

# A Day in the Navy

## September 14, 2010

(LINKS ARE TO ASSOCIATED PHOTOS)

- On September 14, 329,429 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 64,880 selected Reserve Sailors, with 6,931 mobilized Reserves; and 201,435 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 288 active ships in service; 148 (51 percent) ships, including five aircraft carriers and seven large-deck amphibious ships, and 29 (52 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- 10,519 Individual Augmentees, 4,997 of whom are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- USS Princeton (CG 59) continues counterpiracy operations under the command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 in the Gulf of Aden. Five days earlier, Princeton, along with Turkish frigate and CTF 151 flagship, TCG Gökçeada, and USS Dubuque (LPD 8), participated in a boarding operation executed by U.S. Marines assigned to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), which [successfully freed the crew of M/V Magellan Star](#) and seized control of the ship from nine Somali pirates.
- Helicopters from USS Peleliu (LHA 5) and 15th MEU continue relief efforts in support of the Government of Pakistan following devastating floods there. U.S. Navy and Marine Corps helicopters have contributed to the rescue of more than 13,500 people and delivery of more than 5.6 million pounds of relief supplies.
- The Kearsarge [Amphibious Ready Group](#) (ARG) transits through U.S. 6th Fleet's area of responsibility while en route to Pakistan to provide relief to flood-stricken areas. Kearsarge ARG and 26th MEU are executing an early deployment to the region in support of [ongoing humanitarian aid and disaster relief operations](#).
- Recruiters around the fleet help 243 Sailors join the U.S. Navy.
- [Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead](#) holds an All Hands Call at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va., addressing various Navy issues and answering questions from the audience of Sailors and officers.
- Sailor and Marines embarked aboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) transit to Bluefields, Nicaragua, to conduct [Continuing Promise 2010](#) in the U.S. Southern Command and Commander, U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility.
- [USS Klakring \(FFG 42\)](#) is pierside in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic as part of Southern Seas 2010, a U.S. Southern Command-directed operation that provides U.S. and international forces the opportunity to operate in a multi-national environment.

- Military Sealift Command's [High Speed Vessel Swift \(HSV 2\)](#) is in [Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic](#), taking part in Southern Partnership Station 2010, an exercise designed to engage the U.S military sea services with partner nations' defense forces, police departments and coast guards.
- Oceanographers from the Naval Oceanographic Office [search for the remains of John Paul Jones' revolutionary](#) warship Bonhomme Richard aboard Military Sealift Command's oceanographic survey ship, USNS Henson (T-AGS 63), off the coast of Flamborough Head, England.
- Amphibious transport dock USS Denver (LPD 9), mine countermeasures ship USS Guardian (MCM 5) and guided-missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) are taking part in Inchon landing commemorative ceremonial events in the Republic of Korea as part of a series of events for the [50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration](#).
- [USS George Washington \(CVN 73\)](#) Carrier Strike Group, along with USS Buffalo (SSN 715), USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705), USS Hawaii (SSN 776), USS Tucson (SSN 770), [USS Essex \(LHD 2\)](#) with embarked [31st MEU](#), [USS Harpers Ferry \(LSD 49\)](#), and USS Defender (MCM 2) conduct joint-service exercise [Valiant Shield](#) in the Western Pacific Ocean.
- Naval Air Facility (NAF) Misawa welcomes Commander, Navy Installations Command, Vice Adm. Michael Vitale, during a visit to the base in northern Japan. Vitale, along with Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan, Rear Adm. Richard Wren, meet with Misawa-based Sailors from NAF Misawa and its 12 tenant commands and tour the installation.
- [USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group](#) steams 430 miles, heading west, on the 7th day of deployment. During transit, Strike Group ships practice anti-submarine warfare; execute visit, board, search and seizure operations; hold chemical, biological and radiological defense drills; and conduct Tomahawk Land Attack Missile training.
- USS Jefferson City (SSN 759) conducts detection and tracking exercises against simulated enemy submarine contacts in the Pacific Ocean.
- Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, Fallon, Nev., flies a total of 14.1 hours during 11 events in support of Carrier Air Wing 14's final phase of training before embarking aboard [USS Ronald Reagan \(CVN 76\)](#) for deployment.
- [Naval Air Station Lemoore](#), Calif., including Strike Fighter Squadron 125, hosts 752 flight operations in support of the Navy's Pacific Fleet fighter-attack capability.
- Student [Marine Corps Capt. Brandon Newell](#) speaks about his experience in expeditionary energy research and development to faculty, students and staff at the Naval Postgraduate School.

- Senior scientists at the Office of Naval Research (ONR) visit Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to see how a [virtual puppeteer linked to a 3D avatar](#) located within an Afghan environment of the ONR-sponsored Infantry Immersion Trainer interacts with warfighters.
- [Naval Hospital Bremerton](#) teams with Naval Base Kitsap and local tenant commands to administer more than [5,000 influenza vaccinations](#) during a mock 2-day exercise to test NHB's ability to efficiently vaccinate all active duty in any mass inoculation scenario, as well as have shore-based commands use the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System.
- [USS Freedom \(LCS 1\)](#) unloads [ordnance](#) at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Calif., conducting the [first major Pacific Fleet ordnance operation](#) for an LCS-class vessel.
- While in port San Diego, Calif., amphibious transport dock [USS Green Bay \(LPD 20\)](#) conducts chemical, biological, and radiological training in preparation for the upcoming unit-level training assessment-certification.
- [USS Nimitz \(CVN 68\)](#) conducts [ammunition offload](#) with dry cargo and ammunition ship [USNS Wally Schirra \(T-AKE 8\)](#) in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of responsibility.
- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 6 deploys an expeditionary security team to provide force protection for USNS Joshua Humphreys (T-AO 188) in support of Operation Vigilant Mariner. The MSRON will conduct point and area defense to protect and defend critical infrastructure and high value assets against terrorist attacks.
- [Rear Adm. William French, Commander, Navy Region Southwest](#), participates in a “Caps for Kids” visit at Shriner’s Hospital for Children during [Salt Lake City Navy Week](#).
- More than 1,500 active duty staff receive flu shots at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., as the facility activates its mobile immunization teams to vaccinate its employees during [PANFLUEX](#), the Chief of Naval Operations’ Pandemic Flu Exercise, testing the medical facility’s ability to quickly immunize first responders in the event of an actual pandemic.
- Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., celebrates the 40th anniversary of the EPA Clean Air Act with a ceremony recognizing the elimination of 2.5 tons of hazardous air pollution emissions from the air from 2009 to 2010 by the [Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Pollution Prevention Team](#).
- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5’s assistant legal officer, Legalman 1st Class (SW/AW) Steve McAnally, and more than 400 others chime in and post a response to the U.S. Navy’s Facebook page post, “Alright, Navy Fans we want to hear what you are doing today.” McAnally writes, “Bearing the heat in Afghanistan with NMCB 5 and getting the job done.” To see more or share what you’re doing, visit [www.facebook.com/USNavy](http://www.facebook.com/USNavy).