

A Day in the Navy

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- On December 8th, 332,375 Active Duty Sailors, 122,382 Reserve Component Sailors, with 5,803 Reserves mobilized, and 184,897 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 283 active ships are in service. 110 (39%) including two carriers and three large-deck, amphibious ships are underway.
- 8,347 Individual Augmentees, 4,293 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of the War on Terrorism.
- The Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, speaks at the Naval Attaché Association luncheon. Topics include interests that all nations share and working together to defeat the challenges of piracy and terrorism.
- Funeral honors for MCPON Thomas S. Crow, the U.S. Navy's 4th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, are conducted at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, Calif. Navy Installations Command coordinates the honors ceremony.
- Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command leads Exercise Internal Look 2009 with 290 members of the U.S. military and liaison officers from Canada and the United Kingdom. Internal Look 2009 is a crisis response exercise that measures and enhances the capabilities of U.S. forces to respond to a natural disaster in the Central Command area of operations.
- Carrier Air Wing 8 on board USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) flies more than 30 sorties in support of coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.
- USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), USS San Antonio (LPD 17), USS Carter Hall (LSD 50), USS Vella Gulf (CG 72) USS Ramage (DDG 61) and USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), part of the Iwo Jima Strike Group are conducting Maritime Security Operations and keeping the Sea Lines of Communication open in the Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf.
- U.S. ships are part of Coalition Task Forces 150, 152 and 158 and are deterring destabilizing activities while ensuring a lawful maritime order in the Arabian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and Gulf of Aden.
- Military Sealift Command large, medium-speed, roll-on/roll-off ship USNS Benavidez (T-AKR 306) is en route to the U.S. Central Command area of operations carrying 147,000 square feet of cargo, including mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles for U.S. forces.
- Naval Security Forces Bahrain, Harbor Patrol Unit, conducts force protection escort operations for 20 homeported U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, coalition ships and six visiting ships to the country of Bahrain.

- Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 perform water well drilling operations in the Iraqi theater, providing clean potable drinking water and improving the quality of life for the population in Al Anbar.
- USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) are conducting port calls in Pointe-Noire, Republic of Congo, and Mindelo, Cape Verde, in support of Africa Partnership Station. The ships will promote theater security cooperation through training and interoperability exercises.
- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 detachment returns to Rota, Spain after a four month deployment to São Tomé and Príncipe where they refurbished schools, medical clinics and roads in addition to rescuing approximately 50 local citizens and embassy personnel during a hurricane on the island.
- The two newest Virginia-class fast-attack submarines, USS North Carolina (SSN 777) and USS New Hampshire (SSN 778) are conducting exercise torpedo firing evaluations in the Atlantic Ocean.
- USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) and USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79) depart Philadelphia after a four-day port visit in support of the 109th Army-Navy college football game.
- USS Cole (DDG 67) departs Port Everglades, Fla., and USS Boone (FFG 28) departs Savannah, Ga. after visits in support of each community's Pearl Harbor Day remembrance.
- [USS Freedom \(LCS 1\) departs Boston](#) en route to Annapolis for a five-day port visit. Freedom was commissioned on Nov. 1 in Milwaukee, Wis. and has visited Cleveland, Buffalo, Montreal, Quebec City, Halifax and Boston. She is scheduled to arrive in Norfolk on Dec. 15. Freedom Sailors have hosted nearly 7,500 visitors throughout their transit.
- Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet begins participation in Exercise Frontier Sentinel 091 hosted by Canada's Joint Task Force Atlantic from Dec. 8-12. Frontier Sentinel exercises coordinate planning and response to maritime threats to North America.
- Commander Destroyer Squadron 24, USS Farragut (DDG 99), USS Doyle (FFG 39), USS Philippine Sea (CG 58), USNS John Lenthal (T-AO 189) and USS Annapolis (SSN 760) began Southeast Anti-submarine Warfare Integration Training Initiative 091. SEASWITI events test, research and advance ship based sonar systems, as well as a variety of other shipboard and airborne detection means.
- High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift visits La Union, El Salvador, as part of Southern Partnership Station. During this port visit, Expeditionary Training Command is conducting leadership, maintenance, small boat repair and coxswain training, while Naval Criminal Investigative Service's Security Training, Assistance, Assessment Team conducts port and physical security training.

- USS Green Bay (LPD 20) transits the Panama Canal after leaving her construction site in Louisiana en route to its home port of San Diego. In San Diego, the crew will prepare for the ship's January commissioning in Long Beach, Calif.
- USS Providence (SSN 719) transits the Panama Canal as it returns to Groton, Conn., from a Western Pacific deployment.
- USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) arrives in her forward deployed port of Yokosuka, Japan, after a weekend trip to Tokyo. The 7th Fleet flagship was in Tokyo to hold a reception with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Great White Fleet's arrival in Japan.
- USS Ohio (SSGN 726) arrives at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on the return leg of its historic first deployment of a Trident guided-missile submarine. During the 14-month deployment, Ohio demonstrated its joint command and control capability by hosting a Joint Special Operations Task Force during a combined exercise.
- USS Benfold (DDG 65) returns from a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) exercise off the coast of California. The ship participated in Flight Test Ground 05 with multiple elements of the national BMD system. The test culminated when a ground-based interceptor successfully intercepted the live test ballistic missile.
- USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) returns to Sasebo, Japan, after completing her fall patrol schedule which included bilateral exercises with the Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Korea and Japan and a port visit to Hong Kong.
- USS Nimitz (CVN 68) is underway in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of responsibility conducting dock trials off the coast of San Diego.
- Vice Adm. Ferdinand Golez, Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy, visits the Naval War College to meet with NWC President Rear Adm. Phil Wisecup and address students from the College of Naval Command and Staff, a program attended by lieutenant commanders, majors and their civilian counterparts.
- The Office of Naval Research delivers Chief of Naval Research Challenge awards totaling \$1.2 million to fund twelve new and innovative ideas that could impact building of the next generation of Navy and Marine Corps fighting forces.
- Thirty-one Navy and Marine Corps public private housing projects are under development across the nation and abroad that will provide safe, quality housing to our Sailors, Marines and their families.
- 155 people are recruited into the Navy.