

U.S. NAVAL BATTLE FORCE CHANGES 1 JANUARY 2010–31 DECEMBER 2010

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COMMISSIONINGS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
16 Jan	<i>Independence</i> (LCS-2)	In Commission, Full at Mobile, AL. Homeport San Diego, CA.
9 Apr	USCGC <i>Bernard C. Webber</i> (WPB-1101)	Name changed from <i>Sentinel</i> on 22 March. Keel laid at Bollinger Marine, Lockport, LA.
6 Mar	<i>Dewey</i> (DDG-105)	In Commission, Full at Seal Beach, CA. Homeport San Diego, CA
27 Mar	<i>New Mexico</i> (SSN-779)	In Commission, Full. Homeport Groton, CT.
7 May	USCG <i>Waesche</i> (WMSL-7)	In Commission, Full. Homeport Alameda, CA.
4 June	<i>Jason Dunham</i> (DDG-109)	In Commission, Special.
18 July	USCGC <i>Stratton</i> (WMSL-752)	Launched at Northrup Grumman (Ingalls Operations), Pascagoula, MS. Christened 23 July.
26 July	<i>Gravely</i> (DDG-107)	In Commission, Special.
29 July	<i>Missouri</i> (SSN-780)	In Commission, Special.
31 July	<i>Missouri</i> (SSN-780)	In Commission, Full. Homeport Groton, CT.
13 Nov	<i>Jason Dunham</i> (DDG-109)	In Commission, Full at Fort Lauderdale, FL.
20 Nov	<i>Gravely</i> (DDG-107)	In Commission, Full. Homeport Norfolk, VA.
22 Mar	USNS <i>William McLean</i> (T-AKE-12)	Keel laid at National Steel and Shipbuilding Corp., San Diego, CA.
10 June	USNS <i>Joshua Humphreys</i> (T-AO-188)	Reactivated for duty with the 5th Fleet in counterpiracy and terrorism operations.
14 June	USNS <i>Charles Drew</i> (T-AKE-10)	
11 Sep	USNS <i>Washington Chambers</i> (T-AKE-11)	
5 Oct	M/T <i>Empire State</i>	Acquired on charter. Replaces one of the <i>Paul Buck</i> -class AOTs recently stricken. A second unit of this class is under construction to replace the second <i>Paul Buck</i> AOT recently placed out of service

In Commission, Special—Date of commissioning and the ship entering the force level structure. Also the date the ship is delivered by the builder to the Navy and the ship's birthday. This status was created to legally ferry the ship from the builder's yard to the official commissioning site if it is at a location other than where the ship was built.

In Commission, Full—The date on which the commissioning ceremony was performed and the ship was fully received into the fleet.

Other than that the date has no significance.

In the case of the Coast Guard, ships are placed in full commission after they reach their homeports.

SHIPS/CRAFT DELIVERED TO MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AND PLACED IN SERVICE

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
24 Feb	USNS <i>Matthew Perry</i> (T-AKE-9)	Assigned to MSC's Western-Pacific Fleet.
1 Feb	<i>Frank Cable</i> (AS-40)	MSC assumed operational control. Ship has mixed Navy and civilian crew.



The guided-missile destroyer *Gravely* (DDG-107) navigates the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, North Carolina, in the week preceding her 20 November commissioning in Wilmington. The *Arleigh Burke*-class vessel is named for the late Vice Admiral Sam Gravely, who died in 2004. He was the first African-American to achieve flag rank in the U.S. Navy.

SHIPS ACQUIRED BY THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND FOR OPERATION

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
1 Feb	<i>Frank Cable</i> (AS-40)	MSC assumed operational control. Ship has mixed Navy and civilian crew.

U.S. NAVY SHIPBUILDING PROGRESS

Date	Name and/or Hull No.	Comments
28 Jan	<i>Vigilant</i> (JHSV-2) and <i>Spearhead</i> (JHSV-3)	Contract for both ships awarded to Austral (USA), Mobile, AL.
27 Feb	USNS <i>Charles Drew</i> (T-AKE-10)	Christened and launched at National Steel and Shipbuilding Corp., San Diego, CA.
28 Feb	AKE-14	Contract awarded to National Steel and Shipbuilding Corp., San Diego, CA.
25 Mar	JHSV-4	Named <i>Fall River</i> .
9 Apr	USGC <i>Bernard C. Webber</i> (WPC-1101)	Keel laid. First of <i>Sentinel</i> class which will replace the USCG Island class. Homeport Miami, FL. Total of 42 units of this class are to be built.
17 Apr	<i>William P. Lawrence</i> (DDG-110)	Christened. Launched 15 Dec 2009 at Northrup Grumman (Ingalls Operations), Pascagoula, MS.
23 Apr	LPD-26	Named <i>John P. Murtha</i> .
7 May	<i>San Diego</i> (LPD-22)	Launched and christened 12 June at Northrup Grumman (Ingalls Operations), Pascagoula, MS.
5 June	<i>Spruance</i> (DDG-111)	Christened. Launched 6 June at Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME.
18 June	<i>Michael Murphy</i> (DDG-112)	Launched at Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME. (Christened on 27 Mar 2011.)
26 June	USNS <i>Howard O. Lorenzen</i> (T-AGM-25)	Replaces USNS <i>Observation Island</i> (T-AGM-23). Christened and launched at VT Halter Marine, Pascagoula, MS. To operate under MSC control.
14 July	USNS <i>Charles Drew</i> (T-AKE-10)	Assigned to MSC's Western-Pacific Fleet.
22 July		<i>Fortitude</i> (JHSV-1)
18 July	USCG <i>Stratton</i> (WMSL-752)	Launched at Northrup Grumman (Ingalls Operations) Pascagoula, MS. Christened 23 July.

