

A Day in the Navy

15 April 2008

- On April 15th, 331,889 Active Duty, 70,249 Reserve Component Sailors, with 5,519 Reserves mobilized, and 178,739 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 280 active ships are in service. 132 (47%) including 5 carriers and 4 amphibious large deck ships are underway.
- Approximately 11,528 Sailors are deployed on the ground around the world in support of the Global War on Terror, including 4,975 individual augmentees in Iraq and 1,497 in Afghanistan, among various other countries around the world.
- Adm. Gary Roughead visits the crew of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) to address Sailors deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations (AOO). Roughead is visiting the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) AOO to strengthen international maritime partnerships as part of the Navy's Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower and meet with regional leaders in an effort to increase dialogue and cooperation.
- An HVBSS (Helo Visit Board Search and Seizure) team is deployed with USS Abraham Lincoln -- marking the first operational deployment for this Maritime Expeditionary Security Force capability.
- USS George Washington (CVN-73), currently operating off the coast of South America in support of Partnership of Americas 08, is underway to Yokosuka, Japan, where it will replace USS Kitty Hawk as the United States' forward deployed carrier.
- HURREX 08 commences, focusing on training afloat and shore-based commands with hurricane threat scenarios for use in exercising sortie, evacuation, emergency preparedness, and recovery and consequence management procedures.
- USS Hawaii, the nation's newest Virginia-class submarine, is underway in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in support of U.S. and participating nation drug control programs.
- USS Florida is underway in the Atlantic making final preparations for their first deployment as a converted SSGN.
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), along with embarked Carrier Air Wing 14 (CVW-14) and Destroyer Squadron Seven (DESRON 7), is underway conducting Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 08-5 off the coast of Southern California in preparation for a regularly scheduled deployment.

- Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet's weekly podcast is being posted on www.cpf.navy.mil. This week's podcast discusses the strategic importance of Navy's submarines and salutes San Diego, host to the Great White Fleet 100 years ago.
- Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet is meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea with the new Chief of Naval operations and the new ROK Fleet Commander for a Combined Tactical Discussion for the Naval Component Command.
- USS Abraham Lincoln, USS Mobile Bay, and USS Shoup are conducting a passing exercise with the Republic of Singapore Navy before making a port visit to Singapore. Exercise events include flight operations, DLQs, UNREP dry hook up, and VBSS. During the port visit, USS Abraham Lincoln will host a reception for the Singapore Chief of the Navy, RADM Chew Len Weong.
- USS Fort McHenry and HSV Swift are completing their very successful deployments in support of Africa Partnership Station. Both ships have been providing valuable training and engagement opportunities to the West Africa region. USS Fort McHenry has departed the region while HSV Swift still has remaining events with Benin and Senegal.
- USS Kitty Hawk, Carrier Air Wing 5, and Destroyer Squadron 15 are underway in the Pacific to conduct dual carrier operations with the USS Nimitz Strike Group.
- USS Port Royal and USS Hopper are in port Palau where the commanding officers will meet with Vice President Chin and crew members will meet community members at events at the Yelch Ball Field, the old Airai Elementary school and the Kaingungsho Building, State Office.
- USS Chafee is conducting a goodwill port visit to Osaka, Japan where CDR Heedong Choi will formally assume command of USS Chafee. The crew will visit one of Japan's major metropolitan areas and learn more of the rich historic and cultural heritage of Osaka.
- Approximately 500 Maritime Expeditionary Security Force (MESF) Sailors in CENTCOM are providing security onboard MSC ships and security to ships arriving in the Arabian Gulf while approximately 100 MESF Sailors are in the Philippines providing embarked and boat security in the Western Pacific.
- In exercise CITADEL GALE 08, three simulated hurricanes have made landfall in the continental United States. CNIC is coordinating the response effort to the affected regions and installations. Participants include Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Navy Region Southeast, US Fleet Forces, CNIC, C2F, and Navy Personnel Command.
- The Navy Ceremonial Guard is rehearsing on The White House South Lawn for the Papal Visit to The White House tomorrow.
- Navy Installations Command is providing funeral honor support to a total of 103 funerals for our country's veterans on 15 April.

- Five staff members from Naval Hospital Okinawa are deploying to Thailand in support of PACFLT and III Marine Expeditionary Force MEDCAP/DENTCAP operations during Cobra Gold exercises.