

A Day in the Navy
March 15, 2011

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- On March 15, 327,682 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,117 selected Reserve Sailors, with 5,961 mobilized Reserves; and 200,885 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 288 active ships in service; 143 (50 percent) ships, including four aircraft carriers and six large-deck amphibious ships, and 32 (59 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- There are 9,373 individual augmentees, 4,381 of whom are mobilized Reserves, [deployed on the ground around the world](#) in support of overseas contingency operations.
- The [Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group](#) (CSG) flies 29 sorties, delivering 17 tons of [supplies](#), including food, water and blankets, in support of humanitarian assistance and disaster (HADR) relief efforts in Japan. Aircraft from the CSG conduct three sorties for coastal [search and rescue](#). To date, a total of 25 tons of aid is delivered, providing assistance to 2,000 people.
- [USS Essex \(LHD 2\)](#), USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) and USS Germantown (LSD 42), with embarked 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, continue their transit to the Sea of Japan near Honshu, Japan, to best position for launch of [HADR missions](#) over land.
- Military Sealift Command dry cargo/ammunition ship [USNS Matthew Perry \(T-AKE 9\)](#) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with amphibious assault ship [USS Essex \(LHD 2\)](#) transferring humanitarian supplies destined for Japan in support of Operation Tomodachi.
- [USS Tortuga \(LSD 46\)](#), with two embarked heavy-lift MH-53 helicopters, on-loads approximately 300 [Japan Ground Self Defense Force](#) personnel and [90 vehicles](#) in Tomokomai, Hokkaido, Japan.
- USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 59), along with Mobile Dive and Salvage Unit 1, Company 1 and 2, arrive in Yokosuka, Japan, to begin on-loading HADR supplies for transport to devastated regions throughout the country.
- Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 62's selected Reserve/full-time support crew transports 10,375 pounds of radiological control equipment and 18 members of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's Radiological Control Team to [Atsugi, Japan](#), to assist with HADR efforts.
- In response to the security situation in Bahrain, the Office of the Secretary of Defense approves an "[Authorized Departure](#)" order for service members' dependents currently residing in Bahrain to voluntary depart to a "safe haven." Agents and other personnel at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service field office in Bahrain work around-the-clock to

provide enhanced force protection support to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet.

- [Carrier Air Wing 17](#), assigned to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), completes 28 sorties from the Arabian Sea in support of U.S. and coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.
- [Lt. Cmdr. Kendrick-Holmes](#), a Navy Reservist currently in Kandahar, Afghanistan, assigned to the NATO International Security Assistance Force, and the head football coach for State University of New York Maritime, congratulates his team during a live satellite feed to New York City's Times Square as team members receive their [championship rings](#) following a 10-0 regular season record.
- Sailors aboard USS Mason (DDG 87) explore the city of Jerusalem and hold a [change of command ceremony](#) during a scheduled port visit to Haifa, Israel.
- Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, originally formed March 15, 1943, during World War II, celebrates its [68th birthday](#) at the command's headquarters in San Diego.
- The Virginia-class submarine [USS New Hampshire \(SSN 778\)](#) and the Seawolf-class submarine USS Connecticut (SSN 22) commence [Ice Exercise 2011](#) in the Arctic Ocean.
- Divers assigned to the Deep Submergence Unit in San Diego perform a 50-foot simulation dive in the San Diego Bay using a submarine rescue chamber from the MV HOS Dominator, one of eight submarine and special warfare support vessels operated by Military Sealift Command.
- [Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona](#) oversees collaborative analysis teams at the Navy's Joint Warfare Assessment Laboratory for the combat systems ship qualification trials of Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyers USS Gravely (DDG 107) and USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) in the Atlantic Ocean.
- One hundred students from various Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps units tour the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) as part of their spring-break camp on board Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- The Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine USS Newport News (SSN 750) conducts a port visit to Toulon, France.
- Sailors and Marines from High Speed Vessel (HSV-2) Swift, assigned to [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28](#) and [2nd Marine Logistics Group](#), replace a broken hand water pump with an electric powered pump at Escuela Eneas Avarado in support of Southern Partnership Station 2011, restoring fresh water to both the school and community.
- Three E-2C Hawkeye aircraft and crews from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 77 fly three missions for a total of 13 flight hours in support of counter-illicit trafficking operations in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility (AOR).

- The Reserve crew of VR 53 delivered 20 personnel and 10,000 pounds of maintenance support equipment from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 77 from Naval Air Station New Orleans, La., to El Salvador, allowing uninterrupted detachment support for anti-drug/stability operations in the Southern Command AOR.
- Navy Reserve frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39), underway conducting counter-illicit trafficking operations in the U.S. Southern Command AOR, supports its embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment during the boarding of a vessel.
- USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) is at anchor in Freetown, Sierra Leone, during the second Africa Partnership Station West training "hub" of 2011.
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Europe Africa Southwest Asia's Seabees perform maintenance on one of Naval Station Rota's 19 airfield lighting poles, ensuring continued mission critical support for troops downrange.
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Capability and Development at NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Vice Adm. Carol M. Pottenger; Vice Commander, Air Force Material Command, Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenberger; and Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications Tactical [Brig. Gen. N. Lee S. Price](#) participate on the female general officer panel of the 24th annual [Sea Service Leadership Association](#) Joint Women's Leadership Symposium held in San Diego.
- Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center San Diego held its first-ever [Women's History March](#), attracting approximately 100 Sailors, civilians and middle school students who walked a cumulative total of approximately 150 miles in commemoration of women's history.
- Navy Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Puget Sound's Commanding Officer, Capt. James R. Dolan, presents Tier 3 training on the ["Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell"](#) to his team of supply and logistics specialists.
- More than 180 fans post a response to the [U.S. Navy's Facebook page](#) post asking fans "what you, our Navy fans, are doing today." Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Christopher Green writes, "Getting off work and going home to hit the bed for some needed rest. Can't wait." Derick Yee added, "Completed two 13-weeks on a T-56 trailer, T-700 trailer and T-400 trailer and test cell. Replaced fuel and oil hoses/lines on the test trailers. Just another day in the world's greatest Navy."
- Recruiters help 48 people join America's Navy.