

# A Day in the Navy

## July 17, 2009

(LINKS ARE TO ASSOCIATED PHOTOS)

- On July 17th, 332,627 Active Duty Officers, Sailors and Midshipmen; 66,748 Reserve Component Sailors, with 6,413 Reserves mobilized, and 191,044 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 284 active ships are in service. 120 (42%) ships, including three carriers and five large-deck, amphibious ships, are underway.
- 10,365 Individual Augmentees, 5,598 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- [971 recruits graduate from Navy Boot Camp](#) at Great Lakes, Ill. before more than 4,000 parents, relatives and friends. [Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Robert M. Gates](#), serves as reviewing officer and guest speaker at the graduation.
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and embarked Carrier Air Wing 14 conduct flight deck drills to train Sailors how to respond to aircraft mishaps. The ship is operating in the U.S. Naval Forces, Central Command area of responsibility.
- [USS Bataan \(LHD 5\)](#) and USS Ponce (LPD 15) successfully conduct replenishment with USNS San Jose (T-AFS 7), and USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) completes a replenishment at sea with the United Kingdom fleet tanker, RFA Wave Knight (A 389).
- USS Anzio (CG 68) and USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) conduct maritime security operations and counter piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and the Gulf of Oman as part of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151.
- USS Thatch (FFG 43), USS Sirocco (PC 6) and the Coast Guard ship Monomoy, conduct Maritime Security Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf supporting the Iraqi Navy.
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 provides direct support to the 25th Infantry Division in Northern Iraq and maintains command and control of three Navy EOD companies, one Air Force EOD flight, and one Army EOD company. These specialized, joint EOD forces advise and train Iraqi Police Counter Explosive Teams and Iraqi Army Bomb Disposal Companies as part of the continued transition of responsibility for response to explosive hazards within Iraq from Coalition Forces to Iraqi Security Forces.
- More than 40 [Navy Combat Cameramen](#) are deployed throughout Central Command and Pacific Command areas of responsibility in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Using photography and videography, Combat Camera documents all facets of operations.

- USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) conducts various at-sea interoperability exercises with the South Africa Navy ship SAS Amatola. Activities include [visit, board search and seizure](#) and a passage exercise in order to strengthen the ongoing partnership between the two navies.
- USS Stout (DDG 55) in the port of Batumi, Georgia, conducts a personnel exchange with Georgian Coastguardsmen as 6th Fleet continues to strengthen maritime relationships in the Black Sea.
- The future [USS Makin Island \(LHD 8\)](#) conducts [air operations off the coast of Belize to support U.S. Army CH-47 Chinooks](#) attached to Joint Task Force Bravo. These aircraft may be called upon to provide humanitarian relief to South American countries in the event of a natural disaster such as a hurricane or earthquake.
- USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) and Amphibious Squadron (CPR) 6 steam in the eastern Pacific Ocean after completing their final Humanitarian Civic Assistance engagement in Nicaragua as part of Continuing Promise 2009. In Nicaragua, medical providers saw 19,981 patients, and veterinarians treated 3,011 animals.
- Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 77 flies 11.9 hours (three missions) conducting counter-illicit trafficking operations within the 4th Fleet area of focus. The “Nightwolves” are currently forward-deployed to Borinquen, Puerto Rico.
- Reserve Component Frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39) is underway from Valparaiso, Chile, enroute to Pisco, Peru, as part of the Southern Seas 2009. This deployment is designed to instill interoperability and cooperation through a variety of large and small scale exercises.
- [USS Blue Ridge \(LCC 19\) crewmembers gather with Japanese shipyard workers and members of the Yokosuka community](#) to commemorate the 7th Fleet flagship's 30 years as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Force. The anniversary celebration recognizes the three decades continuous forward presence that the ship has maintained, and its contribution to peace and stability around the region.
- USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) along with the 240 member Pacific Partnership team are in Tonga as a part of this dedicated humanitarian and civil assistance mission. [Engineers from four countries renovate a community center, two primary schools and a health clinic.](#) Medical and dental personnel see patients. A preventative medicine team inspects water catchment systems, and veterinarians visit local farmers.
- The George Washington Carrier Strike Group and the [Essex Expeditionary Strike Group](#) with the embarked 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, operate in Australian waters alongside eight Australian ships for Talisman Saber 2009. USS Michigan (SSGN 727) also participates. The exercise, which includes more than 24,000 Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines from the U.S. and Australia, focuses on warfighting readiness and combat training.

- The U.S. Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) task group comprised of more than 1,400 personnel from USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49), USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and USS Chafee (DDG 90) complete the Thailand phase of the exercise. CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually throughout Southeast Asia between the U.S. and several nations throughout the region.
- [Lynn Holden Pace, sponsor of America \(LHA 6\)](#), verifies with her initials that the ship's keel is "well and truly laid" in a ceremony at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding's yard in Pascagoula, Miss. Mrs. Pace is the wife of retired Marine General Peter Pace, 16th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- Sailors from Maritime Expeditionary Security Division Thirteen arrive at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., to conduct the first expeditionary field training exercise combining members of detachments located in Missouri and Oklahoma and made up of Sailors from nine states. The units are conducting advanced training in loadout planning, convoy operations, physical security, security team tactics, and weapons employment.
- Navy Regions Hawaii, Japan and Southeast conduct annual Crisis Action Planning training to test their Regional Crisis Action Team (CAT) with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to respond to crisis situations. CAT members tested their response to simulated H1N1 outbreaks and earthquakes that could cause widespread damage to military and civilian infrastructure across multiple regions.
- Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fleet and Family Support Center, Little Creek, Va., celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fleet and Family Service Center program. The first Navy Family Service Center opened its doors in Norfolk, Va., in July 1979.
- During the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down, 250 [Naval Medical Center San Diego staff members provide medical care to veterans in need](#).
- Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville Fuel Farm offloads 80,000 barrels of JP5 fuel and 60,000 barrels of F76 fuel from USNS Paul Buck (T-AOT 1122) to bulk storage tanks for further transfer to ashore and afloat units.
- USAV Worthy, a missile range instrumentation ship, arrives at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme in support of planned exercises on the Point Mugu sea range. The 36,000 square-mile instrumented sea range supports both developmental and operational test and evaluation of missiles, free-fall weapons and electronic warfare systems.
- The Energy Office at Naval Base Ventura County, Calif., is currently installing new lighting, irrigation control systems and a new 400-Hertz motor generator set in facilities at both Port Hueneme and Point Mugu bases. This \$2 million project, which is being funded through the Energy Conservation Investment Program, will save NBVC roughly \$426,000 annually in energy costs and save 52,066 Kgal of water annually.