

# A Day in the Navy

## February 16, 2010

(LINKS ARE TO ASSOCIATED PHOTOS)

- On Feb. 16, 330,298 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen: 108,389 ready reserve Sailors, with 6,978 reserves mobilized, and 192,652 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 285 active ships are in service. 154 (54%) including four carriers and seven large-deck, amphibious ships are underway.
- 10,797 Individual Augmentees, 5,899 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- The Navy's first littoral combat ship, [USS Freedom \(LCS 1\)](#), leaves Naval Station Mayport for her maiden operational deployment to the U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Pacific Command areas of focus. During deployment, Freedom will participate in counter-illicit trafficking operations.
- [Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Jonathan Greenert](#) visits USS Eisenhower (CVN 69) while underway as part of a week long visit to the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of operations.
- 5, 207 Sailors, 6 ships and 34 aircraft are on station in the vicinity of Haiti supporting [Operation Unified Response](#).
- USS Bataan (LHD 5), USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) and USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) continue to operate off the coast of Haiti, providing military support capabilities to civil authorities.
- Five surgeries were completed on board USNS Comfort (T-AH 20). A total of 760 surgeries have been performed on board, and the ship has had 926 admissions since arriving on station off Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 19.
- Naval Network Warfare Command/Navy Cyber Force Supply Leading Petty Officer, LS1(SW/AW) Pierre Saint-Pierre translates aboard USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), helping patients and medical staff members to communicate with each other. In his off-duty time, he helps his family ashore to rebuild after the Jan. 12 earthquake.
- USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51) is anchored off Port-au-Prince, Haiti, conducting port survey and clearance operations with the embarked Army's 544th Dive Team and elements of the Navy's Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2.
- USNS Dewayne T. Williams (T-AK 3009) is anchored off Port-au-Prince, Haiti and serving as a joint logistics over-the-shore support ship, providing fuel to the improved Navy lighterage systems operating in the area.

- SS Cornhusker State (T-ACS 6) is anchored off Port-au-Prince, Haiti, providing crane support for supplies flowing into the area in support of Operation Unified Response.
- [Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba](#) is providing logistical support for Operation Unified Response. The Blackhawks of Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14 (HM-14) fly sorties from Guantanamo Bay, transporting supplies and personnel in support of relief efforts in Haiti.
- [Seabees](#) from Underwater Construction Team 1, Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 7 and 11, Construction Battalion Mobile Units 202 and 303, and 1<sup>st</sup> Naval Construction Division provide port assessment, pier repair and disaster recovery operations in Haiti.
- A Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps officer who is fluent in French and proficient in Haitian Creole provides translation services to a delegation bringing relief supplies to a previously unassisted orphanage in a remote part of Haiti.
- The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group completes 24 days on station in the Gulf of Oman providing air support for Operation Enduring Freedom. [USS Eisenhower \(CVN 69\) launched 28 combat sorties](#) and flew more than 216 cumulative hours in support of OEF.
- [Carrier Air Wing 7](#), embarked on USS Eisenhower (CVN 69), continues its aerial support of Operation Moshtarak, protecting thousands of U.S., Coalition and Afghan troops in the largest joint Afghan-international offensive of the war.
- The Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group conducts routine operations in the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet region. USS Rushmore (LSD 47) conducts an underway replenishment with USNS Pecos (T-AO 197); USS Cleveland (LPD 7) participates in a maritime defense exercise with six U.S. and coalition vessels near the Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal and USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) conducts a vertical replenishment-at-sea with USNS Robert E. Peary (T-AKE 5) in the Gulf of Aden.
- USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) arrives in the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of operations en route to the next Africa Partnership Station deployment after having been temporarily diverted to support Haiti relief efforts.
- USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) finishes its last day of activities in Lagos, Nigeria as part of Africa Partnership Station West. Roberts has been on the APS West mission since November 2009 and has visited Sierra Leone, Senegal, Gabon, Congo and Sao Tome and Principe.
- HSV Swift and USS Nicholas (FFG 47) arrive in Port Est, Reunion, for a series of combined training activities with the French Navy. Swift and Nicholas are currently deployed to the east coast of Africa conducting Africa Partnership Station East, an enduring initiative aimed at strengthening global maritime partnerships.

- USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) is in port Constanta, Romania, conducting training with Romanian military counterparts as well as community relations projects and meeting with local officials.
- USS Hawaii (SSN 776) conducts underway tests at Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility in Katchikan, Alaska. SEAFAC supports submarine operations over a full range of speeds and depths required for underway tests during acoustic trials. SEAFAC is also capable of supporting submarine target strength measurements.
- USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and [Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 11](#) conduct flight operations in the South China Sea in the U.S. 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility. While underway, Nimitz hosts Hong Kong civic and business leaders, as well as members of the Hong Kong Disciplined Services and the Government Flying Service.
- The Essex Amphibious Readiness Group conducts a port visit in [Pattaya, Thailand](#), after completing exercise Cobra Gold 2010 an annual joint/coalition multinational exercise.
- USS Patriot (MCM 7) is moored in Sihanoukville for a port visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia. During her visit, [Patriot will conduct training with the Royal Cambodian Navy](#). Patriot is currently on a five-month, eight-country, 14-port deployment.
- USS Lake Erie (CG 70) arrives in Sepangar, Malaysia.
- USS Connecticut (SSN 22) arrives in port Yokosuka, Japan. During this port visit the crew will work together with Japan Maritime Self Defense Force submarine units.
- The Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) anti-submarine warfare mission package detachment operates the [LCS undersea vehicle \(USV\)](#) in Narragansett Bay. The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport is developing the USV for future LCS operations.
- New energy-saving LED streetlights are being installed at Naval Base Ventura County at Port Hueneme and Point Mugu. These replacement lights will provide a brighter/white light and remain maintenance free for 15 years.
- Lt. Cmdr. Kelly C. Ward and 120 other people post to the Navy's Facebook page comments on Day in the Navy. Ward writes, "Advised an Iraqi Major General on the pros and cons of various explosive detection technologies. Even in the middle of the desert and in a mostly US and Iraq Army environment, our Navy personnel have proven time and again to have a knack for learning quickly, keeping an open mind, and listening to the Iraqi people before acting." To see more or share what you're doing, visit [www.facebook.com/USNavy](http://www.facebook.com/USNavy).