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SUBJ: 2018 RESERVE FAMILY READINESS AWARD (RFRA) RECIPIENT ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Congratulations to Port Security Unit (PSU) 311 for its selection as the Coast Guard's 2018 RFRA recipient.
2. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSD/P&R) annually recognizes units from each of the Armed Forces Reserve Components that have demonstrated excellence in family readiness and its contribution to mission success.
3. PSU 311 is currently deployed overseas to U.S. Southern Command supporting Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO). During this deployment, PSU 311 has effectively empowered the unit ombudsman by promoting the development of an ombudsman team, representing a diverse cross-section of the unit, which proactively engaged with families at home through a variety of means to keep the families informed of the status of their deployed members' welfare. This included a highly successful social media presence featuring information and photos, as well as a monthly newsletter. Furthermore, PSU 311 worked closely with the Yellow Ribbon Program to develop successful pre and mid-deployment events.
4. PSU 311's actions and forward-leaning approach to family needs ahead of, during, and after deployments are essential to driving mission success and embody the spirit of the RFRA. Bravo Zulu.
5. RDML M. W. Sibley, Director of Reserve and Military Personnel, sends.
6. Internet release is authorized.