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# A day in the life of a Navy Reservist Petty Officer – Maritime Trade Operations

## Nicky Harrop

### I am a Navy reservist...

I am a Petty Officer in Maritime Trade Operations which is a reservist specific job, there isn't a regular equivalent. We work closely with the Merchant Navy and Shipping Industry and deconflict areas of interest. We advise command on how to keep sea lines of communication open for trade and logistics, we research patterns of life in the area of operations and will work closely with other specialisations which could affect shipping, for example Mine Warfare. Our main role for a number of years was anti-piracy in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean; tracking shipping, briefing master mariners and advising on safety in the area. I spent 6 months in Dubai undertaking this role when the threat of piracy was at its height.

### My day job is:

Resource Allocation Co-Ordinator

### A normal day for me would be:

I am responsible for ensuring industrial moves have taken place and industrial staff are assigned to the correct project and FLM, pulling reports for the Trademaster to show how many industrial staff are on each project and forecasting how many staff will be available and keeping records of starters and leavers.

I work closely with Morson International, dealing with contractor extensions and ensuring records are kept up to date for all the agency staff. I work closely with FLMs to ensure all competency cards are kept up to date and are in the right place as the staff move around. I am also line manager for a business admin apprentice so assist them with their NVQ work and provide guidance on all admin matters.

Working for Babcock really helps me combine my day job and my role within the Maritime Reserves. It makes such a difference having a supportive employer who facilitates the time needed for training and allows special leave to undertake it.



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## A day in the life of an Army Reservist Royal Logistics Corps (RLC) Driver (Private)

### Hugh Middleton

#### I am an army reservist...

My role means I am trained to drive several different types of equipment from Land Rovers to tanks – and I can get a formal qualification for it. As well as driving them, I also get to learn how to service and maintain them.

Babcock has given me paid leave to conduct my Army Reserve training. They have also been flexible with when I take my time off as the army courses are usually only confirmed at short notice.

#### My day job is:

Design Engineer.

#### A normal day for me would be:

Typically, I spend most of my day at my work station however, the level and variety of work ensures I am kept busy and interested. Babcock is also a fun working environment!

I am currently producing 3D Computer Aided Design (CAD) models and 2D manufacturing drawings. Each day for me is different depending on the design, calculations and documentation of the task I'm working on.

My favourite part of the job is being able to take a design concept through to a set of manufacturing drawings and supporting documentation. Seeing the task through the full lifecycle is really rewarding.



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## A day in the life of a Royal Navy Reservist Lieutenant (Sea Cadet Corps)

### Cody Lyster

I am a Royal Navy reservist...

My role in the Royal Navy puts my sea skills to good use.

As a reservist, I have been able to use the special paid leave I receive from Babcock to lead a one week Cadet Instructor Power Boat level 2 training course (RYA) for 25 people.

### My day job is:

Principal Marine Engineer.

### A normal day for me would be:

In my role, there isn't really a 'typical' day because I work on a number of projects all at different phases of their lifecycle. They also vary in size and scope.

The tasks I will get involved with are usually data collection and research ahead of writing reports and technical papers; managing junior engineers and assisting graduates with their projects; and working on design calculations. I am also an advisor for other projects based on my extensive seagoing experience.

Every project at Babcock is different and it is great to have this variety in my day!



# A day in the life of a Royal Naval Reserves Lieutenant Commander

## Richard Greenacre

### I am a Royal Navy reservist...

My role is in the Maritime Reserves. I specialise in Maritime trade operations which helps provide for the safety and security of both merchant shipping and naval operations. This is a challenging but rewarding role.

I have also attended the Babcock Reserves Conference – this is a clear indication of the companies determination to engage with and provide support for those employees who are reservists in the UK Armed Forces.

Babcock gives me an allocation of special paid leave so that I can conduct my Royal Navy reserve training and associated duties.

### My day job is:

Design Engineer.

### A normal day for me would be:

I work within a multidisciplinary team where we focus on complex interactions and negotiations so

it is always busy. I enjoy this pace of work and the opportunities that it allows for dealing with internal and external capability providers.

Each day I begin fresh by reviewing any email correspondence or tasks that might have come in from the night before. Tacking this straight away frees up my time to focus on other duties such as drawing and design support activities, as well as any meetings. I also attend site visits on a fairly regular basis.

I enjoy the problem solving engineering aspects of my role as enables me to develop my skills and competence further.

### In the last 12 months I have...

- › Completely revised the NATO doctrine for my specialisation
- › Served as Directing Staff for a practical role based assessment course
- › Undertaken strategic level training with the Royal Navy Maritime Battle Staff



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# A day in the life of an Army reservist Communications Specialist/Driver

## Kevin Davie

### I am an Army reservist...

My role is as a Communications Specialist/Driver. This has allowed me to learn new skills, interact and become part of a team and getting formal qualifications.

I attended the annual camp and Babcock was a great help offering 10 days special paid leave.

### My day job is:

AWAF Supervisor.

### A normal day for me would be:

I have fairly recently moved to the submarine business so a lot of my time has been spent on courses and getting up to speed on the processes, procedures and ways of working in the team.

My normal day focusses on through life management of submarine contents so essentially ensuring the correct categorisation and treatment of all materials. It means I get the opportunity to work with several other teams on site, meet lots of new people and have a varied day.

### In the last 12 months I have...

We had a summer camp last year, in South Dakota, while working alongside our counterparts the American National Guard. Our main role was to supply the Native Americans at their Indian reservations with supplies of timber; this would help see them through the winter session.



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## A day in the life of a Royal Naval reservist Able Rate - Logistics Branch

### Will Bugden

I am a Royal Naval reservist...

My role is as Able Rate Logistics Branch. As part of the logistics team, I belong to one of the busiest teams in the Royal Navy. I am able to learn numerous skills that I can then apply to my day job on site.

Babcock has been supportive of my engagement with the reserves. I've been given special paid leave to complete my training and still have time for my personal leave and holidays. My colleagues and managers have supported me too, recognising the benefit which will come from my training and experiences.

### My day job is:

Graduate Electrical and Electronic Engineer.

### A normal day for me would be:

I am on Babcock's graduate programme so each day brings something new.

A day generally involves a mixture of meetings, paperwork and getting out and about but all of my placements have been different. My duties have included: project management, submarine refit, ship design and safety work and support to the site's electrical infrastructure.

I am also a STEM ambassador. I get to visit local schools and events to encourage the next generation of engineers, through fun and exciting challenges.

My work at Babcock fits well with my career in the reserves, working to support the Navy on a daily basis.