12 Oct	<i>Fall River</i> (JHSV-4) and <i>Resolute</i> (JHSV-5)	Contract for construction of both ships awarded to Austral (USA), Mobile, AL.
6 Nov	<i>California</i> (SSN-781)	Christened. Launched on 14 Nov at Northrop Grumman (Newport News Operations) VA.
29 Nov	USCGC <i>Hamilton</i> (WMSL-753)	Contract for construction awarded to Northrop Grumman (Ingalls Operations), Pascagoula, MS
4 Dec	<i>Fort Worth</i> (LCS-3)	Christened and launched at Marinette Marine, Marinette, WI. Construction of original LCS-3 canceled 12 Apr 2007; funds diverted to LCS-1 and LCS-2 cost overruns. Hull number reassigned to the FY 2009 unit.

MAJOR NAVAL SHIP/CRAFT OVERHAULS STARTED

Date	Name and/or Hull No.	Comments
29 Aug	<i>Theodore Roosevelt</i> (CVN-71)	Began her Refueling and Comprehensive Overhaul (RF/COH).

MAJOR NAVAL SHIP/CRAFT OVERHAULS STARTED

Date	Name and/or Hull No.	Comments
19 Apr	<i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-65)	Redelivered to the Navy. Total cost of maintenance to keep her operational for one (or two) more deployments was just under \$655 million, about 44 percent higher than planned cost.
10 Mar	USCGC <i>Polar Star</i> (WAGB-10)	Officially reactivated. (Contract for overhaul and reactivation refit was awarded to Todd Pacific Shipyards Corp., Seattle, WA on 5 Jan 2011. Scheduled for completion in July.

U.S. NAVAL SHIP DEPLOYMENTS/RETURNS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
2 Jan	<i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> (CVN-69) CSG	Departed for a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf. She carried Air Wing (CVW)

		No. 7 and was accompanied by USS <i>McFaul</i> (DDG-74), USS <i>Hue City</i> (CG-66), USS <i>Carney</i> (DDG-64), USNS <i>Patuxent</i> (T-AO-201), and USS <i>Farragut</i> (DDG-99).	20 Jan	<i>Essex</i> (LHD-2) ARG	Departed Sasebo, Japan, with the rest of her Amphibious Ready Group for a deployment to the Western Pacific. Accompanied by USS <i>Denver</i> (LPD-9) and <i>Harpers Ferry</i> (LSD-49).
4 Jan	<i>Boone</i> (FFG-28)	Departed Mayport, FL, for a six-month deployment with NATO Naval forces (SNMG-1).	20 Jan	<i>Shiloh</i> (CG-67)	Deployed from Yokosuka, Japan, to Western Pacific.
5 Jan	<i>Russell</i> (DDG-59)	Deployed from Pearl Harbor, HI, for duty in the Middle East and with the USS <i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> (CVN-69) CSG.	21 Jan	<i>San Jacinto</i> (CG-56)	Departed Norfolk, VA, for seven-month deployment with Central Command.
5 Jan	<i>Ramage</i> (DDG-61)	Deployed from Norfolk, VA, for operations in the Mediterranean.	21 Jan	<i>Essex</i> (LHD-2)	Deployed from Sasebo, Japan, to Western Pacific.
8 Jan	<i>Curts</i> (FFG-38)	Deployed from San Diego, CA, for the Western Pacific, Arabian Gulf and Maritime Security Operations.	22 Jan	<i>John L. Hall</i> (FFG-32)	Departed Mayport, FL, for a seven-month deployment.
12 Jan	<i>Carl Vinson</i> (CVN-70) CSG	Deployed from Norfolk, VA, transferring to new homeport of San Diego, CA. Accompanied by USS <i>Bunker Hill</i> (CG-52).	3 Feb	<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	Returned to Groton, CT, from final deployment to the U.S. Central Command.
14 Jan	<i>Forrest Sherman</i> (DDG-98)	Departed Norfolk, VA, for a six-month deployment with the <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> CSG.	3 Feb	<i>Asheville</i> (SSN-758)	Departed San Diego, CA, on a six-month deployment to Western Pacific.
15 Jan	<i>Reuben James</i> (FFG-57)	Deployed from Pearl Harbor, HI, for fisheries patrols and humanitarian missions.	5 Feb	<i>Cole</i> (DDG-67)	Departed Norfolk, VA, for a seven-month deployment with NATO naval forces (SNMG-2).
15	<i>Gunston Hall</i> (LSD-44)	Departed Norfolk, VA, on six-month deployment to the U.S. Africa Command.	12 Feb	<i>Albany</i> (SSN-753)	Departed Norfolk, VA, on a six-month deployment to the U.S. European Command.
18 Jan	<i>Nassau</i> (LHA-4)	Departed Norfolk, VA, embarking 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit on a six-month deployment to the Middle East. Accompanied by <i>Ashland</i> (LSD-48) and <i>Mesa Verde</i> (LPD-19).	16 Feb	<i>Freedom</i> (LCS-1)	Departed Mayport, FL, on maiden deployment to the Southern Atlantic and Southern and Western Pacific. She embarked Detachment 2 from Helicopter Sea Combat (HSC-22).
			16 Feb	<i>Florida</i> (SSGN-728)	Departed from Kings Bay, GA, on (Blue) on a year's deployment to the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean. The Blue and Gold Crews will alternate manning the ship. While on deployment she is based at Diego Garcia.

