

RESERVES DAY UPDATE FOR EMPLOYERS WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE MARITIME RESERVES

As the Commander of the Maritime Reserves, I would like to invite you to join me for a 30 minute update this Reserves Day, 24 June 2020, from 1130 to 1200 on Zoom. This meeting will be open to all members of the Maritime Reserves and Employers.

Reserves Day is an opportunity to recognise and thank reservists and their employers for their contribution to UK Defence.

This year, the members of the Maritime Reserves, have distinguished themselves with an exceptional response to COVID-19 tasking with the support of their employers. From a total 3,000, some 900 individuals volunteered immediately to mobilise into the Regular Service in order to support UK Defence and help the NHS to save lives. 150 have been mobilised to date, as planners, civil liaison officers, drivers, medics and logisticians, and we may ask more to mobilise as we continue to respond to requests from the Civil Authorities.

As well as responding to COVID-19 tasking in the UK, from Bahrain to the United Arab Emirates, and the Caribbean to the Far East, Maritime Reservists have continued to contribute to worldwide operations in support of the Royal Navy.

Without the support from employers, many of whom are struggling with the impact of social distancing, closure of premises and workspaces, I know that we would not be able to deliver the same level of support to the Royal Navy, Defence and the Nation. I therefore want to take this opportunity to thank you personally.

The session will be structured around an introduction by me, followed by answers to a selection of questions (posed in advance, see below), and will finish with brief introductions and updates from members of the Maritime Reserves Senior Management Team.

Conscious that reservists and employers are working hard to deal with the challenges posed by COVID-19, I have opted to keep the update deliberately short, operationally focused, and targeted. I very much hope this means that as many of you as possible, can join me.

If you would like to attend, please click the link below to register:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwocOGvrDqvG9f1bZL12TxDwDyLFg-U8yAD>

You will be asked during registration if you have any questions. Please give as much information as possible. I will not have time to answer all the questions, but I will select questions based on their relevance to the wider audience and prepare an answer in advance of the update.

For those of you who are not familiar with Zoom, please arrive with your video enabled and your microphone muted, only the speaker will be able to talk.

If you have any questions, please direct them in the first instance to Lieutenant Commander Liz Church, [REDACTED] the HQ lead for Reserves Day.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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