

A Day in the Navy

May 14, 2010

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- On May 14, 330,423 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,493 selected reserve Sailors, with 6,459 mobilized Reserves; and 192,652 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 286 active ships are in service. 139 (49%), including two carriers and one large-deck amphibious ship, are underway.
- 10,333 Individual Augmentees, 5,654 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- [HMS Ark Royal \(RO7\)](#), an Invincible-class light aircraft carrier, arrives at Naval Station Norfolk during Operation Auriga, the Royal Navy's major deployment of 2010. The Carrier Strike Lead Task Group, with approximately 2,000 U.K., U.S. and French personnel from four Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships, a [French nuclear-powered submarine](#), USS Barry (DDG 52) and several rotary and fixed wing aircraft, will train with coalition partners in traditional warfighting areas of carrier strike, amphibious assault and anti-submarine warfare operations to enhance operational capability.
- [USS Enterprise \(CVN 65\)](#) successfully completes flight deck certification, moving one step closer toward her 21st, and final, deployment.
- USS Underwood (FFG 36) and USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) are conducting counter-illicit trafficking operations in U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility.
- Military Sealift Command's high-speed vessel HSV 2 Swift is anchored in [Port Antonio, Jamaica, conducting exchanges](#) with [Jamaica Defense Forces](#) as part of Southern Partnership Station 2010, an exercise designed to engage U.S. military sea services with partner nations' defense forces, police departments and coast guards.
- Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (Task Group Trident) is part of a joint team training Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers in detention operations at the Detention Facility in Parwan (DFIP), Afghanistan. The Sailors are instructing an eight-week course for about 900 of 2,100 ANA soldiers, who will assume responsibility for guarding detainees at the DFIP next year.
- USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) assists six stranded Iranian mariners in the Arabian Gulf. Mesa Verde Sailors provided food, water and medical treatment and also repaired the dhow's severed steering cable and restored engine power despite heavy seas. The mariners had been adrift for four days with minimal food and no water.

- [USS Dwight D. Eisenhower \(CVN 69\)](#) and [Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 7](#), on station in the North Arabian Sea, conduct in-depth maintenance on ship systems and aircraft along with several training evolutions.
- [USS McFaul \(DDG 74\) conducts a gunnery exercise](#), testing firing procedures and operations of its MK 45 5-inch/54 caliber lightweight gun in the North Arabian Sea.
- USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) patrols the northern Arabian Gulf in support of Combined Task Force – Iraqi Maritime. The Sullivans is providing security and maritime domain awareness in the vicinity of Al Basra Oil Terminal, which is the main source of Iraq’s oil exportation program and an important economic link to the world.
- 7th Fleet’s command ship, USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), [returns to Yokosuka](#), Japan, after a 3-month spring deployment in the Western Pacific. The ship participated in Exercise Key Resolve with the Republic of Korea Navy and made engagement visits to Hong Kong; Jakarta, Indonesia; Sepangar, Malaysia; Laem Chabang, Thailand; Hakata, Japan; and Vladivostok, Russia.
- [More than 300 U.S. and Thai Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen](#), kick off the 16th annual [Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training \(CARAT\) Thailand 2010](#) with an opening ceremony in Sattahip, Thailand. CARAT is a [series of bilateral exercises](#) held in Southeast Asia. Longstanding participating nations include Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.
- The guided-missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86) is conducting integrated anti-submarine warfare training in the Southern California operating area.
- USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) hosts the entire 5th grade class from Gerald Ford Elementary School in Indian Wells, Calif., for a ship visit. The visit is part of an 11-year old “Triangular Adoption” partnership with the ship, school and the City of Indian Wells.
- Capt. Don Cenon B. Albia, Medical Service Corps, is relieved by Capt. Ann Bobeck, Medical Service Corps, during a change of command ceremony at Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. Albia, born and raised in Iriga City, Philippines, began his Navy career when he enlisted 36 years ago at U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, Philippines.
- Office of Naval Research (ONR) joins the National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Portland, Ore., for a working session on custom-molded earplugs and training kiosks for hearing conservation. ONR's Noise-Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) Program investigates methods to prevent and treat NIHL and tinnitus sustained by Sailors and Marines in service.
- [Special Warfare Boat Operator 1st Class Dan Hathorn](#), of Ithaca, N.Y., is chosen as the Featured Warrior of the Day following his win in the Ultimate Champion competition during the last day of competition at Warrior Games in Colorado Springs, Colo. Two hundred

wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women from all branches of military service participated in the inaugural games.

- [Members of the first graduating class of Prairie View A&M's NROTC program](#) participate in oral history interviews at Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C. The Navy established its first NROTC Program at a historically black college or university in 1968 at Prairie View A&M in Texas.
- [Former astronaut Neil Armstrong](#), the late Vice Adm. William P. Lawrence (Ret.), the late Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Thomas H. Miller (Ret.) and the late Navy Capt. Richard P. Bordone (Ret.) are [inducted into the Naval Aviation Hall of Honor](#) at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla. The Naval Aviation Hall of Honor was founded in 1979 to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to Naval Aviation.
- In a rare dual [change of command](#), Rear Adm. Thomas P. Meek relieves [Vice Adm. H. Denby Starling II](#) as commander, Navy Cyber Forces; Rear Adm. Edward H. Deets, III, assumes Starling's role of commander, Naval Network Warfare Command, [in a ceremony](#) at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia Beach, Va.
- At the 2010 Joint Service Open House and Air Show at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., SEALs display and explain the combat gear, weapons and tactical vehicles they employ in carrying out special operations missions in sea, air and land environments. Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen personnel join the SEALs during this three-day event to showcase their people and platforms to the public.
- Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., kicks off its [7th annual Summer Safety campaign with remarks by Vice Adm. Harry Harris, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet](#). More than 45 exhibits on various safety topics are presented to reinforce the goal of zero mishaps among the campus' 6,000-plus staff.
- Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Ronn Erick Arneccillo Rios and 11 other active duty, Reservists and veterans of the Armed Forces, become American citizens at a naturalization ceremony at the Submarine Force Library and Museum with the Nautilus (SSN 571) as the backdrop in Groton, Conn.
- Personnel from Sigonella Logistics Support Center provide logistical support to USS Nicholas (FFG 47) during a scheduled port visit to Augusta Bay, Sicily, delivering two pallets of critically needed repair parts and offloading 16 depot-level repairable items.
- Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jonathan Peskind, and 215 other fans, chime in and post a response to the U.S. Navy's Facebook page post, "It is time to muster, Navy! Today is the day we take a snapshot of the fleet & ask 'what are you doing in the Navy today' for the monthly 'Any Day in the Navy.' So sound off Sailors, what is on your plan of the day?" HM2 Peskind writes, "I'm taking care of our wounded warriors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany." To see more or share what you're doing, visit www.facebook.com/USNavy