16 Feb	<i>Houston</i> (SSN-713)	Departed Guam on a two-month deployment.	29 Mar	<i>Essex</i> (LHD-2) ARG	Returned to Sasebo, Japan. Accompanied by USS <i>Denver</i> (LPD-9) and USS <i>Harper Ferry</i> (LSD-49).
18 Feb	<i>Donald Cook</i> (DDG-75)	Returned to homeport of Norfolk, VA, after a seven-month deployment with NATO Naval Forces (SNMG-2).	1 Apr	<i>Pittsburgh</i> (SSN-720)	Departed Groton, CT, on a six-month deployment to the U.S. European Command.
19 Feb	<i>The Sullivans</i> (DDG-68)	Departed Mayport, FL, for a seven deployment to the Mediterranean.	5 Apr	<i>Underwood</i> (FFG-36)	Departed Mayport, FL, for a six-month deployment.
26 Feb	<i>Annapolis</i> (SSN-760)	Departed Norfolk, VA, on a six-month deployment to the Central Command.	5 Apr	<i>Klakring</i> (FFG-42)	Departed Mayport, FL, for a six-month deployment to the Caribbean and South America, embarking helicopters from HSL-42, Det. 10.
5 Mar	<i>Shiloh</i> (CG-67)	Returned to Yokosuka, Japan, from deployment.	5 Apr	<i>Chafee</i> (DDG-90)	Deployed from Pearl Harbor, HI, to the Western Pacific and on maritime security operations.
5 Mar	<i>Norfolk</i> (SSN-714)	Departed Norfolk, VA, on a six-month deployment to the U.S. European and Central commands.	8 Apr	<i>Tucson</i> (SSN-770)	Departed Pearl Harbor, HI, on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.
10 Mar	<i>Vella Gulf</i> (CG-72), <i>Laboon</i> (DDG-58), and <i>Simpson</i> (FFG-56)	All three ships deployed during this period to participate in Exercise Joint Warrior 10-1	12 Apr	<i>Vandegrift</i> (FFG-48)	Deployed from San Diego, CA, to the Western Pacific for Maritime Security operations.
14 Mar	USNS <i>Comfort</i> (T-AH-20)	Returned after providing aid to earthquake devastated Haiti for three months.	12 Apr	<i>Carl Vinson</i> (CVN-70) CSG	Arrived at new homeport of San Diego, CA.
15 Mar	<i>Samuel B. Roberts</i> (FFG-58)	Departed Mayport, FL, for a four-month deployment.	13 Apr	<i>Virginia</i> (SSN-774)	Returned to Groton, CT, from a deployment to the U.S. European and Central commands.
17 Mar	<i>Barry</i> (DDG-52)	Departed from Norfolk, VA, for a five-month deployment and operations with the Royal Navy.	14 Apr	<i>Houston</i> (SSN-713)	Returned to Guam from deployment.
18 Mar	<i>DeWert</i> (FFG-45)	Returned to Mayport, FL, from a six-month deployment with U.S. Central Command.	15 Apr	<i>McInerney</i> (FFG-8)	Returned to Mayport, FL, from a six-month deployment, her last as a U.S. naval vessel.
21 Mar	<i>Nimitz</i> (CVN-68)	Returned to Bremerton, WA, From eighth-month deployment to Asia, the Middle East and the Persian Gulf.	19 Apr	<i>Tortuga</i> (LSD-46)	Departed Sasebo, Japan, on a two-month deployment to the Western Pacific.
23 Mar	<i>Mesa Verde</i> (LPD-19)	Deployed from Norfolk, VA, to the Mediterranean in place of <i>San Antonio</i> (LPD-17) which was kept pier-side because of structural and systems deficiencies. She joined the <i>Nassau</i> (LHA-4) Amphibious Ready Group in the Mediterranean.	25 Apr	<i>Freedom</i> (LCS-1)	Returned to San Diego, CA, from a two-month deployment.
			26 Apr	<i>Louisville</i> (SSN-724)	Departed from Pearl Harbor, HI, on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

