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SUBJ: RELEASE OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPONENT FY23 ANNUAL REPORT

1. This ALCOAST announces the release of the Reserve Component's (RC) Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report fulfilling the statutory requirement to report to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Defense on the state of the Coast Guard Reserve and its ability to meet its missions.
2. Fiscal year 2023 was transformative for the Coast Guard Reserve. With the release of the Reserve Component Action Plan, our vision for the future is purposeful and bright. We recognize our reservists' professionalism, dedication, and contributions to Service mission success and preparedness for our Nation's emergent needs. With approximately 6,200 reservists of our authorized end-strength of 7,000 reservists currently serving, the RC has fortified the Service's ability to respond to contingencies and meet Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Defense (DOD) requirements.
3. This past fiscal year, we made significant financial investments to increase competency attainment and proficiency, provided critical surge capacity to the Service at large due to reduced recruiting numbers, increased global engagements with stakeholders in DHS, DOD, and the interagency, and responded to missions that widened the scope of how we leverage the RC. With these successes, we also must understand that the increased reliance on reservists for operational support not related to their contingency competencies may degrade the overall readiness of the RC. We must strive to strike a balance between short term augmentation and long range risk.
4. I would like to thank the members who make up the Reserve, the supervisors and staffs who ensure our members are ready to respond, and the senior leaders who remove barriers and prioritize training, professional development, and management of their reservists. All dedicated efforts are contained within this annual report and strengthen the RC's ability to become fully mission capable.
5. The Annual Report can be downloaded from:
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<https://www.reserve.uscg.mil/>

6. RADM Miriam L. Lafferty, Director of Coast Guard Reserve (CG-R), sends.
7. Internet release is authorized.