

A Day in the Navy
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- On Aug. 18, 328,827 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,117 selected Reserve Sailors, with 4,432 mobilized Reserves; and 204,783 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 284 active ships in service; 119 (42 percent) ships, including five aircraft carriers and four large-deck amphibious ships, and 15 (25 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- There are 8,324 individual augmentees, 3,426 of whom are mobilized Reserves, [deployed around the world](#) in support of overseas contingency operations.
- The Navy announces that Phase I of the [first-ever enlisted retention board](#) convenes Aug. 22. The quota- and performance-based board will review the records of approximately 16,000 Sailors and identify approximately 13,000 Sailors for retention. The Navy's intent is to ensure Sailors understand the factors necessitating the board, feel the process has been transparent, and believe they have been treated fairly.
- [USS George H.W. Bush \(CVN 77\)](#) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 complete [20 sorties](#) for 108 hours in support of U.S. and coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).
- USS Bataan (LHD 5) conducts flight operations and USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) conducts counter-piracy operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR).
- USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195) conducts replenishment-at-sea evolutions with Italian navy air defense destroyer ITS Andrea Doria (D 553) and Indian navy frigate INS Godavari (F 20) near the Horn of Africa in support of U.S. and coalition ships operating in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.
- The Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) comprised of USS Boxer (LHD 4); embarked Commander, Amphibious Squadron 1; USS Comstock (LSD 45); USS Green Bay (LPD 20); and Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) transit the Indian Ocean.
- U.S. 7th Fleet flagship [USS Blue Ridge \(LCC 19\)](#) and embarked U.S. 7th Fleet staff participate in exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian with the Republic of Korea navy in [Busan, Republic of Korea](#).
- Commander Task Force (CTF) 73.1, USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) participate in bilateral exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Singapore 2011.
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), embarked CVW 14, Destroyer Squadron 7, USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), USS Preble (DDG 88) and USS Higgins (DDG 76) conduct operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet AOR.
- USS George Washington (CVN 73), embarked CVW 5, USS Cowpens (CG 63) and USS Mustin (DDG 89) conduct operations in the South China Sea.

- Commander, John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group (CSG), [Rear Adm. Craig Faller](#) speaks with USS Dewey (DDG 105) Sailors about the importance of liberty as a mission to serve as ambassadors around the globe. The John C. Stennis CSG is conducting operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet AOR.
- USS Defender (MCM 2) conducts operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet AOR after leaving its forward-deployed homeport of Sasebo, Japan.
- The food management team from Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center Yokosuka, Japan, hosts Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Thomas McNulty, enlisted aide and [executive chef to Vice President Joseph Biden](#).
- Naval Air Facility Misawa Sailors watch as Miss Veedol II, a replica of the aircraft that made the first non-stop flight from Japan to the U.S. in 1931, flies over Misawa.
- The Makin Island ARG, comprised of Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 5, USS Makin Island (LHD 8), [USS New Orleans \(LPD 18\)](#) and the 11th MEU, conduct [PHIBRON-MEU integrated training](#) off the coast of Southern California and observe the 69th anniversary of the Aug. 17-18, 1942, raid on Makin Island during World War II.
- Approximately 154 Reserve Sailors work on the Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander staff during [PANAMAX 2011](#), one of the largest, annual, multinational maritime exercises in the world.
- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28 Detachment Delta, deployed aboard [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#) in support of [Continuing Promise 2011](#), commences projects at a local hospital and at [Killick Coast Guard Base](#) near [Port Au Prince, Haiti](#).
- The “Nightwolves” from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 77, the Navy’s only fully dedicated counter-illicit trafficking squadron, flies two missions in support of counter-illicit trafficking operations in the Caribbean.
- Eight [divers](#) from [Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2](#) share tactics and techniques with divers from Panama, [Belize](#) and Canada during Dive Southern Partnership Station in Jamaica.
- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 2 detachments from Portsmouth, Va., provide harbor defense and port security for Military Sealift Command and Navy ships at Kuwait Naval Base and Naval Station Rota.
- USS Newport News (SSN 750) conducts a port visit to Portsmouth, England.
- A P-3 from Patrol Squadron 45 assigned to CTF 67 participates in the Moscow International Aviation and Space Salon in Moscow, Russia.
- USS Carr (FFG 52) Sailors conduct shiphandling exercises and helicopter operations with Polish frigate ORP Kosciuszko (FFG 273) during a passing exercise in the Baltic Sea.
- USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) returns to its homeport of Gaeta, Italy, after completing a port call to Theoule Sur Mer, France, to commemorate 67 years since the liberation of Nazi-occupied France.
- Sailors aboard HSV-2 Swift conduct small boat maintenance courses at Sekondi Naval Base Dockyard and Maintenance Facility in Sekondi, Ghana, during Africa Partnership Station (APS).