1 May	USNS <i>Mercy</i> (T-AH-19)	Departed San Diego, CA, on a five-month deployment to the South West Pacific to participate in Pacific Partnership 2010.	21 May	<i>Alexandria</i> (SSN-757)	Departed Groton, CT, on a seven-month deployment to the U.S. Central Command.
1 May	Riverine Squadron One	Departed for Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, VA, for the command's third deployment to Iraq Riverine Squadron Three.	21 May	<i>Harry S. Truman</i> (CVN-75) CSG	Deployed from Norfolk, VA, for the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. In addition to carrying CVW-3, she was accompanied by USS <i>Normandy</i> (CG-60), USS <i>Ross</i> (DDG-71), USS <i>Oscar Austin</i> (DDG-79), USS <i>Winston S. Churchill</i> (DDG-81), and USNS <i>Supply</i> (T-AOE-6).
4 May	<i>Rodney M. Davis</i> (FFG-60)	Deployed to Central and South America.	21 May	<i>Alexandria</i> (SSN-757)	Departed Groton, CT, on a seven-month deployment to the U.S. European Command.
19 May	<i>Stephen W. Groves</i> (FFG-29)	Deployed from Mayport, FL, for operations in the Baltic.	1 June	<i>Chung-Hoon</i> (DDG-93)	Departed Pearl Harbor, HI, on a four-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Maritime Security Operations.
19 May	<i>Simpson</i> (FFG-56)	Same as <i>Stephen W. Groves</i> (FFG-29).	2 June	<i>Jacksonville</i> (SSN-699)	Departed Pearl Harbor, HI, on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.
19 May	<i>Texas</i> (SSN-775)	Departed Pearl Harbor, HI, on a three-month deployment to the Eastern Pacific, operating under the tactical control of the Joint Interagency Task Force, South (JIATF-S).	5 June	<i>Gonzales</i> (DDG-66)	Departed Norfolk, VA, for a six-month deployment.
20 May	<i>Peleliu</i> (LHA-5) ARG	Departed San Diego, CA, for a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific. Accompanied by USS <i>Dubuque</i> (LPD-8) (deployed 18 May) and USS <i>Pearl Harbor</i> (LSD-52) (deployed 20 May). <i>Peleliu</i> embarked the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.	8 June	<i>Vella Gulf</i> (CG-72)	Departed Norfolk, VA, for a seven-deployment to the Mediterranean.
			10 June	<i>New Orleans</i> (LPD-18)	Deployed from Pearl Harbor, HI, to South America and the Caribbean.



The USS *Peleliu* (LHA-5) is trailed by the *Dubuque* (LPD-8) off the coast of Pakistan in August. The ships were engaged in humanitarian assistance operations in the aftermath of widespread flooding in Pakistan that displaced an estimated 6 million people. The following month, elements of the 15th Marine Amphibious Unit embarked in the *Dubuque* rescued the crew of the M/V *Magellan Star* in the Gulf of Aden and captured the nine pirates who had seized the vessel.

10 June	<i>Princeton</i> (CG-59)	Departed San Diego, CA, for a six-month deployment to the Middle East and Maritime Security operations.	19 July	<i>Stephen W. Groves</i> (FFG-29)	Returned to Mayport, FL, from operations in the Baltic.
22 June	<i>Boise</i> (SSN-764)	Departed Norfolk, VA, for a six-month deployment to the U.S. European Command.	19 July	<i>Simpson</i> (FFG-56)	Returned to Mayport, FL, from operations in the Baltic.
22 June	<i>Olympia</i> (SSN-717)	Departed Pearl Harbor, HI, on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.	20 July	<i>Toledo</i> (SSN-769)	Departed Groton, CT, for at least a six-month deployment to the U.S. Central and African Commands.
24 June	<i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691)	Returned to Groton, CT, from a deployment to the U.S. Southern Command (participated in UNITAS). This was her last deployment.	28 July	<i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> (CVN-69)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, after a seven-month deployment.
28 June	<i>Tortuga</i> (LSD-46)	Returned to Sasebo, Japan, from a two-month deployment.	1 Aug	<i>Forrest Sherman</i> (DDG-98)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, after a seven-month deployment
3 July	<i>Gunston Hall</i> (LSD-44)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, after a six-month deployment to the U.S. Africa Command.	2 Aug	<i>Barry</i> (DDG-52)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a five-month deployment and operations with the Royal Navy.
7 July	<i>Boone</i> (FFG-28)	Returned to Mayport, FL, from a six-month deployment.	3 Aug	<i>Crommelin</i> (FFG-37)	Deployed to the Western Pacific.
8 July	<i>Kauffman</i> (FFG-59)	Departed Norfolk, VA, on a five-month deployment with NATO Naval forces (SNMG-2).	3 Aug	<i>Asheville</i> (SSN-758)	Returned from deployment to San Diego, CA.
9 July	<i>George Washington</i> (CVN-73) CSG	At one time or another accompanied by <i>Cowpens</i> (CG-63), <i>Shiloh</i> (CG-67), <i>Curtis Wilbur</i> (DDG-54), <i>John S. McCain</i> (DDG-56), <i>Stetson</i> (DDG-63), <i>Lassen</i> (DDG-82), <i>McCampbell</i> (DDG-85) and <i>Mustin</i> (DDG-89).	6 Aug	<i>Ramage</i> (DDG-66)	Returned to Norfolk after a seven-month deployment to the Mediterranean.
11 July	<i>O’Kane</i> (DDG-77)	Same as <i>Chung-Hoon</i> (DDG-93).	6 Aug	<i>Milius</i> (DDG-69)	Returned from deployment to San Diego, CA.
12 July	<i>Chafee</i> (DDG-90)	Returned to Pearl Harbor, HI, from a three-month deployment	11 Aug	<i>Elrod</i> (FFG-55)	Departed Norfolk, VA, on a six-month deployment to Central Command.
12 July	<i>Iwo Jima</i> (LHD-7)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a four-month deployment	12 Aug	<i>Albany</i> (SSN-753)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, after a six-month deployment.
16 July	<i>Jarrett</i> (FFG-38)	Deployed from San Diego, CA, for the Eastern Pacific and Drug Interdiction.	12 Aug	<i>John L. Hall</i> (FFG-32)	Returned to Mayport, FL, from a seven-month deployment
			15 Aug	<i>Nassau</i> (LHA-4) ARG	Returned from deployment to Norfolk, VA, (see in addition Jan. 18, 2010 entry for further data).
			17 Aug	<i>Laboon</i> (DDG-58)	Departed Norfolk, VA, for a six-month deployment with NATO Naval forces (SNMG-2).
			25 Aug	<i>Texas</i> (SSN-775)	Returned to Pearl Harbor, HI, from deployment.

