

A Day in the Navy

12 November 2008

- On November 12th, 332,436 Active Duty Sailors, 123,159 Reserve Component Sailors, with 6,041 Reserves mobilized, and 184,461 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 283 active ships are in service. 130 (46%) including four carriers and three large deck, amphibious ships are underway.
- 8,110 Individual Augmentees, 3,546 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of the War on Terror.
- The Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, meets with the Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.
- Carrier Air Wing 8 onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) flies more than 30 sorties in support of coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.
- USS Monterey (CG 61), USS Mason (DDG 87) and USS Nitze (DDG 94), part of the Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group, are conducting Maritime Security Operations and keeping the Sea Lines of Communication open in the Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf.
- Several U.S. ships remain on station in the vicinity of MV Faina, near Hobyo, Somalia, closely monitoring the situation and providing a vigilant watch of the merchant vessel.
- 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's USNS Mendonca (T-AKR 303), USNS Benavidez (T-AKR 306) and chartered cargo ships MV Westward Venture and MV Strong Mariner are en route to the U.S. Central Command area of operations carrying more than 350,000 square feet of combat equipment, including mine-resistant and ambush-protected vehicles for U.S. forces.
- USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) is underway in the Black Sea conducting the Black Sea Partnership Cruise with participants from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Romania and other Black Sea partner nations.
- USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) completes a port call in Mindelo, Cape Verde in support of Africa Partnership Station. The visit featured a law enforcement detachment patrol with Cape Verde Coast Guard personnel leading the boardings.
- USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) is inport Lisbon, Portugal and USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720) is inport Rota, Spain for brief stops while supporting maritime security operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility.

- U.S. Navy and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) began the 20th Annual Exercise, one of the largest USN-JMSDF bilateral exercises conducted.
- USS Patriot (MCM 7), Mine Countermeasures Division Eleven, Naval Oceanography Mine Warfare Center, Naval Research Laboratory and Naval Oceanographic Office participate in bilateral mine countermeasures exercise with units from the Republic of Korea naval mine warfare squadron off the coast of southern Korea.
- USS John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group (CSG) is underway off the coast of Southern California completing all advanced-level training requirements as part of the Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) that evaluates the CSG's in all warfare areas. Fifteen Sailors from Pacific and Atlantic submarine Reserve Component units are providing operational support for the strike group during the JTFEX.
- USS Boxer Expeditionary Strike Group continues its Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) off the coast of Southern California. COMPTUEX is an exercise designed to train embarked staffs, ships and air wings that make up expeditionary strike groups to function as a highly effective fighting force.
- USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) conducts a port visit in Georgetown, Guyana for humanitarian assistance operations as part of Continuing Promise 2008. Medical specialists from Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, France and the U.S. have conducted more than 4,000 dental exams and procedures and more than 7,500 optometry exams. 152 surgeries have been completed during Kearsarge's deployment.
- Norfolk-based guided missile destroyer USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) provides aid to mariners in distress, responding to a distress signal from the 38-foot sailing vessel Reina del Sol, with two people on board, several hundred miles off the east coast of the U.S.
- Naval Special Warfare Center conducts night "Rock Portage" training. Fifty-three Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL students brave the cold Pacific in small inflatable boats attempting to safely navigate and land on the rocky shore.
- Riverine Squadron One begins its second deployment to Iraq since commissioning. Assets conduct combat and riverine interdiction operations along the Euphrates River and surrounding lakes in support of the Marines of Multi-National Force West.
- Riverine Group One conducts initial testing of Riverine Command Boat 1 (RCB-1), the newest Riverine platform, in the Chesapeake Bay near Hampton Roads.
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Twelve returns from its first deployment in Bahrain.
- Divers from Mobile Dive and Salvage Unit 2 conduct anti-terrorism and force protection dives in Doha, Qatar.

- At the request of the U.S. Embassy in Madagascar and working with U.S. Naval Forces Africa, a four-person Naval War College faculty team is in Madagascar assisting that country in the development of their national maritime strategy.
- Thirteen Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 in Guam deploy to Palau for a 218-day Civic Action deployment.
- U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay supports the refueling of a Military Sealift Command vessel by the Hellenic Navy.