

A Day in the Navy

May 15, 2009

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- On May 15th, 331,942 Active Duty Officers, Sailors and Midshipmen; 67,098 Reserve Component Sailors, with 6,538 Reserves mobilized, and 187,275 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 283 active ships are in service. 127 (45%) including three carriers and five large-deck, amphibious ships are [underway](#).
- 10,124 Individual Augmentees, 5,195 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- [691 recruits graduate from Recruit Training Command](#).
- USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) transits the Arabian Gulf and conducts flight operations in preparation for a port visit in Manama, Bahrain, and a visit by the King of Bahrain, Hamad ibn Isa al-Khalifah. This historic port visit will mark the first time a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier will moor pier side in Bahrain.
- USS New Orleans (LPD 18) safely transits the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf of Oman after completing repairs at Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard dry dock in Manama, Bahrain.
- Onboard USS Gettysburg (CG 64), 17 suspected pirates are being held pending an investigation of an attempted act of piracy in the Gulf of Aden. Gettysburg is conducting operations in support of CTF 151, a multinational task force that conducts counter piracy operations in and around the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.
- Twenty-eight Navy Reservists from five Submarine Force units are supporting NATO exercise SHARK HUNT in the Mediterranean Sea. Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Norway and the United States are participating in this exercise, with eight surface ships and two submarines, and with Maritime Patrol Aircraft from four of those countries.
- Naval Operational Logistics Support Center coordinates with Naval Medical Logistics Command and Naval Expeditionary Base, Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, to transport an ambulance donated from the continental United States to Camp Lemonier to enhance its medical capability.
- USS Nashville (LPD 13) completes its last Africa Partnership Station port visit to Dakar, Senegal. APS Nashville, part of the multinational initiative developed by Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, works cooperatively with U.S. and international partners to enhance maritime safety and security on the African continent.

- [USS New Hampshire \(SSN 778\)](#) is en route to Norway for a port visit in support of 100th Anniversary of the Royal Norwegian Navy submarine force.
- More than 4,000 Sailors and Marines from the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group and 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit transit to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation, as part of a regularly scheduled deployment to support Maritime Security Operations, provide crisis response capability, and increase theater security cooperation and forward naval presence.
- USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), USS Philippine Sea (CG 58), USS Porter (DDG 78) and USNS Kanawha (T-AH 193), along with Destroyer Squadron 24 staff participate in Exercise Joint Warrior. The two-week exercise takes place off the coast of the United Kingdom and incorporates American and North Atlantic allied forces.
- The fast-attack submarine USS Alexandria (SSN 757) is returning to Groton, Conn. after participating in a tactical development exercise with the Canadian submarine HMCS Corner Brook.
- Amphibious Squadron Six (CPR) 6 and USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) participate in Continuing Promise 2009. USNS Comfort providers see 1,130 patients and conduct four surgeries.
- USS Simpson (FFG 56) vectors and intercepts a Self-Propelled Semi-Submersible suspected of carrying illegal drugs while deployed for Counter Illicit Trafficking operations in the 4th Fleet Area of Focus.
- [USS Nimitz \(CVN 68\)](#) carrier strike group is underway conducting a Composite Training Unit Exercise in the Southern California Area of Operations. COMPTUEXs train embarked staffs, ships, and air wings that make up the carrier strike group.
- USS Shoup (DDG 86) participates in the combined force exercise, Trident Fury. The joint training exercise, designed to build a stronger relationship between the maritime and aviation forces of the United States and Canada, takes place in the waters west of Vancouver Island, British Columbia.
- USS McCampbell (DDG 85) arrives in Shimoda, Japan, for the [70th annual Black Ship Festival](#), which promotes peaceful relations between the Japanese and American people. The event commemorates the 155th anniversary of Commodore Perry's 1854 landing at Shimoda, the signing of the Japan-American Treaty of Trade and Amity, and the subsequent opening of the port of Shimoda to the Western world.
- USS Albany (SSN 757), USS Springfield (SSN 761), and USS Pittsburgh (SSN-720) conduct mutual exercise torpedo firing evaluations in support of the Submarine Command Course in the Atlantic Ocean.

- Commander, Navy Installations Command and United States Fleet Forces conclude HURREX/CITADEL GALE 09. This exercise is to educate and prepare the Navy on hurricane readiness along the East and Gulf coasts, to include personnel and family accounting for over 440,000 military, civilian, and dependants.
- The Corpus Christi Maritime Homeland Security Limited Objective Experiment concluded, highlighting state-of-the-art technology and systems to develop tactics, techniques, and procedures to counter a naval mine threat to harbor waterways.
- Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville Detachment Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas opened its doors to commemorate an Armed Forces Day Celebration, providing numerous logistics services in support of the base's two-day event.
- Naval Air Station Whidbey Island kicked off the summer season with the Critical Days of Summer Safety Fair, providing demonstrations, information and hands-on displays.
- Naval Air Station Lemoore conserves 1.98 million gallons of water using "smart watering" techniques on its lawns and plant beds in Housing and Administrative areas. California is in a declared water shortage emergency and Navy Region Southwest is leading the way in resources conservation and stewardship.
- 17 non-medical Navy Safe Harbor care managers support 403 seriously wounded, ill, or injured Sailors and their families, including 17 Coastguardsmen. The non-medical care managers are located at eight military medical treatment facilities and four Veterans Affairs polytrauma hospitals.
- As of May 15, 43,052 Sailors participated in the tuition assistance program and have taken 107,772 courses this year.
- 23,193 Sailors are enrolled in Navy training and education courses. In addition, 2,716 Marines; 585 Soldiers; 480 Airmen; 59 Coastguardsmen; and 1,178 international students from 107 allied nations are also enrolled.
- 261 Navy Ensigns and Marine Corps 2nd Lieutenants are [commissioned via NROTC](#) and the Seaman to Admiral 21 program.
- The U. S. Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program concludes its academic year at 22 locations throughout the United States. Of the 750 students who completed coursework in the program this year, 215 will receive the War College diploma. An additional 150 master's degree candidates will receive the Naval War College master of arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.