mission needs of the active component.

d. Flexibility in performing scheduled drill periods and annual training will be implemented where reserve availability can accommodate the needs of their designated active commands.

e. Platforms, systems, and equipment will be horizontally integrated into the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve to ensure the highest degree of interoperability with active forces.

f. Implementation of seamless integration, rapid accessibility, and full employment of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve with establishment of congruence and compatibility between the policies, procedures, and systems of the DON Active and Reserve Components. Wherever feasible and appropriate, include Reserve participation in DON planning processes.

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5. Action. Addressees will conform to this policy and apply it to DON Total Force planning, programming, and budgeting.


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