27 Aug	<i>Annapolis</i> (SSN-760)	Departed Groton, CT, on a six-month deployment to the Central Command.	30 Sep	<i>Klakring</i> (FFG-42)	Returned from a six-month deployment to the Caribbean and South America. While on deployment she embarked HSL-42, Det. 10.
27 Aug	<i>Kearsarge</i> (LHD-3) ARG	Departed to provide humanitarian aid to flood ravaged areas in Pakistan. Accompanied by <i>Ponce</i> (LPD-15) and <i>Carter Hall</i> (LSD-50).	3 Oct	<i>Doyle</i> (FFG-39)	Departed Mayport, FL, for a six-month deployment.
1 Sep	<i>Essex</i> (LHD-2)	Departed Sasebo, Japan, with the rest of her Amphibious Ready Group for a deployment to the Western Pacific. Accompanied by <i>Denver</i> (LPD-9) and <i>Harpers Ferry</i> (LSD-49), replaced during deployment by <i>Tortuga</i> (LSD-46).	8 Oct	<i>Providence</i> (SSN-719)	Departed from Groton, CT, on at least a six-month deployment to the U.S. European Command.
			10 Oct	<i>Underwood</i> (FFG-36)	Returned to Mayport, FL, from a six-month deployment.
			12 Oct	<i>Vandegrift</i> (FFG-48)	Returned to San Diego, CA, from deployment.
3 Sep	<i>Greenville</i> (SSN-772)	Departed Pearl Harbor, HI, on a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific.	22 Oct	<i>Sterett</i> (DDG-104)	Departed from San Diego, CA, on her maiden deployment. She joined the <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> Strike Group in the Western Pacific.
3 Sep	<i>Cole</i> (DDG-67)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a seven-month deployment with NATO Naval forces (SNMG-2).	26 Oct	<i>Louisville</i> (SSN-724)	Returned to Pearl Harbor, HI, from deployment.
4 Sep	<i>New Orleans</i> (LPD-18)	Returned from a three-month deployment.	5 Nov	<i>Houston</i> (SSN-713)	Deployed from Guam on a month's deployment.
6 Sep	<i>Norfolk</i> (SSN-714)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, after a six-month deployment.	10 Nov	<i>Rodney M. Davis</i> (FFG-60)	Returned to Everett, WA, from deployment.
7 Sep	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (CVN-72) CSG	Departed Everett, WA, for deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf. She was accompanied by <i>Momson</i> (DDG-92), <i>Cape St. George</i> (CG-71), <i>Shoup</i> (DDG-86), <i>Halsey</i> (DDG-97), and <i>Sterett</i> (DDG-104)	13 Nov	<i>Elrod</i> (FFG-55)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a six-month deployment to Central Command.
			16 Nov	<i>San Francisco</i> (SSN-711)	Departed San Diego, CA, on a deployment to the Western Pacific.
			16 Nov	<i>Pasadena</i> (SSN-752)	Departed Pearl Harbor, HI, on a deployment to the Western Pacific.
10 Sep – 10 Oct	<i>Stout</i> (DDG-55) and <i>Bainbridge</i> (DDG-96)	Both ships deployed during this period to participate in Exercise Joint Warrior 10-2 with the Royal Navy.	1 Dec	<i>Charlotte</i> (SSN-766)	Same as <i>Pasadena</i> (SSN-752).
21 Sep	USNS <i>Mercy</i> (TAH-19)	Returned to San Diego, CA, from deployment.	2 Dec	<i>Jacksonville</i> (SSN-699)	Returned to Pearl Harbor, HI, from deployment.
23 Sep	<i>Buffalo</i> (SSN-715)	Departed Guam on a three-month deployment.	7 Dec	<i>Hampton</i> (SSN-767)	Same as <i>Pasadena</i> (SSN-752).

