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Mr. Patrick Barrett is the Deputy Chief Navy Reserve on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff (OPNAV 095) Washington DC. He is the principal advisor to the Chief of Navy Reserve on all matters related to manpower, mobilization, policy and strategy for a force of 59,000 personnel. The primary mission of the Navy Reserve is to deliver operational capability and strategic depth to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Force.

Previously, Mr. Barrett served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Manpower and Personnel in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs. He also served as the Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs coordinating all efforts in Readiness, Training, Mobilizations, Resources and Materiel & Facilities. Mr. Barrett had multiple assignments on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff, Director of Air Warfare (N78 & N88) serving as the Requirements and Resources Officer for all Transport aircraft procurement and sustainment.

Mr. Barrett's military accomplishments include 30 years of active duty serving in a variety leadership positions which culminated in aviation squadron command well as commanding an Air Wing of over 4,300 personnel. He has deployed numerous times in support of the Global War on Terror supporting operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Early in his career he deployed aboard the USS O'Brien (DD 975) and USS Thach (FFG 43) while in the Central Command area of responsibility. He has amassed over 5,000 flight hours in a variety of Naval aircraft.

Mr. Barrett holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Rhode Island College in 1985, earned a Masters of Science degree from Embry Riddle University in 1995 and a Masters of Science in National Security Strategy from National War College in 2006. His decorations include multiple Defense Superior Service medals, Legions of Merit, Meritorious Service medals and numerous additional personal and operational decorations associated with deployments to the Central Command Area of Responsibility.

Chairwoman Speier, Ranking Member Kelly and distinguished Members of the Subcommittee, as Deputy Chief of Navy Reserve it is my distinct honor to represent the Navy and the Navy Reserve in support of Reserve Component Duty Status Reform.

As it currently stands, there are 27 different statutory authorities available to Service Secretaries, the Secretary of Defense, the President and Congress to access reserve military support. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 directed the Secretary of Defense to investigate whether consolidation of those 27 Reserve Component duty status into 6 broad categories would increase efficiency within the Reserve Component. DoD has drafted proposed legislation that will reform the current Reserve Component duty status construct.

When a Reserve Sailor puts on the uniform in support of National Defense, the compensation package available to that Sailor can be dependent upon the authority under which that Sailor serves. This design puts many reservists in awkward situations. A Reserve Sailor stands shoulder to shoulder with their active counterpart – ready for battle - but the pay and benefits available to those two warriors can be significantly different. The goal of duty status reform legislation is to fix this problem.

I believe duty status reform will increase efficiency, greatly simplify our processes and protect our Sailors and their families, by properly linking service categories to intended benefits. I look forward to sharing more details on the proposal once the Administration finalizes its work on the proposal and transmits it to Congress.