

A Day in the Navy

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- On Jan. 25, 329,845 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen: 108,389 ready reserve Sailors, with 6,931 reserves mobilized, and 192,111 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 287 active ships are in service. 147 (51%) including five carriers and five large-deck, amphibious ships are underway.
- 10,680 Individual Augmentees, 5,722 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- 16 ships and 89 aircraft are on station in the vicinity of Haiti supporting [Operation Unified Response](#).
- U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command / U.S. 4th Fleet directs all naval assets supporting Operation Unified Response, the joint U.S. military operation providing humanitarian assistance and disaster response to people affected by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, Jan. 12.
- USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) supports Operation Unified Response. Carl Vinson is providing humanitarian aid and emergency assistance to Haiti.
- [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#), Military Sealift Command hospital ship, anchored off the coast of Haiti, provides medical and humanitarian assistance to Haitians.
- USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) Sailors provide aid at the Killick Haitian Coast Guard base in Haiti.
- USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) onloads supplies at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for transport to Haiti.
- USS Normandy (CG 60) Sailors survey possible docking areas for relief supply ships in a bay near the village of Petit Trou De Nippes, Haiti.
- [USS Bunker Hill \(CG 52\) Sailors](#) treat patients in [Cerca-la-Source, Haiti](#).
- USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51) and [U.S. Army 544th Engineer Dive Team](#) conduct assessments of the port facilities in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- USNS 1st Lt. Jack Lummus (T-AK 3011) offloads humanitarian assistance supplies from the Marine Corps and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) off of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

- Oceanographers aboard the USNS Henson (T-AGS 63) conduct hydrographic surveys of the Port-au-Prince harbor and littoral approaches to support safety of navigation requirements for the flow of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.
- [USNS Sacagawea \(T-AKE 2\)](#) delivers fleet replenishment supplies and humanitarian cargo to Navy ships off the coast of Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response.
- [Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit \(MDSU\) 2](#) conducts salvage operations in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- Seabees from Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 1, [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion \(NMCB\) 7](#), Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 and 1st Naval Construction Division (INCD) provide critical support in Haiti, ranging from port assessment, pier repair, expeditionary medical facility construction and disaster recovery operations.
- USS Freedom (LCS 1) arrives at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. Freedom is conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in the U.S. Southern Command region under tactical control of Joint Interagency Task Force-South in Key West, Fla.
- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 2, helicopter visit, board, search and seizure (HVBSS) Detachment 224 enters the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility to conduct counter-narcotic and maritime interdiction operations with USS Freedom (LCS 1).
- The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is underway in the Atlantic Ocean conducting a myriad of exercises to demonstrate sustained proficiency in warfare competencies.
- Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet supports search and rescue efforts off the coast of Lebanon after the crash of Ethiopian Airlines flight ET409 with USS Ramage (DDG 61) and a P-3 Orion.
- USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) departs Pointe-Noire, Congo, after concluding a seven-day Africa Partnership Station port visit during which the crew supported training and familiarization events with the Congolese navy.
- Africa Partnership Station (APS) East international staff conducted operations at sea aboard the High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV 2). Sailors and Marines from Brazil, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Tanzania and the U.S. are preparing for APS East port engagements in Maputo, Mozambique.
- The [Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group](#) begins a regularly scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

- USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) conducts an amphibious offload in the Gulf of Aden in preparation for sustainment training ashore in Djibouti involving embarked Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.
- Singapore navy Rear Adm. Bernard Miranda, commander, Combined Task Force (CTF) 151, embarks the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Farragut (DDG 99) with his staff in Djibouti to conduct counter piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and Indian Ocean.
- Riverine Squadron 3 conducts coalition riverine patrols with the Iraqi Maritime Police Service along the Shatt al Arab Waterway in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- The [Nimitz Carrier Strike Group](#) completes 121 days on station in the North Arabian Sea and transitions to the next phase of her eight-month deployment for duty in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. USS Nimitz (CVN 68) launched 2,623 combat sorties and flew 15,296 cumulative hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- All naval installations in Japan participate in Exercise Keen Edge, a Joint, bi-lateral command post exercise between U.S. and Japan Self Defense Forces.
- [Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.](#), supports steady state airlift loading and launching five daily sorties as part of the Navy's participation in Operation Unified Response. As of today, NAS Jacksonville has processed and loaded 2,204,795 pounds of medical supplies, tents, radios, water and meals ready to eat in support of the Haiti earthquake relief efforts.
- In support of Operation Unified Response, Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center San Diego Site Ventura County packed and prepared for shipment Expeditionary Unit Water Purifiers for deployment to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Once operational, these water purifiers will produce 100,000 gallons of potable water per day.
- Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana conducts a blood drive in support of Haiti relief efforts.
- Members of the U.S. Navy Band's newest performance ensemble, the Cruisers, rehearse for their first-ever nation-wide tour this spring. The eight-member ensemble which performs classic rock, oldies, Motown favorites and top 40 hits will hit the road for a two-week, 14-city tour in the gulf coast area, primarily Florida, beginning May 17.