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SUBJ: EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE

1. A ready and capable Reserve force is as critically important to Coast Guard mission execution today as it has been for 83 years since its founding February 19, 1941.

2. In 2023, we have seen and supported significant developments for the Reserve Component.

a. The first strategic vision, Reserve Component Action Plan (RCAP), established three lines of effort to facilitate growth of the Reserve workforce by providing a path to improved recruitment, training, and retention of the right people with the right skill sets needed for future operations.

b. Notably this year, to improve the resources and readiness of the Reserve, the Reserve Component Readiness Dashboard (RCRD) was launched as a management tool for metrics using input from multiple sources to support data driven decisions for operational commanders.

c. Policy updates were made in the Reserve Duty Status and Participation Instruction allowing members to use Readiness Management Periods to support recruiting efforts, perform Inactive Duty Training (IDT) OCONUS, and provide waivers for Active Duty for Training-Annual Training (ADT-AT) requirements to allow mothers to recover from childbirth. These changes support our people first focus in providing the resources, opportunities, and time members need to contribute to a ready and responsive Reserve.

3. As demands on the workforce increase, the Reserve remains dedicated to adapting to the needs of the Nation as a leading contingency force, ready to deploy across the country and around the globe. In 2023, Port Security Unit (PSU) 305 decommissioned the Coast Guard's support to Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay (JTF-GTMO) after 21 years and 39 unit rotations. PSUs now prepare for new missions and opportunities. Additionally, reservists mobilized and responded to critical operational demands including:

a. 610 reservists volunteered to support Operation Vigilant Sentry (OVS) to address illegal maritime migration in the Caribbean corridor of the United States.

b. 218 reservists filled critical gaps due to active duty members on parental leave, ensuring continuity of operations across the organization.

c. 96 members were involuntarily recalled in response to the Lahaina wildfires, Typhoon MAWAR, and Hurricane LEE.

d. Selected Reserve (SELRES) members performed 51,195 days of ADT-AT, and 238,772 IDT periods.

4. The Reserve workforce provides tremendous value to the American people as they continue the tradition of mission excellence and uphold a legacy of service. Today, we recognize and extend our gratitude for the steadfast and patriotic service of every Reservist. Bravo Zulu and Semper Paratus!

5. ADM Linda L. Fagan, Commandant (CCG), sends.

6. Internet release is authorized.