

A Day in the Navy

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(LINKS ARE TO ASSOCIATED PHOTOS)

- On October 13, 328,330 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,314 selected Reserve Sailors, with 6,768 mobilized Reserves; and 202,178 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 288 active ships in service; 150 (52 percent) ships, including five aircraft carriers and five large-deck amphibious ships, and 30 (56 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- 10,372 Individual Augmentees, 5,366 of whom are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- The U.S. Navy celebrates its 235th birthday, from [Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit \(EODMU\) 1](#) to the [oldest commissioned warship afloat](#), to [Sailors at sea](#) and stationed ashore.
- [Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus](#) announces three accomplishments at the Navy Energy Forum in Washington, D.C.: the launch of [The Green Biz Ops web page](#); the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Small Business Administration to encourage maximum use of clean technologies and sustainable energy; and the first operational test of a Riverine Combat Boat (RCB-X) powered with an algae-based biofuel.
- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus participates in DoD's first [Pentagon Energy Security event](#) with exhibits featuring a [Ground Renewable Expeditionary Energy System](#), alternatively fueled non-tactical vehicles, alternative fuels for tactical platforms, and fuel-saving technologies for ships.
- USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) conducts a [morning replenishment-at-sea](#) with USNS Big Horn (T-AO 198) and [USNS Sacagawea \(T-AKE 2\)](#). Elements assigned to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3 conduct [25 sorties](#) (149.4 flight hours) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Helicopters from Expeditionary Strike Group 5's 15th and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units continue relief efforts out of Task Force South in support of the Government of Pakistan, following devastating floods there. Marine Corps helicopters have delivered more than 2,392,700 pounds of food since operations began at Task Force South.
- [Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 2](#) aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) flew 75 sorties for a total of 98 hours. The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is on a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 7th and 5th Fleet areas of responsibility, conducting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation engagements.

- USS Halsey (DDG 97) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) are in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, participating in the opening ceremony for [Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise](#), a series of annual, [bilateral](#) military exercises conducted by U.S. Pacific Fleet with several member nations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.
- USS Lassen (DDG 82) and a P-3C Orion from Commander, Patrol & Reconnaissance Force, assigned to U.S. 7th Fleet, participate in Republic of Korea-hosted Proliferation Security Initiative [Eastern Endeavor 2010](#), which aims to halt illicit weapons of mass destruction proliferation by promoting proactive information sharing and enabling the development of maritime capabilities.
- Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo Capt. Francis X. Martin attends the launch of Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Akizuki-class destroyer DD115 at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Shipyard, Nagasaki, Japan.
- Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Yokosuka, Japan, releases the 2010 holiday season western pacific-wide postal mailing schedule for more than 40,000 civil service employees, Sailors, Marines and families serving throughout the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility, covering 48 million square miles of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.
- [USS Carl Vinson \(CVN 70\) continues preparations](#) for its upcoming Inspection and Survey (INSURV). INSURV is performed every five years on every ship in the Navy, and it evaluates the [materiel readiness of the ship](#) and the crew's ability to operate [equipment](#).
- [USS Leyte Gulf \(CG 55\)](#) conducts rigid hull inflatable boat operations in support of the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group's Composite Training Unit Exercise.
- Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division showcases Navy technology to more than 3,000 fourth through eighth grade students and 300 teachers at the [11th annual Science and Technology Education Partnership conference](#) in Riverside, Calif., one of the largest in the state.
- [Naval Base Coronado re-opens its small arms range](#) for live fire training on Naval Air Station North Island. The 12-lane pistol range and a 10-lane rifle range will be used for qualifying Sailors in the basic use of small arms.
- Surveyors with the Naval Oceanographic Office perform mine warfare survey operations in the Arabian Gulf aboard the USNS Bruce Heezen (T-AGS 64) using Klein 5000 side scan sonar equipment.
- [Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue](#), Rear Adm. Micheal J. Yurina, director of Strategic Planning and Communication, Submarine Warfare Division and the [crew of USS Georgia \(SSGN 729\)](#) take part in the [Atlanta Navy Week 2010 Proclamation ceremony](#).

- "America's Chefs" Panini Pete, Hodad, Gorilla and Stretch visit the NAS Oceana Dam Neck Annex Galley in Oceana, Va., to prepare and serve evening meal. These celebrity chefs work with all facets of the U.S. military and their families to provide entertainment, education and boost morale through culinary-related shows and demonstrations.
- Navy recruiters help 85 [people join America's Navy](#).
- Special Agents of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Mombasa, Kenya, work with Kenyan prosecutors as they prepare to bring to trial the nine pirates who were taken into custody in the Gulf of Aden last month while attempting to hijack a German merchant vessel.
- USS Stout, USS Bainbridge (DDG 96), USS Nitze (DDG 94) and USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195) participate in exercise [Joint Warrior](#), a multinational exercise off the coast of Scotland designed to improve interoperability between allied navies and prepare participating crews to conduct combined operations during deployment.
- Personnel from Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Sigonella Fuels Division service 14 U.S. Navy aircraft and provide 66K gallons of JP-5 aviation fuel for use in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility.
- The Office of Naval Research hosts senior leaders at the [2010 Naval Aviation Enterprise Day](#) in Arlington, Va. Wide-ranging discussions include improving energy efficiency and the use of alternative fuels in support of the Secretary of the Navy's energy goals.
- Naval Medical Center San Diego [vaccinates 673 staff members](#) for influenza during a command wide SHOTEX.
- Naval Air Training Command (NATRACOM) flies an average of 700 student training flights across five training air wings in three states. More than 100 of these flights are conducted by Navy Reserve officers. The Reserve Component provides a key element in NATRACOM mission execution, delivering 15-20 percent of the annual production.
- Navy Reserve frigate USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) is underway in the eastern Pacific, conducting Counter Illicit Trafficking Operations while operating in the Southern Command area of responsibility.
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast completes a solar energy project for Aviation Survival Training Center (ASTC) Jacksonville, Fla. The Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery-funded project will heat the survival training pool and provide hot water for the building's showers and restrooms. The solar panels produce one million BTUs of energy per hour – heating the 270,000 gallon pool one degree every two hours.
- Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW/SW) Clifford Davis and more than 200 others chime in and post a response to the [U.S. Navy's Facebook page](#) post, "Tell us what is on your plate (besides birthday cake) for today." Davis writes, "Telling the story, by artistic means, of the 'future' Navy by covering the 2010 Navy Energy Forum in Washington, D.C."