

Eligible Sabahans urged to join naval reserve

KOTA KINABALU: Eligible Sabahans are urged to join the naval reserve.

Laksamana Muda Feroz Razi Ramli who is the Chief Executive Officer of Boustead DCNS Naval Corporation, said that as a member of the naval reserve, he feels that this was part of his contribution to the country.

“We need to build the Malaysia nation and encourage patriotism and to be ready to serve when needed.”

He added that it is a huge challenge to get members from corporate entities and civilians to join the naval reserve.

“As a naval reserve, we will not go to the warship, but we will be at the base to help with the coordination,” he explained.

Feroz also said that upon joining the naval reserve, one would have to undergo regular training that he felt that would help in character building.

“I would like to encourage civilians to join the navy reserve as a show of patriotism to the country ... I joined the voluntary unit in 2018 and underwent their training programme which lasted for several years, and on August 16, I was commissioned with the rank Lieutenant Muda,” he said, sharing his experience.

Feroz explained that he joined the voluntary unit because he

wanted to understand the navy culture since the corporation he was leading was in the naval sector.

“It was a motivation for me to join and it is also good to build character and discipline. At the same time, my father was also a retired navy officer. This was something to show him that I have followed some of his footsteps and to contribute something back to the country that have invested in my education. If the navy or the government needs volunteers, I will do my part as a navy reserve officer,” he said.

He added that these were his reasons for joining the navy reserve, although he noted that the journey was not an easy one.

“I was already 40 (years old) when I joined three years ago. I was the oldest to be commissioned ... all my compatriots were in their late 20s and our training consisted of not just in the classroom but also running and strenuous physical exercise. To be able to do what they were doing was an encouragement for me,” he said.

Feroz said that the recruitment drive is usually held twice a year.

“We’re encouraging Sabahans between 25 and 45, who have the right qualifications to partake in the recruitment drive.”



First Admiral Zainul Rashid Abdullah (left) and Feroz Razi Ramli.