

# A Day in the Navy

## 13 June 2008

- On June 13th, 331,391 Active Duty, 69,968 Reserve Component Sailors, with 5,982 Reserves mobilized, and 180,594 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 280 active ships are in service. 126 (45%) including 4 carriers and 4 amphibious large deck ships are underway.
- Approximately 10,000 Individual Augmentees are deployed on the ground around the world in support of the Global War on Terror, including 2,650 in Iraq and 1,397 in Afghanistan.
- Carrier Air Wing Two, embarked aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) is conducting missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, having flown more than 800 missions – an average of 20 a day – in support of our coalition troops on the ground since arriving in theater only six weeks ago.
- USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) departs Cotabato City, Republic of Philippines, en route to Samar, Republic of Philippines, to pick up medical and engineering personnel who have been in the area providing humanitarian assistance in support of Pacific Partnership 2008. Pacific Partnership is a four-month humanitarian assistance program that partners U.S. Navy and U.S. non-governmental organization personnel with host nation personnel to conduct assistance projects.
- The U.S. Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) task group is in Sattahip, Thailand, participating in multiple medical, dental and engineering civil action projects, community relations events and military-to-military exchanges. The U.S. CARAT task group consists of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 1, USS Tortuga (LSD 46), USS Jarrett (FFG 33), USS Ford (FFG 54), and USCGC Morgenthau (WHEC 722).
- USS Essex Expeditionary Strike Group is en route Laem Chabang, Thailand, following participation in Cobra Gold 08, a bilateral exercise with the Thai military. The group includes USS Essex (LHD 2), USS Juneau (LPD 10), USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49), and the embarked 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Brigade from the 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit.
- USS Stethem (DDG 63) is in Busan, Republic of Korea, conducting military-to-military training with the Republic of Korea Navy. The training is with the crew of the ROK Navy's first Aegis KDX III – class destroyer, Sejong The Great.
- USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group is conducting flight operations with its embarked Carrier Air Wing 14 in the vicinity of Guam.

- The Peleliu Expeditionary Strike Group is continuing its transit through the Seventh Fleet area of responsibility after a recent port visit to Singapore where Sailors and Marines participated in three community relations projects.
- USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) pulls in to Guam for a routine port visit. Kitty Hawk will participate in the Rim of the Pacific exercise later this month.
- USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group is almost half way through its seven-month deployment and is conducting maritime security operations in the Fifth Fleet AOR. An Al Jazeera news crew, the latest in a series of international news organizations sent to cover naval operations in Fifth Fleet, is embarked.
- Commander, Fifth Fleet engages in Theater Security Cooperation initiatives through exercises to build relationships and assist regional nations improve their own capabilities. USS Russell (DDG 59) completes Exercise Khunjar Haad, a CTF 150 exercise in the Gulf of Oman; USS Shoup (DDG 86) is participating in a regional exercise geared to maintain the free flow of commerce in the Gulf; USS Momsen (DDG 92) is supporting Task Force 914 operations; and USS Curtis (FFG 38) is supporting Combined Task Force 158 operations.
- Reserve Sailors from Expeditionary Port Unit 106 are providing oversight and support of port operations at Kuwait Naval Base.
- The fast-attack submarine USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723) is in port Panama City, Panama, for a routine port visit, while in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in support of U.S. and participating nation drug control programs.
- USS Gettysburg (CG 64) and USS Cole (DDG 67) are participating in Baltic Operations (BALTOPs), an annual exercise conducted in the Baltic Sea in the spirit of partnership for peace. Other nations participating include Russia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
- U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Dallas is currently underway in west and central Africa as part of Sixth Fleet's commitment to help build maritime safety and security. Dallas will remain in the region through July working with a host of international partners.
- USS Norfolk (SSN 714) is underway in the Mediterranean Sea following a port visit in Augusta Bay, Italy, the first U.S. submarine visit made to Italy, outside of La Maddalena, in more than eleven years.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team (MCAT) 205 is supporting Continuing Promise in SOUTHCOM while MCAT 101 supports Pacific Partnership in PACOM. These teams are globally engaged, partnering with local governments and indigenous populations in order to focus and tailor humanitarian assistance, build a robust and long-term cultural and linguistic knowledge base, and to foster and sustain local relationships and expand the influence of friendly governments in order to prevent or contain local disruptions.

- Sailors from Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 4 are deployed to Kuwait and are promoting integration and interoperability by working with the U.S. Coast Guard's Port Security Unit 309, the first Coast Guard Port Security Unit to deploy on a permanent rotational basis.
- Riverine Squadron 3, on its maiden deployment, is providing a persistent forward presence by providing point defense of critical Iraqi infrastructure at the Haditha Dam and engaging in direct combat operations on Iraq's rivers and waterways.
- Seabees from 22 Naval Construction Regiment, Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 3, 17 and 74 are supporting conventional and Special Operations forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and Horn of Africa.
- NETWARCOM/Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command is making final preparations for the June 16<sup>th</sup> kick-off of Trident Warrior 2008 – an exercise to exploit advanced cyber technology concepts to provide warfighters with state of the art tools for information superiority. Participants include platforms from U.S. and coalition nations including England, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, Chile and South Korea.
- USS Boxer (LHD 4) is anchored off the coast of Callao, Peru working with partner-nation medical teams to facilitate the provision of health care to local citizens and surrounding areas as part of Continuing Promise (CP) 2008. Medical teams treat more than 1,200 individuals a day with help from Navy linguists from Navy Information Operations Command Texas.