

A Day in the Navy

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- On August 17th, 331,278 Active Duty Officers, Sailors and Midshipmen; 109,856 Ready Reserve Sailors, with 6,651 Reserves mobilized, and 192,185 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 285 active ships are in service. 114 (40%) including three carriers and three large-deck, amphibious ships are underway.
- 10,413 Individual Augmentees, 5,660 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, arrives in Manado, Indonesia, today to participate in the Indonesian Naval Fleet Review while USS McCampbell (DDG 85) is in port Bitung, Indonesia.
- [Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 14](#), aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), flies more than 50 missions, totaling more than 200 hours of flight time. The majority of these missions are in direct support of coalition forces operating on the ground in Afghanistan.
- USS Bataan (LHD 5) conducts Maritime Security Operations (MSO) in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations by keeping the sea lines of communication open in the Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf.
- Combined Task Force (CTF) 151, under the command of Rear Adm. Scott Sanders, is aboard USS Anzio (CG 68) and transiting the Straits of Hormuz. Upon completion of the transit, CTF 151 will begin coordinating anti-piracy efforts for the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.
- USS Thach (FFG 43) is operating in the northern Arabian Gulf in support of 5th Fleet's Combined Task Force – Iraqi Maritime. While protecting these waters, the ship is hosting a team from NBC Sports that is producing a profile on the ship's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. David Haas, who will be one of two Navy competitors in this year's Iron Man race.
- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron Eight's Security Detachment 823 conducts defender boat training, oil platform defense training, and live fire exercises for its members, mobilized and deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf. SECDET 823 provides critical anti-terrorism and force protection support to designated strategic Iraqi oil structures.
- A Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 57 C-40 transits the globe carrying more than 50 passengers and 5,500 pounds of cargo starting the day in Ali Al Salem, Kuwait with an en route stop in Souda, Greece and a final destination of Shannon, Ireland.

- USS Cole (DDG 67) and USS Ramage (DDG 61), along with USS De Wert (FFG 45) and USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) are conducting Fleet Irregular Warfare Training in the Jacksonville, Fla. operating area. The mission of these ships is to conduct integrated multi-platform operations to enhance tactics and training across a variety of warfare areas including anti-submarine warfare, anti-air warfare, surface warfare and fleet irregular warfare training.
- Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 53 has alerted 4 pilots, 1 flight engineer, and 2 loadmasters to handle short-notice tasking for hurricane evacuation relief in response to the movement of Hurricane Bill. The pilots are planning the mission, while the engineer and loadmasters are readying the aircraft.
- Pre-commissioning Unit Makin Island (LHD 8) is circumnavigating South America to its new homeport of San Diego, Calif., completing a transit of the Strait of Magellan two days ago.
- USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in conjunction with Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, completed its 230,000th man-hour of topside maintenance work while reaching the 50 percent point of its Planned Incremental Availability in Bremerton, Wash. In addition, ship's force tiger teams completed their 97,000th man-hour of work, finishing 6,988 sq. ft. of new decking and painting their 161st space.
- The Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, which includes Commander, Amphibious Squadron 7, USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Cleveland (LPD 7), and USS Rushmore (LSD 47), is underway off the coast of Southern California conducting its certification exercise with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit – the team's final exercise in preparation for deployment.
- USS Cape St. George (CG 71) arrives at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach to conduct several days of ordnance logistics operations in preparation for an upcoming deployment.
- Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka, Japan, Detachment Marianas, is manning the Advanced Logistics Support Site in support of material transshipment for Pacific Partnership 2009. They are partnering with Defense Distribution Depot Guam, the U.S. Air Force's 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and personnel from FISC Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to move material to forces taking part in this humanitarian mission.
- USS Denver (LPD 9) is off the coast of Taiwan providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in the wake of Typhoon Morakot. [Denver's two embarked MH-53 heavy lift helicopters](#) are helping to move equipment to remote areas that were cut off when the typhoon struck.
- USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) and embarked U.S. 7th Fleet staff are in Busan, Republic of Korea, conducting [Ulchi Freedom Guardian](#), a computer simulated exercise that

demonstrates interoperability, alliance capabilities and the U.S. commitment to defend Korea.

- USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) along with the 240-member [Pacific Partnership \(PP09\)](#) team are in The Solomon Islands as a part of this year's dedicated humanitarian and civil assistance mission.
- USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49), USS Crommelin (FFG 37), USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 50) and USNS PFC Dewayne T. Williams (T-AK 3009) are participating in [Exercise Southeast Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism \(SEACAT\) 2009](#). SEACAT is a scenario-driven fleet training exercise that involves six Southeast Asian countries tracking and boarding simulated critical contacts of interest.
- Offshore petroleum distribution system ship MV Vice Adm. K.R. Wheeler (T-AG 5001) and tanker USNS Lawrence H. Gianella (T-AOT 1125) simulated a fuel transfer off the coast of Yeosu, South Korea. Wheeler is specially designed to pump fuel to U.S. forces ashore from a tanker as far as eight miles from the coast at a rate of 1.7 million gallons in 20 hours.
- The Torpedo Enterprise (Undersea Weapons Program Office) is supporting a multi-day joint U.S. and Australian Navy Submarine Command Course and Service Weapons Test exercise in Hawaiian and Australian torpedo ranges. The exercise will see a total of 54 MK48 advanced capability exercise torpedoes, and two MK48 warshot torpedoes, launched from both U.S. and Australian submarines in a fleet exercise that is critical in measuring both submarine forces' training, readiness and proficiency.
- Commander [Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Honor Guard personnel participated in 47 funeral honor guard details](#) today throughout the region, from Maine to North Carolina.
- Commander, Navy Installations Command announces the recruitment of Tyler Betz as the very first employee of the Veterans Individual Training Assistant Link (VITAL) program. The VITAL program was developed by CNIC to help wounded, severely ill, and injured Marines, Sailors, and other service members who are recovering at Military Treatment Facilities to transition from a military career into the federal civil service.
- [Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk](#), issues more than 1,116,000 gallons of fuel to four U.S. Navy ships, 58 U.S. Navy aircraft, six Air Mobility Command (AMC) aircraft, and various other Department of Defense activities.
- The Naval War College welcomes the resident class of 2010 during a convocation ceremony. The resident student body consists of 582 students from 57 nations, including all branches of the U.S. military, numerous federal services and international navies.
- Members of the U.S. Navy marksmanship team compete in the long range phase of the National Rifle Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio.