

A Day in the Navy

November 12, 2010

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- On November 12, 328,207 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,006 selected Reserve Sailors, with 6,570 mobilized Reserves; and 202,579 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 288 active ships in service; 154 (53 percent) ships, including four aircraft carriers and five large-deck amphibious ships, and 30 (55 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- There are 9,646 Individual Augmentees, 4,860 of whom are mobilized Reserves, deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- Sen. Mark Warner; Adm. Robert Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and Rear Adm. Richard O'Hanlon, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic give remarks at Naval Station Norfolk's [commemoration ceremony for the world's first flight](#) of an aircraft from a ship, which took place in Willoughby Bay Nov. 14, 1910. The ceremony included a flyover by a replica of the 1910 Curtiss Pusher airplane flown by Eugene B. Ely from light cruiser USS Birmingham (CL 62).
- The Enterprise Carrier Strike Group completes a two-week [Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint Exercise \(FST-J\)](#) with coalition forces. FST-J allows U.S. Navy, British, Canadian and German forces to coordinate battle operations through the use of a virtual environment designed to simulate at-sea conflict scenarios.
- The Navy's newest Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer, [Pre-Commissioning Unit Gravely \(DDG 107\)](#), arrives in Wilmington, N.C., for a commissioning ceremony scheduled for Nov. 20.
- Special agents from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service's Southeast Field Office in Mayport, Fla., finalize protective service and force protection arrangements with port and local law enforcement officials to support the Nov. 13 [commissioning](#) ceremony for USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) in Port Everglades, Fla.
- USS Iwo Jima (LPD 7) is pierside at [Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba](#), after its four-month humanitarian and civic assistance deployment, [Continuing Promise 2010](#). In total, medical professionals provided 166,144 healthcare services to 44,292 patients in eight mission countries.
- Nineteen Seabees from [Navy Mobile Construction Battalion \(NMCB\) 7 are in Paramaribo, Republic of Suriname](#), finishing a Continuing Promise 2010 project delayed by the movement of Hurricane Tomas in the Caribbean. This detachment was originally scheduled to support a Southern Partnership Station project in Concepcion, Chile.

- Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Francisco J. Cordero of Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Sigonella Site Souda Bay, receives an award for his efforts in saving the life a Greek local national Morale, Welfare, and Recreation employee.
- Seabees assigned to [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion \(NMCB\) 18](#), a reserve component battalion, construct a Southwest Asian Hut in Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- [Aviation crews](#) onboard [USS Abraham Lincoln \(CVN 72\)](#) perform maintenance on [aircraft during a no-fly day](#) while deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.
- USNS Joshua Humphries (T-AO 168) conducts a replenishment in the central Arabian Gulf in support of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and USS Cape St. George (CG 71).
- While [underway in the western Pacific Ocean](#), USS Essex (LHD 2) [conducts a training exercise](#), and [USS Denver \(LPD 9\)](#) conducts a [flight deck drill](#).
- [Landing Craft Utility \(LCU\) 1651](#), packed with 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit vehicles, is transferred from USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) to USS Tortuga (LSD 46) while underway in the western Pacific Ocean.
- [USS Stethem \(DDG 63\)](#) arrives in Okinawa, Japan, to participate in the [2010 White Beach Festival](#), marking the first U.S. Navy ship to visit during the festival in a decade.
- Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan, Security Detachment conducts its [annual force protection exercise](#) and fully activates its auxiliary security force. This four-day exercise features a wide variety of security and force protection scenarios designed to gage the detachment's efficiency and reaction times.
- The Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group and Boxer Amphibious Ready Group conduct their composite unit training exercise (COMPTUEX) in U.S. 3rd Fleet's area of operations. [COMPTUEX](#) is a scenario-driven tactical exercise designed to train elements of a strike or ready group to function as a coordinated fighting force.
- Naval Medical Center San Diego's (NMCS D) prosthetic technicians cast, fit, and align prosthesis for amputees and fabricate carbon interfaces for both permanent and temporary prosthetic sockets, providing [advanced bionic technology](#) to fit power knees, [microprocessor knees](#), powered ankles, and upper extremity myoelectric arms. The NMCS D Prosthetic Laboratory manufactures and assembles more than 50 upper and [lower limbs](#) and extremities each month.
- A dedication ceremony for the Kela Logistics Center is held at Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton, Wash. The Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Puget Sound building was named in honor of Capt. Frederick H. Kela, a 31-year Navy veteran known for being active in Kitsap philanthropic and civic causes.

- Fleet and Industrial Supply Center San Diego Household Goods / Personal Property Office books 36 shipments and assists 25 customers with scheduling outbound and inbound moves.
- Naval Base San Diego participates in the grand opening of the Serra High School Parent Resource Center, a center dedicated to helping military families transition into new academic environments.
- Rear Adm. David Steindl, Commander, Naval Service Training Command, addresses and welcomes 567 new Sailors into the Navy during the weekly [pass-in-review graduation ceremony](#) at Recruit Training Command.
- USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) and USS Columbia (SSN 771) crewmembers visit their namesake cities. Crewmembers meet with local government officials, students, media, and veterans in Santa Fe, N.M., and Columbia, Ill., building the bond between these communities and the Sailors and submarines that represent them.
- Naval Supply Systems Command's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville, Det SUPSHIP Gulf Coast, ships two security patrol crafts from Pascagoula, Miss., to Cheatham Annex in Williamsburg, Va., returning them to duty after three years of down time.
- Astronomers from the [U.S. Naval Observatory](#) in Washington, D.C., and Her Majesty's Nautical Almanac Office in Somerset, U.K., complete work on the 2012 [Astronomical Almanac](#). The almanac provides essential, authoritative astronomical data for military and civilian applications; the two almanac offices have collaborated in almanac production for nearly 100 years.
- Navy recruiters help 55 people join America's Navy.
- The Blue Angels perform their annual homecoming air show in Pensacola, Fla. The homecoming air show closes out the 2010 season.
- USS Tortuga's (LSD 46) assistant navigator, Chief Quartermaster (SW) Alejandro Flores, and more than 300 other fans chime in and post a response to the [U.S. Navy's Facebook page](#) post, "Today is our monthly "Any Day in the Navy" – so we ask, how are you spending November 12?" Flores writes, "At sea getting the ship LCAC [landing craft air cushion] certified."