15 Dec	<i>Peleliu</i> (LHA-5) ARG	Returned to San Diego, CA, from deployment (see in addition the 20 May entry for further data).
18 Dec	<i>Alexandria</i> (SSN-757)	Returned to Groton, CT, from a seven-month deployment.
19 Dec	<i>Houston</i> (SSN-713)	Returned to Guam from deployment.
20 Dec	<i>Harry S. Truman</i> (CVN-75)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a seven-month Strike Group deployment.
21 Dec	<i>Gonzales</i> (DDG-66)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a six-month deployment.
22 Dec	<i>Olympia</i> (SSN-717)	Returned to Pearl Harbor, HI, from deployment.
22 Dec	<i>Boise</i> (SSN-764)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a six-month deployment.
23 Dec	<i>Kauffman</i> (FFG-59)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from a five-month deployment.
Various times	<i>Michigan</i> (SSGN-727)	Deployed from Bangor, WA, to the Western Pacific.
Various times	<i>Ohio</i> (SSGN-726)	Deployed from Bangor, WA, to the Western Pacific.

CHANGE OF HOMEPORTS OR ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. NAVAL SHIPS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
1 Feb	<i>San Juan</i> (SSN-751)	Portsmouth, NH.
1 Feb	<i>Los Angeles</i> (SSN-688)	Bremerton Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA, for inactivation overhaul/recycling.
28 Feb	<i>Gravelly</i> (DDG-107)	Norfolk, VA.
1 Mar	<i>New Mexico</i> (SSN-779)	Groton, CT.
1 Apr	<i>Carl Vinson</i> (CVN-70)	From Norfolk, VA, to San Diego, CA.
1 June	<i>North Carolina</i> (SSN-777)	Pearl Harbor, HI.
1 June	<i>Emory S. Land</i> (AS-39)	Diego Garcia.

1 June	<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA, for inactivation overhaul, then to Bremerton Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA, for recycling Groton, CT.
31 July	<i>Missouri</i> (SSN-780)	Portsmouth, NH.
1 Oct	<i>Virginia</i> (SSN-774)	From Coronado, CA, to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA, for 21-month Docking Planned Incremental Availability.
9 Dec	<i>Nimitz</i> (CVN-68)	

SHIPS/CRAFT RECLASSIFIED

Date	From	To	Name
NONE.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SURFACE COMMAND CHANGES

Date	Command Name	Comments
29 Jan	Fleet Cyber Command, Fort Meade, MD.	Established, with full operational capability achieved 1 Oct. Subordinate to Fleet Forces Command.
29 Jan	Commander, 10th Fleet	Recommissioned, having been decommissioned after World War II. To serve as the Numbered Fleet Commander for Commander, Fleet Cyber Command.
12 Mar	Commander, Amphibious Squadron Two	Disestablished.
30 Apr	Naval Station, Ingle-side, TX.	Former home of Navy's Mine Warfare Command. All commands and tenants transferred to Coronado, CA, during the previous year.
18 May	Commander, Amphibious Squadron Seven	Disestablished.
1 Oct	Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Washington, DC.	Established.
1 Oct	Mine Countermeasures	Disestablished, merged into Mine Division 11 Countermeasures Division 31.
30 Nov	Navy Supply School, Division 11 Countermeasures Division 31	Relocated from Athens, GA, to Newport, RI.

1 Dec	Naval Station Pearl Harbor, and Hickam Air Force Base, Pearl Harbor, HI.	Merged to become Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Pearl Harbor, HI.
2 Dec	Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe	Renamed Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, U.S. Naval Forces, Africa.
22 Dec	Commander, Littoral-Combat Ship (LCS) Squadron. Commander, Mine Countermeasures Vessel (MCM). Commander, Dock Landing Ship/Amphibious Transport, Dock (LSD/LPD-17) Squadron. Commander, Guided Missile Cruiser (CG) Squadron. Commander, Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG) Squadron. Commander, Guided Missile Frigate (FFG) Squadron. Commander, Amphibious Assault Ship (general purpose), Amphibious Assault Ship (multi-purpose) and	All ship type squadrons listed at left disestablished.

Amphibious Transport Dock Squadron (LHA/LHD/LPD).
Commander, Patrol Coastal Ship (PC) Squadron.

DECOMMISSIONINGS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
23 Jan	<i>Los Angeles</i> (SSN-688)	Ceremonially.
1 Feb	<i>Los Angeles</i> (SSN-688)	In Commission, In Reserve at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA, for inactivation overhaul and recycling.
25 June	<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	Ceremonially at New London, CT.
19 Aug	<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	In Commission, In Reserve at Norfolk, VA, for inactivation overhaul and recycling at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA.
31 Aug	<i>McInerney</i> (FFG-8)	At Mayport, FL. Transfer to Pakistan.
10 Dec	<i>Hawes</i> (FFG-53)	At Norfolk, VA.

SHIPS/CRAFT PLACED 'OUT OF SERVICE'

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
18 Dec 2009	USNS <i>San Jose</i> (T-AFS-7)	Inactivated at Pearl Harbor, HI. Out of service on 27 Jan 2010 and stricken.



