

The Navy Reserve is Looking for a Few Good Ideas



Sometimes the difference between a good idea and a great one is somebody to listen to it.

And that's what the Navy Reserve has done to help generate great ideas to help the fleet, reserve force and Sailors everywhere.

Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander, Navy Reserve Force, Vice Adm. John B. Mustin, introduced i3 Waypoints as a way to fast-track transformative ideas from across the Navy directly to the highest levels of the Navy Reserve, without filters or bureaucratic barriers.

"Sailors and civilians on the front lines of challenges and roadblocks in their daily lives are invaluable sources of ideas for change," Mustin said. "i3 Waypoints is an approach to inventing: innovate something entirely new; improve on something already established; or integrate several ideas, products or processes rendering the former completely obsolete."

According to Capt. Colette Murphy, the CNR public affairs officer, "Waypoints challenged the entire U.S. Navy – from Selected Reserve, Training and Administration of the Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve, Active Duty and civilians, in all ranks, rates and grades – to propose new or better ways for the Navy Reserve to operate."

Murphy said 107 i3 Waypoints ideas were submitted in just over five weeks. These submissions were then reviewed by a team led by Rear Adm. John A. Schommer, commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command. Five finalists were selected and presented their ideas on June 28 before a panel hosted by Vice Adm. Mustin,

along with retired Vice Adm. "Woody" Lewis, Bruce Mosler, chairman of Global Brokerage & the Veterans Initiative Program at Cushman & Wakefield, the 2021 Reserve Sailor of the Year Chief Yeoman (select) Jasmyn Phinizy, and Navy Reserve Force Master Chief Tracy L. Hunt.

Murphy said there were five finalist entries who appeared before the panel. One winner was selected, but more than one idea may be implemented.

The winners will be announced July 11, along with a special video presentation on military media platforms.