

A Day in the Navy

August 25, 2010

(LINKS ARE TO ASSOCIATED PHOTOS)

- On August 25, 330,671 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,314 selected Reserve Sailors, with 6,662 mobilized Reserves; and 201,198 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 289 active ships in service; 140 (48 percent) of ships, including five aircraft carriers and two large-deck amphibious ships, and 24 (44 percent) of submarines are underway, away from homeport.
- Approximately 14,600 Navy personnel are deployed ashore in the U.S. Central Command area of operations.
- There are 10,114 Individual Augmentees, 5,179 of which are mobilized Reserves, deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- [Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus](#), [Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson](#), and [Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley](#) give remarks at the [Chesapeake Bay Base Commanders' Conference](#) held at the U.S Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.
- USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), on station in the Arabian Sea, launches 27 combat sorties, providing more than 154 cumulative hours of aerial combat support for Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Helicopters from USS Peleliu (LHA 5) and 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit continue relief efforts in support of the Government of Pakistan following devastating floods in that region. U.S. Navy and Marine Corps helicopters have contributed to the rescue of more than 3,240 people and delivery of more than 717,000 pounds of relief supplies.
- [Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet](#) and [Commander, U.S. 4th Fleet](#) wraps up [PANAMAX 2010](#) in conjunction with [18 South American nations](#). [PANAMAX](#) is an annual [exercise](#) designed to enhance regional cooperation and exercise participating nations' ground, naval, air and special forces' ability to respond to threats to the Panama Canal and plan for a major humanitarian assistance or disaster relief event in the region.
- Navy Munitions Command at Naval Station Norfolk, Va., conducts a pierside ordnance handling evolution to support ammunition cross-deck between USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) and USS Ponce (LPD 15).
- [USS Independence \(LCS 2\)](#) takes on fuel at Pier 9 in Norfolk, Va. from a Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Norfolk Fuels Department barge. Independence was issued 64,243 gallons of diesel fuel.

- [Sailors](#) and [Marines](#) embarked aboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) provide [medical](#), dental, veterinary and engineering assistance, and conduct [community service projects](#), in Limón, Costa Rica, during [Continuing Promise 2010](#).
- An element from Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Team, deployed to Sekondi, Ghana, conducts classroom and hands-on practical evolutions with the Ghanaian navy, focusing on boarding operations.
- [Explosive Ordnance Disposalman Chief \(Select\) William D. Greathouse III](#) is awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service while supporting combat operations in Afghanistan by Vice Adm. Harry Harris, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, at an [awards ceremony](#) at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy.
- Personnel from Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Sigonella - Logistics Support Center hand-deliver critical repair parts to USS Vella Gulf (CG 72) during a port visit in Haifa, Israel.
- Fifty-nine Reservists are supporting Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae, the only U.S. Navy base in South Korea, by providing rear area support to 300 exercise augmentees participating in the semi-annual tier I joint/combined exercise known as Ulchi Freedom Guardian.
- Deep Submergence Unit and USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 50) wrap up participation in the Republic of Singapore navy-hosted submarine escape and rescue exercise, Pacific Reach. The week-long exercise in the South China Sea included navies from Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States as well as military observers from 13 countries.
- Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Yokosuka, Japan, processes 637 requirements for material supporting USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), USS Shiloh (CG 67), and USS Mustin (DDG 89) maintenance availabilities while the ships are forward deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.
- The [Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Hawaii \(SSN 776\)](#) departs Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for its first Western Pacific deployment. Hawaii will be joining Pacific Fleet submarines USS Jacksonville (SSN 699), USS Olympia (SSN 717), USS Louisville (SSN 724), USS Tucson (SSN 770) and USS Michigan (SSGN 727) that are forward deployed to the Western Pacific.
- The Naval Oceanographic Office says farewell to one of its oldest members – [Military Sealift Command oceanographic survey ship USNS John McDonnell \(T-AGS 51\)](#) – as it is deactivated after 19 years of service in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Helicopter Maritime Strike Weapons School Pacific and various helicopter squadrons participate in an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise off the coast of Southern California with Chilean diesel electric submarine CS Thomson (SS-20) as part of the Diesel Electric Submarine Initiative (DESI) program enhancing ASW training.

- USS Curts (FFG 38) participates in Exercise Quickdraw with the U.S. Coast Guard and assets from the Mexican navy off the coast of San Diego, Calif. Quickdraw is designed to test a ship's response time to a security or Maritime Homeland Defense threat with coordination from Department of Homeland Security and other coalition partners.
- [Reserve component Sailors of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron \(MSRON\) 1](#) culminate their inaugural field training exercise series, "[Shark Tank 2010](#)," at San Clemente Island, Calif., with a live-fire exercise aboard the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202).
- [Congresswoman Susan Davis and Commander, Naval Medical Center San Diego \(NMCS D\) Rear Adm. C. Forrest Faison III read books](#) to NMCS D pediatrics patients as part of the Reach Out and Read program.
- The [Navy Demonstration Parachute Team, "Leap Frogs,"](#) jump into the fairgrounds at the [Western Idaho State Fair](#) and the state capitol during Navy Week Boise.
- As a part of the [Boston Red Sox's "Tickets for Troops" program](#), the Red Sox hold a [pre-game ceremony](#) at Fenway Park dedicated to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Three hundred chief petty officer (CPO) selectees from commands around the fleet, mentored by more than 50 CPOs, go through the CPO induction process aboard USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world, in Boston, Mass.
- Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Honor Guard personnel participate in 35 veteran / retiree funeral honor guard details throughout the region, encompassing Maine through North Carolina, and one in Montreal, Canada.
- Sailors from Naval Weapons Station Earle Security Department and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Two train with the New Jersey State Police on explosives and the effects of explosives.
- Naval Supply Systems Command, Naval Inventory Control Point hosts Defense Contracts Management Agency in Mechanicsburg, Penn., for a quarterly meeting focused on improving quality and delivery of Navy Critical Safety Items. Discussions target increasing supplier technical requirement awareness and developing product quality process improvements.
- [Rear Adm. \(Sel.\) Glenn C. Robillard assumes command](#) of the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) from Rear Adm. Steven J. Romano in Virginia Beach, Va.
- Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Lestary Plair and 312 others chime in and post a response to the U.S. Navy's Facebook page post, "Today marks our monthly 'Any Day in the Navy' - How are you spending the day?" Plair writes, "Processing our future Sailors at Charlotte [N.C.] MEPS [Military Entrance Processing Station]. It starts right here the beginning of their naval career." To see more or share what you're doing, visit www.facebook.com/USNavy.