- [USS Samuel B. Roberts \(FFG 58\)](#) departs Port Victoria, Seychelles, after completing an APS training hub with naval partners from Djibouti, Mauritius and Seychelles.
- NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella, Italy, Fuels Division personnel provide 98,077 gallons of JP-5 aviation fuel to 31 U.S. and NATO aircraft in support of daily operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet AOR and NATO Operation Unified Protector (OUP).
- Three Reserve Sailors at the Southern Region Joint Operational Intelligence Center in Naples, Italy, support OUP.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team 116 partners with Tanzanian People's Defense Force and Seabees to build rainwater catchment systems at two schools on Zanzibar.
- Naval Station Rota, Spain, completes the last day of training for its Shore Installation Management Basic Boat Course. The station is saving more than \$160,000 per year by having its security department locally train coxswain candidates vice sending them stateside for temporary duty.
- [USS Dwight D. Eisenhower \(CVN 69\) Sailors](#) honor [two retired Sailors](#) in a [burial-at-sea ceremony](#).
- Three House Armed Services Committee staff members tour USS Wyoming (SSBN 742) at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga. The delegation has an ongoing interest associated with the assignment of women in submarines.
- Sixty University of Florida Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps midshipmen tour the Trident Training Facility and a ballistic missile submarine at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.
- More than 200 surface warriors attend the Surface Navy Association West Coast Symposium at [Naval Base San Diego](#). Featured speakers include Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Adm. John C. Harvey Jr.; Director, Surface Warfare Division (N86), Rear Adm. Frank Pandolfe; and Chief of Naval Research, Rear Adm. Nevin P. Carr.
- Naval Station Norfolk hosts a parenthood seminar providing Sailors and family members an opportunity to learn about the basics of parenthood and about balancing work and life opportunities.
- USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Sailors save approximately \$6.2 million in contract, labor and material fees by renovating berthing spaces and painting ship spaces while undergoing a docked planned incremental maintenance availability at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.
- Naval Base Kitsap Commanding Officer Capt. Pete Dawson speaks about the relationship between the Navy's energy efficiency efforts and maritime security to 140 government and business leaders at the Pacific Northwest Defense Symposium in Bremerton, Wash.
- Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia chief petty officer (CPO) selectees conduct stretching and warm-up exercises prior to a CPO selectee run.
- Sailors from Navy Operational Support Center Indianapolis, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and USS Shoup (DDG 86) march in the Indiana State Fair parade held during Indianapolis Navy Week.

- [Rear Adm. \(Sel.\) John C. Scorby](#) relieves Rear Adm. Townsend G. Alexander as [commander, Navy Region Southeast](#) at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.
- USS Memphis (SSN 691) undergoes inactivation; USS San Juan (SSN 751) undergoes an engineered overhaul; and USS Virginia (SSN 774) undergoes a major maintenance availability at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.
- Service members and civilians attend the [Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International's 2011 North American Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. Featured speakers include Program Executive Officer for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons, Rear Adm. William Shannon; Director of ISR Capabilities, [Rear Adm. Matthew Klunder](#); Program Manager for Unmanned Maritime Systems, Capt. Duane Ashton; and [Office of Naval Research's](#) Director of Innovation, Dr. Larry Schuette. The speakers discuss science and technology initiatives focused on Navy unmanned systems.
- Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Carderock's Structures and Composites Division engineers install instrumentation and data acquisition systems aboard USS Wasp (LHD 1) to measure temperatures of thermal exposure on the flight deck from the F-35B, the short takeoff/vertical landing variant of the F-35.
- NSWC Corona, Calif., engineers aboard USS Lake Erie (CG 70) finalize waterfront integration testing for Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Flight Test Mission FTM-16, which will mark the first test of the SM-3 Block 1B missile using the latest version of the Aegis combat system.
- U.S. Rep. Rush Holt and members of his staff visit the X-PRIZE Oil Spill Challenge at the National Oil Spill Response, Research and Renewable Energy Test Facility at Naval Weapons Station Earle in Leonardo, N.J. During the challenge, private industry teams demonstrate new concepts and technologies for cleaning up major oil spills at sea.
- Center for Personal and Professional Development Region East conducts 16 training courses for 272 students.
- Training Support Center San Diego provides motorcycle safety training to 38 service members and civilians.
- Twenty-four Sailors graduate from the Independent Duty Postal Clerk Course at the Center for Service Support Learning Center in San Diego.
- Recruiters help 58 people join the U.S. Navy.