

A Day in the Navy  
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- On Feb. 12, 328,271 active duty officers, [Sailors](#) and midshipmen; 65,117 selected Reserve Sailors, with 5,799 mobilized Reserves; and 200,476 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 286 active ships in service; 163 (57 percent) ships, including five aircraft carriers and four large-deck amphibious ships, and 22 (31 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- There are 10,193 individual augmentees, 4,458 of whom are mobilized Reserves, [deployed on the ground around the world](#) in support of overseas contingency operations.
- Naval Base Coronado, Calif., hosts the [Centennial of Naval Aviation \(CONA\) Kickoff](#) celebration, drawing a crowd of more than [170,000 people](#) to the Naval Air Station North Island [Open House](#), which includes public tours of [USS John C. Stennis \(CVN 74\)](#), USS Peleliu (LHA 5) and USS Pinckney (DDG 91) and more than 75 static displays of vintage and current Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aircraft.
- The "[100th Anniversary Parade of Flight](#)," including the [Blue Angels](#), the [Leap Frogs](#) and 189 aircraft representing 100 years of naval aviation, is attended by the secretary of the Navy, the commandant of the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard chief of staff and other naval aviation leaders. Thousands in the local community who fill the shoreline around San Diego's harbor, to include 148 media outlets, observe the event.
- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and [Chief of Naval Operations](#) Adm. Gary Roughead deliver remarks during San Diego's CONA Kickoff celebration aboard the USS Midway Museum.
- Divers assigned to [Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1](#) reemerge from beneath the surface of San Diego Bay after a 50-foot training dive from [USNS Salvor \(T-ARS 52\)](#), a salvage ship moored at Naval Air Station North Island.
- USS Boxer (LHD 4) Sailors [load a RIM-7P Sea Sparrow surface-to-air missile](#) into a launcher aboard the amphibious assault ship. The Boxer Amphibious Ready Group and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit are underway participating in a certification exercise off the coast of Southern California in preparation for deployment in early 2011.
- Military Sealift Command's [USNS Guadalupe \(T-AO 200\)](#) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).
- Carrier Air Wing 17, assigned to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), flies 8 sorties from the Arabian Sea in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

- USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8), assigned to Commander Task Force 53, pulls into Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, and loads 357 pallets of cargo and 8,152 barrels of diesel marine fuel for transfer to ships serving in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.
- Forty-five Reservists from Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 12 return home to Navy Operational Support Center Raleigh, N.C., following their deployment in support of U.S. 5th Fleet security operations.
- USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77), the nation's newest aircraft carrier, [hosts more than 1,000 visitors](#), including Florida Congressman Ander Crenshaw (R-Fla.) at Naval Station Mayport, Fla., during its [port visit](#).
- USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723) arrives in the Pacific Fleet and makes its first port call at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following an inter-fleet transfer to be forward-deployed to Agana, Guam.
- USS Louisville (SSN 724), USS Tucson (SSN 770) and USS Columbia (SSN 771) conduct operations training in the local Hawaiian operating areas for the Submarine Command Course.
- U.S. 7th Fleet's [Essex Amphibious Ready Group](#) and forces from the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force participate in exercise [Cobra Gold 2011](#) in Thailand. An estimated 7,200 U.S. service members are conducting the exercise with forces representing Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.
- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 Seabees and Thai army engineers complete construction on a new building at Pa Ka Mai School in Thailand as part of exercise Cobra Gold 2011.
- Guided-missile destroyers USS Momsen (DDG 92) and USS Halsey (DDG 97) are inport Phuket, Thailand, and Port Kelang, Malaysia, respectively, in support of theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility.
- USS Memphis (SSN 691), USS Stout (DDG 55) and maritime patrol aircraft from Commander Task Force 67 participate in NATO exercise Proud Manta 11 (POMA11) in the vicinity of Sicily, Italy.
- Fuels Division personnel from Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Sigonella, Italy, service 20 U.S. Navy aircraft and provide 52,000 gallons of JP-5 aviation fuel for use in the U.S. 6th Fleet region.
- USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) and Naval Forces Africa trainers conduct training with more than 130 students from Benin, Ghana, and Togo as part of Robert G. Bradley's first Africa Partnership Station hub in Lome, Togo.

- Forty-eight active and 11 Reserve Sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 1 offload supplies and equipment to support Operation Deep Freeze, the annual resupply mission for the National Science Foundation at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.
- USS Scranton (SSN 756) participates in a bi-lateral submarine exercise with French nuclear-powered, Rubis-class submarine FS Saphir (S 602) in the Atlantic Ocean.
- USS Bataan (LHD 5) conducts a [refueling-at-sea evolution](#) with USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) and [AV-8B Harrier](#) operations with [Marine Attack Squadron 261](#) while operating in the Atlantic Ocean.
- The [Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba](#), Port Operations Department provides logistical support and coordinates an offload of vehicles and equipment to U.S. Army Runnymede-class large landing craft USAV Chickahominy (LCU 2011).
- [USS Gunston Hall \(LSD 44\)](#) is in Guatemala conducting subject matter expert exchanges in support of Amphibious-Southern Partnership Station 2011.
- Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Honor Guard personnel participate in 58 veteran/retiree funeral honor guard details throughout the region.
- Approximately 200 Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) cadets from 51 high schools across the United States participate in the 2011 [NJROTC Air Rifle Championship](#) in Anniston, Ala.
- The Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast and Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding launch the future USS Anchorage (LPD 23) at Northrop Grumman's Avondale, La., shipyard in preparation for a christening May 14.
- Recruiters help 47 people join America's Navy.
- More than 40 fans post a response to the [U.S. Navy's Facebook page](#) post asking, "Will you be in San Diego for today's parade of aviation?" Navy fan Jeffrey Cochran couldn't attend, but writes, "Really wish we were there @ NASNI. Distance, work obligations, funds. To all in attendance, may you have an excellent, outstanding, memorable experience. Take lots of pictures." Lucas Glica, on the ground in San Diego, writes, "I'm at the air show now!!" Navy fans uploaded photos from the air show and shared their naval aviation memories.