



Reserve FTS Information Bulletin

2018 Reserve Family Readiness Award Solicitation

Units are highly encouraged to review their Family Readiness programs and submit nominations for the Department of Defense (DoD) Family Readiness Award.

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SUBJ: SOLICITATION FOR THE 2018 RESERVE FAMILY READINESS AWARD

A. Recognition Programs Manual, COMDTINST M1650.26 (series)
B. Coast Guard Reserve Awards Panel, COMDTINST 1650.12 (series)

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASD-M&RA) and the Office of Reserve Affairs, COMDT (CG-131) are soliciting nominations for the 2018 Reserve Family Readiness Award (RFRA). This award is sponsored by ASD-M&RA to recognize the top unit from each of the Armed Forces Reserve components whose family readiness goals have contributed to a high state of overall mission readiness. Family readiness is a key component of mission readiness, and robust family readiness programs have greatly enhanced the responsiveness of Guard and Reserve units.

2. All Coast Guard units with assigned Selected Reserve (SELRES) members are eligible for this award. Nominations should be submitted through the first Flag in the chain of command to COMDT (CG-131). Areas, Districts, and the Director of Operational Logistics, are strongly encouraged to nominate at least one unit for this award. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the requirements outlined in this ALCOAST.

3. The criteria listed in Chapter 7.A.4 of REF (A) outline Coast Guard standards for consideration. In addition, the Department of Defense has provided a number of forms which must be completed as part of the unit's submission. Templates for award submissions can be found at the COMDT (CG-131) web page at:
<https://reserve.uscg.mil/resources/cg131/cg1313/awards/>.
Commands must complete the template provided and attach it as an enclosure to a cover memo addressed to COMDT (CG-131). Nominations should include contact information for the family readiness representative or ombudsman. As denoted in the template instructions, each of the three primary categories should include approximately three examples of how the criteria has been met and/or measured.

4. Nominations shall be submitted electronically. All nominations must be submitted to the POC listed in paragraph (7) no later than 03 December 2018.



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5. Per REF (B), the Coast Guard Reserve Awards Panel will review all nominations and submit their award recommendations to the Director of Reserve and Military Personnel COMDT (CG-13). The results will be announced via ALCOAST.
6. The commanding officer of the selected unit and the unit designated family support program representative or ombudsman will be invited to attend an awards ceremony hosted by ASD-M&RA at the Pentagon Hall of Heroes in Washington D.C. on 29 March 2019. COMDT (CG-131) may fund travel and ADOS-RC orders if necessary for the unit commanding officer (or executive officer) and the unit ombudsman or family representative to attend the ceremony.
7. My POC for questions and award submission is COMDT (CG-131), attention ENS Dennis O'Neill, phone: (202) 475-5437 or email: Dennis.R.O'Neill@uscg.mil.
8. RDML M. W. Sibley, Acting Director of Reserve and Military Personnel, sends.
9. Internet release is authorized.