A Day in the Navy
July 12, 2010

(LINKS ARE TO ASSOCIATED PHOTOS)

- On July 12, 331,093 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,179 selected reserve Sailors, with 6,354 mobilized Reserves; and 197,137 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.

- 288 active ships are in service. 178 (62%), including six aircraft carriers and eight large-deck amphibious ships, are underway. 30 (55%) submarines are underway.

- 9,646 Individual Augmentees, 4,860 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.

- Pre-Commissioning Unit Missouri (SSN 780) is transiting to Naval Submarine Base New London, Conn., following new construction sea trials.

- USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), on station in the Arabian Sea, launches 27 combat sorties, providing aerial combat support for coalition and U.S. war fighters in Afghanistan.

- USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) departs Naval Station Norfolk, Va., for Continuing Promise 2010, a four-month humanitarian civic assistance mission to Central and South America and the Caribbean. The assigned medical and engineering staff embarked aboard Iwo Jima, including Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202, along with more than 20 non-governmental organizations, will work with partner nations' teams to provide medical and engineering assistance to eight different nations to improve mutual understanding of current medical issues and technology.

- Six Sailors from Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 2 are deployed aboard USS Freedom (LCS 1), providing a Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure capability during RIMPAC 2010.

- Fleet Family Support Center, Norfolk, Va., starts a five-day interactive Command Financial Specialist (CFS) Training course for 19 E-6 and above Sailors. These Sailors were hand-selected by their command to be the designated CFS.

- Training Air Wing 5 at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Fla., hosts Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Rex C. McMillian, commanding general, I Marine Expeditionary Force, for helicopter familiarization training.

- Naval Research Laboratory’s airship MZ-3A is deployed as a platform for U.S. Coast Guard spotters to direct skimmers to recoverable oil in the Gulf of Mexico.
USS Underwood (FFG 36), USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), USS Texas (SSN 775) and USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8) are conducting counter-illicit trafficking operations in U.S. Southern Command’s area of responsibility.

Twenty-eight reserve Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25 work alongside local Haitians and members of the Belize Defense Force in support of New Horizons-Haiti 2010, performing interior renovations to Georges School, constructing a latrine and drilling water wells.

Personnel from Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Sigonella-Logistics Support Center Souda Bay, Greece, delivered 20 pounds of mail and 3,750 pounds of cargo to support USS Georgia (SSGN 729).

USS Taylor (FFG 50), Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8 and Underwater Construction Team 1 take part in the opening ceremony of Exercise Sea Breeze 2010, the largest multinational naval exercise in the Black Sea. Sea Breeze aims to improve maritime security in the Black Sea through increased interoperability, stability and cooperation.

USS Milius (DDG 69) patrols the northern Arabian Gulf in support of Combined Task Force – Iraqi Maritime. Milius is providing security and maritime domain awareness in the vicinity of Al Basra Oil Terminal, which provides 80% of Iraq’s gross domestic product.

Coalition Naval Advisory Training Team (CNATT), comprised of 70 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, provides vital experience and expertise to the Iraqi navy and marines in the formulation of a force focused on maritime security operations and protection of vital infrastructure in the southern region of Iraq.

Members of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 2 operate underway alongside USS Typhoon (PC 5) while providing opposing-force support to a coalition exercise in the Arabian Gulf under Combined Task Force 152, currently lead by the Kuwaiti navy.

USS Princeton (CG 59), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Jacksonville (SSN 699), USCGC Mellon (WHEC 717) and USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) are operating in the South China Sea with five Republic of Singapore navy ships, conducting daylight helicopter qualification landings and anti-submarine warfare exercises as part of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2010.

Oceanographers from Naval Oceanography Anti-submarine Warfare Center, Yokosuka, Japan, are embarked onboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) and USS Mustin (DDG 89) providing on-scene acoustic range predictions.

USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) is en route to its new forward-deployed homeport of Diego Garcia. By being forward-deployed, the submarine tender reduces transit time for fast-attack and guided missile submarines that require intermediate level maintenance, emergent repair, or logistics support.
Capt. John Polowczyk, commanding officer of Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor (FISCPH), is traveling to meetings in FISCPH's new **conventional hybrid vehicle**, a Ford Escape modified to run on compressed hydrogen. The vehicle uses renewable hydrogen fuel that is produced on Hickam Air Force Base entirely from replenishable resources, such as solar energy.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Antonel Cruzpadilla of Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Wash., participates in the U.S. Nationals Boxing Championships at the Olympic Training Facility in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Military and civilian employees at Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) are being transported in the Navy's first diesel-electric buses. The purchase of the hybrids to expand NBK's shuttle fleet, overseen by Naval Facilities Engineering Command, reflects the Navy's commitment to sustainable energy sources and toward achieving aggressive energy reduction goals set forth last year by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus.

Joint Commission inspectors arrive at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD) to begin a week-long comprehensive inspection and review of NMCSD’s patient and healthcare delivery to more than 90,000 enrolled beneficiaries.

The Navy's Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Joint Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device-Electronic Warfare (EOD/JCREW) Program Office, PMS 408, and the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, conduct testing of a vehicle-mounted CREW system at U.S. Army's Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz., to verify and validate developed system software changes. CREW systems play a significant force protection role in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Capt. Erick Gerdes, commanding officer of Naval Reserve Task Force Navy Casualty in Millington, Tenn., completes the escort of the repatriated remains of **Ens. Robert W. Langwell** from Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hawaii, to **Arlington National Cemetery**, and attends his service. Langwell died on Oct. 1, 1950, when his ship, USS Magpie (AMS 25), sank after striking an enemy mine off the coast of South Korea. His remains were discovered in Apr. 2009 in Chuksan-ri, Korea.

**Yard-patrol craft (YP)** 695, 680, 687 and 698 from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., get underway en route to Newport, R.I., as part of summer training. Approximately 100 midshipmen are taking part in underway training aboard the YPs.

Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Cameron D. Collier and 99 others chime in and post a response to the U.S. Navy’s Facebook page post, “We want to hear from our fans - what are you doing today?” Collier writes, “In Hawaii at FACSFAC PH [Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Pearl Harbor] controlling and coordinating all the RIMPAC aircraft.” To see more or share what you’re doing, visit [www.facebook.com/USNavy](http://www.facebook.com/USNavy).