

THE MARITIME RESERVE

Twice the citizen – at sea, on land and in the air

Capable

Personnel from the Maritime Reserves - sailors, marines and aviators - deliver on operations. They have deployed to Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan, throughout the Gulf region and most recently Libya.

Integrated

The Royal Navy reflects the Whole Force Concept, delivering capability with Regular and Reserve personnel, civilians and contractors. Recruited and trained to the same standards, Reservist personnel are indistinguishable from their Regular counterparts on operations.

Versatile

The Maritime Reserve delivers trained sailors, marines and aviators across a range of specialisations. They deliver operationally within their primary function but have a track record of flexibly delivering additional capability, often utilising their civilian skill sets.

Cost-Effective

Offering a range of capability held at lower readiness levels than that provided by their Regular counterparts, elements of the Maritime Reserve are activated when required. This architecture ensures that the wide range of skills required in the maritime environment are delivered in the most cost effective manner for the Nation.



RESERVES



WHAT IS THE MARITIME RESERVE?

In the modern joint and maritime battlespace increasingly sophisticated and costly methods of warfare and influence operations demand specialist and flexible part-time manpower capabilities to deliver a cost effective solution – for the Royal Navy this is provided by the Maritime Reserve.

OUR PAST

Established in 1859 as a Reserve comprising solely of professional seaman, masters, mates and engineers from the Merchant Navy, the Royal Naval Reserve (RNR) was designed to assist the Royal Navy in times of conflict. The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) was formed in 1903 with volunteer non-seaman. The 2 were amalgamated in 1958 and the older title was retained for this unified reserve.

The Royal Marines Forces Volunteer was established in 1948 and was renamed the Royal Marines Reserve (RMR) in 1966. The Maritime Reserve was formed in 2007 through the joining together of the RNR and the RMR.

THE ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE TODAY

- All RNR personnel are recruited to the same standards as their Regular counterparts and are trained in HMS RALEIGH and the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth.
- Structured to provide a range of capabilities on operations, RNR personnel support the Regular force in a range of warfare disciplines ranging from Submarine Support through Medical to Mine Countermeasures, Aviation and Amphibious Warfare.
- Additionally, the RNR provides specialist capability through personnel with skills not available in the Regular service such as Media Operations, often accompanying news crews attached to RN units at sea or on land.

THE ROYAL MARINES RESERVE TODAY

- All RMR personnel have passed through the same rigorous Command Course as their Regular Royal Marines counterparts. They wear the coveted Green Beret and serve with the Regular Corps.
- Structured primarily to provide general duties Marines on operations, the RMR also provides a number of niche roles such as Landing Craft crews, media operators and CIMIC specialists.
- Since 2002 the RMR has fully supported operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The only serving member of the Royal Navy with a George Cross is a member of the RMR.



Exercise Hairspring - Royal Marines Reserve Commandos in Norway conducting some of the world's harshest winter combat training.

OUR FUTURE

Following the 2010 Strategic Defence and Security Review, the Prime Minister commissioned further work on the development of the Reserve Forces. This activity included the Maritime Reserve with a focus on identifying further capabilities that could be held at readiness in reserve.

The Future Reserves 2020 review has now reported and the Maritime Reserve will be expanded in size. Building on recent success on operations, this outcome will further integrate the Maritime Reserve as a valuable and efficient fighting arm of the Royal Navy.

OUR PEOPLE

- The Maritime Reserve is recruited from civilian volunteers and ex-Regular personnel; the majority have civilian careers and wear their uniforms on a part-time basis. In addition to their military skills they bring a diverse set of professional civilian experiences to the Royal Navy.
- Operational capability lies at the heart of the commitment our personnel make. They contribute to the whole spectrum of operations and represent excellent value for money. At any one time approximately 10% of the Maritime Reserve is deployed on operations.
- The Maritime Reserve has a footprint covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; it connects with the nation on a daily basis. Potential recruits can find details on the Royal Navy website www.royalnavy.mod.uk or contact their local unit or Armed Forces Careers Office.



A media operations specialist from The Royal Naval Reserve presides over a press conference onboard a Royal Navy warship in the Gulf