

A Day in the Navy
May 19, 2012

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- On May 19, 321,053 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 64,059 Selected Reserve Sailors, with 4,506 mobilized Reserves; and 203,609 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 285 active ships in service; 135 (47%) ships, including four aircraft carriers and three large-deck amphibious ships, and 28 submarines are underway away from homeport.
- There are 6,041 individual augmentees, 4,506 of whom are mobilized Reserve Sailors, [deployed on the ground around the world](#) in support of overseas contingency operations.
- The Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group, comprised of [USS Carl Vinson \(CVN 70\)](#), [USS Bunker Hill \(CG 52\)](#), USS Halsey (DDG 97), Destroyer Squadron 1 and [Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 17](#), transits the Pacific Ocean conducting air power demonstrations and sailor familiarization classes with the 1,022 family members and friends embarked for Tiger Cruise 2012.
- [USS Enterprise \(CVN 65\)](#) and CVW 1 conduct 58 aircraft launches and recoveries, flying 96 total hours in support of maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR).
- [Rear Adm. Douglas J. Asbjornsen](#) participates as an Honorary Grand Marshal at the Spokane Lilac Festival [Armed Forces Torchlight Parade](#) during [Spokane Navy Week](#).
- USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) is underway in the Pacific Ocean for the [Pacific Partnership 2012](#) deployment, a four-and-a-half month humanitarian and civic assistance mission to Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia.
- Guatemala President Otto Perez Molina visits [USNS Grapple \(T-ARS 53\)](#) while in port Santo Tomas de Castilla, Guatemala. Grapple, with embarked Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2, is operating in support of Navy Dive-Southern Partnership Station 2012.
- USS Vicksburg (CG 69) conducts maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts while operating in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.
- USNS Kanawha (T-AO 196) and USNS SGT Matej Kocak (T-AK 3005) are in the Mediterranean Sea to support Exercise Phoenix Express 2012, a multinational maritime exercise between U.S., Southern European, and North African naval forces designed to improve cooperation and help increase safety and security in the Mediterranean Sea.

- [USS Germantown \(LSD 42\) and USS Lassen \(DDG 82\)](#) visit Sattahip Naval Base, Thailand, to take part in the bilateral military Exercise [Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Thailand 2012](#).
- USS McCampbell (DDG 85) visits Shimoda, Japan, to take part in the 73rd annual Shimoda Black Ship Festival.
- USS New Orleans (LPD 18) and USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) transit the Strait of Malacca during a patrol of the Western Pacific.
- Postal Division personnel from Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella process 2,311 lbs. of mail and collect \$417.78 in revenue in support of ashore and afloat units throughout the U.S. 6th Fleet AOR.
- Sailors and Marines deployed aboard [USS Makin Island \(LHD 8\)](#) volunteer at the Bukit Harapan Therapeutic Community children's home in [Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia](#).
- Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 Detachment Peru conduct subject matter expert exchanges with Peruvian engineers in support of the upcoming U.S. 12th Air Force's Exercise New Horizons Peru 2012.
- Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 60 Detachment 2, embarked aboard USS Elrod (FFG 55), fly detection and monitoring missions in the U.S. Southern Command AOR.
- Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa hosts the Combined Force Maritime Component Commander Flag Officer course in Naples, Italy. During the week-long course, senior operational commanders from European and African maritime countries focus on building a common understanding of maritime issues and working together more effectively.
- USS Annapolis (SSN 760), USS Boise (SSN 764), USS Hartford (SSN 768), and USS Norfolk (SSN 714) conduct maritime security operations in the U.S. European Command AOR.
- Sailors assigned to Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command Security Force Assistance Mobile Training Team conduct first aid training in support of Africa Partnership Station 2012 with the Djiboutian navy in Djibouti.
- Recruiters help 209 people join America's Global Force for Good.