

A Day in the Navy

20 FEBRUARY 2008

- On February 20th, 332,806 Active Duty, 70,605 Reserve Component Sailors, with 5,225 Reserves mobilized, and 177, 606 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 279 active ships are in service. 127 (46%) including 3 carriers and 4 amphibious large deck ships are underway.
- USS HARRY S. TRUMAN Carrier Strike Group departs Jebel Ali and USS TARAWA Expeditionary Strike Group transits the Strait of Hormuz to reenter the Arabian Gulf. Both are supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and maritime theater security.
- Approximately 14,000 Sailors are deployed as Individual Augmentees in support of OIF and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), including 5,700 in Iraq and 1,500 in Afghanistan, among various other countries around the world.
- Navy Riverine Forces conduct a variety of missions – Harbor Defense, Oil Platform Defense, Security Patrols, In-shore defense, Coastal Warfare – in Central Command.
- USS BAINBRIDGE, and USS JOHN L HALL are on station off the coast of Africa to support the visit of President Bush.
- USS NIMITZ CSG, with Carrier Airwing 11 and Destroyer Squadron 23, is underway in the Western Pacific to provide presence and a response capability while USS KITTY HAWK is undergoing maintenance.
- USS ESSEX ESG continues BALIKATAN 08 with Republic of the Philippines Forces improving interoperability, anti-insurgency tactics, and disaster relief.
- USS LAKE ERIE launches a modified Standard Missile and successfully intercepts and destroys an inoperable satellite containing approximately 1,000 lbs of toxic hydrazine. USS DECATUR supports the operation in the mid-Pacific.
- USS NASSAU ESG is underway to start its deployment to the Middle East & Africa.
- USS CARNEY, USS WHIDBEY ISLAND, and USS OSCAR AUSTIN are operating off East Africa supporting counter-Piracy Operations and providing vital intelligence collection to coalition forces. This includes tracking vessels suspected of smuggling illegal substances and preventing vessels from engaging in pirating activities.
- Navy Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance assets, P-3s and EP-3s, fly nine missions in four different theaters, directly supporting combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan while also providing critical intelligence for planning and tactical surveillance to Navy and Joint Special Operations forces.
- USS SAN JACINTO is in the Black Sea conducting operations with NATO and Partnership-for-Peace nation navies Bulgaria, Romania, and Ukraine.
- USS COLE is operating in the Mediterranean with a British Carrier Strike Group.
- USS FORT MCHENRY arrives in Cameroon and HSV-2 SWIFT is underway in the Gulf of Guinea, both continuing support to Africa Partnership Station to improve theater maritime security.

- Six Navy-led Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Afghanistan deliver aid, perform reconstruction projects, and provide security for others involved in aid and reconstruction activities.
- Nine submarines conduct operations in forward areas.
- More than 3000 Navy Medical personnel support OIF /OEF from EUCOM and CENTCOM, including ~1,700 Sailors deployed of which 400 are Reserve Component.
- The Navy hosts one in a series of “Conversations with the Country” in Portland, Oregon, highlighting for local community leaders the new Maritime Strategy signed jointly by the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps’ in October.
- USS CROMMELIN, USS SIMPSON, USS STEPHEN W. GROVES, and US Navy P-3s conduct Counter Narcotic operations in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific. Since December 2007, 4.4 metric tons of drugs have been seized.
- USS OHIO conducts a port visit at Busan Operating Base in the Republic of Korea, the first foreign port visit for an American SSGN submarine.
- USS GEORGE WASHINGTON is in the Atlantic preparing for future deployment to the Forward Deployed Naval Forces in Japan.

The material above is prepared for use by Navy Leaders to provide scene setter information describing the tempo of Navy daily operations in an unclassified manner. One day is chosen to provide more specific detail and present tense is recommended to set an appropriate tone. Although it is not possible to mention every ongoing activity, representative operations have been selected and chopped through OPNAV N3/5 and N2.