

A Day in the Navy
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- On Feb. 6, 323,773 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 63,971 Selected Reserve Sailors, with 4,518 mobilized Reserves; and 203,609 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 285 active ships in service; 138 (48 percent) ships, including five aircraft carriers and five large-deck amphibious ships, and 21 (38 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- There are 3,220 individual augmentees, 2,915 of whom are mobilized Reserve Sailors, [deployed on the ground around the world](#) in support of overseas contingency operations.
- More than 20,000 Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen on more than 25 ships participate in [Bold Alligator 2012](#), the largest East Coast naval [amphibious exercise](#) in the past 10 years.
- Expeditionary Strike Group 2, embarked aboard [USS Wasp \(LHD 1\)](#), coordinates the debarkation of 600 Marines and 70 vehicles via [landing craft](#); moves 141 passengers and 1 short ton of cargo and provides and monitors classification services for more than 25 units, 354 users, five networks, and 45 voice circuits while underway in support of [Bold Alligator 2012](#).
- John C. Stennis Strike Group, comprised of aircraft carrier [USS John C. Stennis \(CVN 74\)](#) and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9 and Destroyer Squadron 21, USS Pinckney (DDG 91), USS Kidd (DDG 100), USS Dewey (DDG 105), USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) and USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) are underway in the U.S. [7th Fleet area of responsibility](#) (AOR).
- USS Chafee (DDG 90) and USS Tortuga (LSD 46) kick off their participation in [Cobra Gold 2012](#).
- [USS Carl Vinson \(CVN 70\)](#) and [Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 17](#) conduct 63 aircraft launches and recoveries to fly more than 240 total hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- [Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 2](#), embarked aboard [USS Abraham Lincoln](#), launches and recovers 64 fixed-wing and 10 rotary-wing sorties for more than 141 total hours of flight operations in the northern Arabian Gulf.
- Sailors from U.S. 7th Fleet flagship [USS Blue Ridge \(LCC 19\)](#) and embarked U.S. 7th Fleet staff are in [Tomakomai, Japan](#) for a port visit.
- [USS Bunker Hill \(CG 52\)](#) conducts damage control and engineering casualty drills in the U.S.5th Fleet AOR.

- USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200) receives fuel in Djibouti to deliver to U.S. and coalition warships supporting maritime security operations in the Gulf of Aden and Horn of Africa.
- Employees at Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, Site Gulfport, process postal containers returning from Afghanistan for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1.
- Guided-missile cruiser [USS Vella Gulf \(CG 72\)](#) conducts refueling and maintenance while in port Souda Bay, Greece.
- USS Montpelier (SSN 765) makes preparations for getting underway following a port visit in Faslane, Scotland.
- Sailors from Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command mentor Ghanaian ambulance drivers and Ghanaian navy nurses in pre-hospital, trauma life support and basic life support in support of Africa Partnership Station in Sekondi, Ghana.
- Sailors from Naval Forces Africa conduct maritime illicit counter trafficking training with Nigerian navy sailors as part of a maritime domain awareness training course in Lagos, Nigeria.
- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 embarked aboard [High Speed Vessel \(HSV 2\) Swift](#) refurbish a school alongside Peruvian navy and marine combat engineers from Base Naval De Callao and Brigada Infanteria De Marina De Ancon in Peru.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team 205 conducts an assessment of a primary road leading to Garissa, Kenya.
- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 4 provides force protection for U.S. and allied forces at Kuwait Naval Base during Exercise Shamal.
- Expeditionary Combat Readiness Command oversees 55 Sailors attending Afghan government training as part of the Directorate of Cultural Influence and Counterinsurgency syllabus during the Combat Advisor course at Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. More than 350 Sailors will attend joint training this year in preparation for 9-12 month deployments.
- Naval Oceanographic Office personnel conduct the eighth of 76 planned airborne laser hydrographic survey missions off Belize's Caribbean coast in support of safety of navigation requirements of the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South.
- Fourteen submarine force Reserve Sailors are providing critical force protection support to USS Frank Cable (AS 40) while she is in Portland, ME for a two-month dry-docking Phased Maintenance Availability.

- The fuel facility at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor undergoes a Balanced Survivability Assessment to identify any vulnerability in its operations.
- Sailors aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Milius (DDG 69) watch the New York Giants beat the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLVI on the ship's mess decks while transiting the South China Sea.
- Recruiters help 125 people join America's Global Force for Good.