The USS *Philadelphia* (SSN-690) transits the Thames River after departing New London, Connecticut, in July for the final time. She was en route to Norfolk, Virginia, where her retirement process will begin. The *Los Angeles*-class attack submarine was ceremonially decommissioned at New London on 25 June, exactly 33 years after her commissioning.

2 Aug	USNS <i>Mount Baker</i> (T-AE-34)	Out of service at Philadelphia, PA.
25 Aug	USNS <i>John McDonnell</i> (T-AGS-51)	Out of service though stricken earlier (see "Stricken" list).
1 Oct	USNS <i>Samuel L. Cobb</i> (T-AOT-1123)	Transfer to MARAD and laid up at the reserve fleet at Beaumont, TX. To be stricken and disposed of.
1 Oct	USNS <i>Paul Buck</i> (T-AOT-1122)	Same as USNS <i>Samuel L. Cobb</i> .
15 Jan 2011	USNS <i>Kiska</i> (T-AE-35)	Out of service at Pearl Harbor, HI. To be scrapped.

SHIPS/CRAFT REACQUIRED BY THE U.S. NAVY

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
5 Jan	<i>Fort Fisher</i> (LSD-40)	Reacquired for use as a target.
27 June	<i>Monticello</i> (LSD-35)	Same as <i>Fort Fisher</i> .

SHIPS/CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO OTHER GOVERNMENT/NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
18 Feb	<i>Kittiwake</i> (ASR-13)	Transferred to the government of the Cayman Islands for use as an artificial reef.

SHIPS/CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD)

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
30 Oct	USNS <i>Paul Buck</i> (T-AOT-1122)	Transferred from the Military Sealift Command to MARAD for layup at Beaumont, TX, reserve fleet.
Oct. 30, 2010	USNS <i>Samuel L. Cobb</i> (T-AOT-1123)	Same as <i>Paul Buck</i> .

SHIPS/CRAFT STRICKEN FROM THE NAVAL VESSEL REGISTER (NVR)

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
27 Jan	<i>San Jose</i> (AFS-7)	To be disposed of.
16 Aug	<i>John McDonnell</i> (AGS-51)	To be disposed of.
31 Aug	<i>McInerney</i> (FFG-8)	Transfer to Pakistan.

NUCLEAR-POWERED SURFACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES IN THE NAVY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Ship Name (Hull No.)	Recycling Start	Recycling
A. Cruisers		
<i>Long Beach</i> (CGN-9)	13 Oct 2013 ¹	—
B. Submarines		
<i>Narwhal</i> (SSN-671)#	1 Oct 2014 ¹	—
<i>Drum</i> (SSN-677)#	1 Oct 2009 ¹	In Progress
<i>Los Angeles</i> (SSN-688)#	1 Feb 2010 ¹	In Progress
<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	1 Oct 2018 ¹	—
<i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691)	1 Oct 2017 ¹	—
<i>Omaha</i> (SSN-692)	30 Sep 2010 ¹	In Progress
<i>Cincinnati</i> (SSN-693)	1 Oct 2010 ¹	In Progress
<i>Groton</i> (SSN-694)	1 Oct 2011 ¹	In Progress
<i>Birmingham</i> (SSN-695)	1 Oct 2012 ¹	—
<i>New York</i> (SSN-696)	1 Oct 2011 ¹	—
<i>Indianapolis</i> (SSN-697)	1 Oct 2013 ¹	—
<i>Bremerton</i> (SSN-698)	17 May 2017 ¹	—
<i>Jacksonville</i> (SSN-699)	20 Feb 2017 ¹	—
<i>Dallas</i> (SSN-700)	1 Oct 2017 ¹	—
<i>LaJolla</i> (SSN-701) ²	1 Dec 2014 ¹	—
<i>Phoenix</i> (SSN-702)	1 Oct 2013 ¹	—
<i>Baltimore</i> (SSN-704)	1 Oct 2012 ¹	—
<i>City of Corpus Christi</i> (SSN-705)	30 Sep 2015 ¹	—
<i>Albuquerque</i> (SSN-706)	21 Oct 2015 ¹	—
<i>Portsmouth</i> (SSN-707)	1 Oct 2015	—
<i>Minneapolis-St. Paul</i> (SSN-708)	1 Oct 2016	—
<i>Hyman G. Rickover</i> (SSN-709)	1 Oct 2016	—
<i>Augusta</i> (SSN-710)	1 Sep 2019	—
<i>San Francisco</i> (SSN-711) ²	1 Mar 2017 ¹	—
<i>Atlanta</i> (SSN-712)	1 Oct 2014	—
<i>Houston</i> (SSN-713)	5 Jan 2016 ¹	—
<i>Norfolk</i> (SSN-714)	1 Oct 2018 ¹	—
<i>Buffalo</i> (SSN-715)	17 May 2017 ¹	—
<i>Salt Lake City</i> (SSN-716)	1 Oct 2015 ¹	—
<i>Providence</i> (SSN-719)	1 Mar 2018 ¹	—
<i>Pittsburgh</i> (SSN-720)	1 Nov 2019 ¹	—

The nuclear-powered ship and submarine recycling program is responsible for the dismantling and disposal of decommissioned nuclear-powered submarines (SSN/SSBN) and cruisers (CGN). All nuclear-powered ship/submarine dismantling is done at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard,

Bremerton, Washington. Before beginning the inactivation availability, the vessel is placed in a “stand down” status. This allows for defueling the nuclear reactor(s), de-energizing and draining ships systems and removing any equipment needed for reuse in the Fleet.

