

A Day in the Navy

18 September 2008

- On September 18th, 333,374 Active Duty, 125,115 Reserve Component Sailors, with 4,874 Reserves mobilized, and 184,118 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 282 active ships are in service. 141 (50%) including 5 carriers and 6 amphibious large deck ship are underway.
- 9,005 Individual Augmentees are deployed on the ground around the world in support of the War on Terror.
- Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe Campa attend the christening and launching of the Navy's newest dry cargo/ammunition ship USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7) in San Diego. The ship honors Master Chief Boatswain's Mate (Master Diver) Carl M. Brashear, one of the first African-Americans to qualify and serve as a master diver on active duty.
- The Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, is embarked aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) with the Japanese Ambassador to the United States. He returns from sea this evening to attend the Pentagon Ramadan Iftar.
- Senior officers from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard present the Maritime Strategy to the Raleigh-Durham community in North Carolina as part of the ongoing "Conversation with the Country" outreach program. This is the first time this symposium is webcast live on Blog Talk Radio.
- The Navy accepts delivery of the future USS Freedom (LCS 1) from the Lockheed Martin/Marinette Marine team. The LCS crew will move aboard and prepare the ship to depart for Milwaukee, the location of the ship's Nov. 8 commissioning.
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 flies 30 sorties providing support to coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.
- USS George Washington (CVN 73) is underway in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility, en route to its new home of Yokosuka, Japan. George Washington will become the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier forward deployed to Japan.
- USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), with embarked Carrier Air Wing 2, and USS Russell (DDG 59) are underway in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility after departing Laem Chabang, Thailand.
- USS Nassau (LHA 4) operates off the coast of Galveston, Texas, providing maritime emergency response assistance to citizens affected by Hurricane Ike.

- USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) departs Haiti for Guantanamo Bay Naval Base to re-supply. Kearsarge has delivered more than 1,062 metric tons of relief supplies, including 29,500 gallons of water to devastated communities isolated by damaged roads and bridges.
- In Haiti, Seabees of Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 conduct disaster response after Hurricanes Hannah and Ike.
- Following a brief visit to Pearl Harbor, USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) is underway, heading for its homeport of San Diego. Mercy recently completed Pacific Partnership 2008, a humanitarian civic assistance mission in direct support of the Maritime Strategy. The naval hospital ship visited the Republic of the Philippines, Vietnam, Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea and the Federated States of Micronesia, demonstrating the goodwill and commitment of the U.S. in the Asia Pacific region.
- USNS Navajo (T-ATF 169), Deep Submergence Unit and the Chilean submarine SS-21 Simpson conduct the first-ever mating between a Chilean sub and a rescue vehicle during CHILEMAR 08. Two open-hatch mates are conducted at a depth of 492 ft., simulating the rescue of 33 submariners, and transferring nine personnel between the Simpson and the Pressurized Rescue Module Falcon.
- Destroyer Squadron Four Zero continues its deployment in support of Partnership of the Americas 2008, with USS Farragut (DDG-99), USS Kauffman (FFG-59) and Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System Helicopter Squadron 42, Detachment 7.
- 525 students train to become U.S. Navy SEALs and Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewmembers at the Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, Calif.
- U.S. Navy SEALs from SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE conduct undersea operations with USS Ohio (SSGN 726) in the waters of the U.S. 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility.
- Oceanographic survey ship USNS Pathfinder (T-AGS-60) resumes routine oceanographic survey duties after completing a joint, at-sea capabilities demonstration with Ukrainian sailors, oceanographers and historians in the Black Sea.
- 18 Reserve pilots and 118 maintenance personnel from the Saints of Fighter Squadron Composite (VFC-13) fly and support the F5 Tiger II at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev. completing 13 sorties in support of the Flying Eagles of Strike Fighter Squadron 122, the Navy's fleet replacement squadron for the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet.
- Naval Special Warfare support technicians learn how to operate Unmanned Aerial Vehicles at the San Clemente Island Range Complex off the California Coast.
- New Hampshire (SSN 778) conducts independent training operations and is en route to a port visit at Annapolis, Md. to support Parents' Weekend at the Naval Academy.

- The Navy transfers the decommissioned research submarine ex-Dolphin (AGSS 555) to the Maritime Museum of San Diego.
- U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan holds a free Prostate Cancer screening clinic as a part of a community outreach program to promote awareness for Men's Health Month. More than 80 men registered for the event, including active duty, retirees and DoD civilian personnel.
- The recycling center at Naval Base San Diego recycles 46,780 pounds of materials.
- Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Air Station Patuxent River host Ombudsman Appreciation events recognizing area fleet and shore command Ombudsman and their service to the Navy.
- The Naval War College's College of Distance Education graduates 64 students from the Monterey satellite campus, awarding them Intermediate Service College Level Joint Professional Military Education Phase I certification.