



Reserve Forces Policy Board

Captain Motale Efimba Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Navy Reserve

CAPT Efimba was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and soon moved to his hometown of Arlington, Virginia. He attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School, subsequently graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1997.

At sea, he's served a variety of positions aboard USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57), USS WASP (LHD 1), USS HERON (MHC 52), USS RAVEN (MHC 61), USS FALCON (MHC 59), Amphibious Squadron ONE, and Expeditionary Strike Group ONE. He completed five deployments to: the Arabian Gulf, South America, and the Mediterranean in support of Operation Southern Watch, Teamwork South, peacekeeping operations in Kosovo, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation FORSAIL, and Humanitarian Assistance to Pakistan.



Ashore CAPT Efimba served with Chief of Naval Operations Assessment Division (N81) leading studies informing Programmatic Decisions. As Military Sealift Command's Reserve Program Director, managed 3,000 Drilling and Individual Ready Reserve Sailors supporting Fleet and Joint operations. As Navy Region South East Reserve Component Command Jacksonville Chief Staff Officer oversaw 19 Navy Reserve Centers (NRCs) and 8,500 Sailors in five states and Puerto Rico. Informed programmatic decisions as the Surface & Expeditionary Requirements Officer in Chief of Navy Reserve's Resource Sponsor Directorate.

He commanded NRCs Cincinnati, Everett, and Baltimore maintaining the warfighting readiness of 2,000 Sailors attached to 58 Reserve Units that performed worldwide operations.

He attended Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California, earning a Master of Science in Operations Analysis from NPS and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He completed JPME II at Joint Forces Staff College.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and various campaign and service ribbons.

CAPT Efimba is married to Celine O'Leary of Capitol Hill, WA, and they have two sons Ronan and Keenan.

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