Decommissioning and striking from the Naval Vessel Register takes place after defueling is completed. The removed nuclear fuel is sent to Arco, Idaho for reprocessing.

Inactivation is usually performed at Puget Sound, but can be done at any nuclear capable shipyard, such as Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at New Hampshire. Several boats have been inactivated there because of the work backlog at Puget Sound. When that is done, the hull must be prepared for open tow to Bremerton. In some cases hulls have to be prepared for long-term storage because of the backlog. An example of this is the hulk of *ex-Long Beach* (CGN-9). For ships/submarines inactivated at Puget Sound the dismantling usually takes place concurrently with the inactivation availability. Hull recycling is accomplished by removing all remaining equipment, cutting the hull into manageable pieces, removing and disposing of hazardous materials, and the declassification and demilitarization of material/equipment to be scrapped. The HY-80 steel and other scrap metals are sold for recycling. The reactor compartments are “packaged” and shipped to Hanford, Washington, where they will be buried.

The average cost in Fiscal Year 2010 dollars to decommission and recycle each CGN is \$74.2 million and each SSN is \$37.3 million.

NOTES:

1. Revised data.
2. USS La Jolla (SSN-701) and USS San Francisco (SSN-711), will be converted to Moored Nuclear Training Ships, replacing *ex-Daniel Webster* (SSN-626) and *ex-Sam Rayburn* (SSBN-635), at Charleston, SC.

SHIPS/CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Date	Recipient	Name (Hull No.)
31 Aug	Pakistan	<i>McInerney</i> (FFG-8)

(Sold, then refitted and overhauled before sailing. Pakistan wants to buy at least six more FFGs to replace the ex-British Type 21 frigates that are now the core of its fleet.)

READY RESERVE FORCE (RRF) SHIPS

Date	Name (Hull Type)	Comments
Additions None		
Deletions None.		

SHIPS DONATED FOR USE AS MUSEUMS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
16 Apr	<i>Wisconsin</i> (BB-64)	Transferred to the Commonwealth of Virginia for use as a memorial/museum at the Nauticus Museum, Norfolk. (Correction)

SHIPS SUNK AS TARGETS DURING CY 2010

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
8 June	<i>Arthur W. Radford</i> (DD-968)	Transferred to the state of Delaware for scuttling as an artificial reef.
10 July	<i>ex-New Orleans</i> (LPH-11)	Sunk at RIMPAC 2010 exercise at 22 deg. 59’35” North, 160 deg. 06’54” West in 15, 486 feet of water.
15 July	<i>ex-Monticello</i> (LSD-35)	Sunk at RIMPAC 2010 exercise at 22 deg. 51’48” North, 160 deg. 3’42” West in 15, 360 feet of water.
18 July	<i>ex-Anchorage</i> (LSD-36)	Sunk at RIMPAC 2010 exercise at 22 deg. 57’02” North, 160 deg. 05’36” West in 15,360 feet of water.
20 Sep	<i>ex-Acadia</i> (AD-42)	Sunk as a target at 11 deg. 19’14” North; 143 deg. 40’35” East in 22,200 feet of water.
27 Oct 27	<i>ex-Saturn</i> (AFS-10)	Sunk as a target at 32 deg. 12’31” North; 073 deg. 59’19” West in 16, 074 feet of water.



U.S. NAVY (N. BRETT MORTON)

The *ex-Anchorage* (LSD-36), decommissioned in 2003, is towed from Pearl Harbor by the Military Sealift Command ocean tug USNS *Navajo* (T-ATF-169) on 15 July during RIMPAC 2010. As part of the exercise, the dock landing ship was sunk three days later in 15,000 feet of water.



U.S. NAVY (BUNDAW WILLIAMS)

Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Taylor Branch (left) and Boatswain's Mate 1st Class James Wallen lower the American flag on board the USS *McInerney* (FFG-8) for the final time during the guided-missile frigate's decommissioning ceremony in Mayport, Florida, on 31 August. Shortly thereafter the vessel was commissioned into the navy of Pakistan as the PNS *Alamgir*.

30 June	<i>Vincennes</i> (CG-49)	Contracted for scrapping to International Ship-breaking Ltd., Brownsville, TX, for \$0.02 (includes towing and dismantlement).
30 June	<i>L.Y. Spear</i> (AS-36)	Contracted for scrapping to Esco Marine, Brownsville, TX, for \$0.01 (includes towing and dismantlement).
1 July	<i>Taluga</i> (AO-62)	Scrapped under contract to Esco Marine, Brownsville, TX.
26 July	<i>Florikan</i> (ASR-9)	Contracted for scrapping to Marine Metal Inc., Brownsville, TX.
8 Sep	<i>Mission Santa Ynez</i> (T-AOT-134)	Scrapping completed.
20 Sep	<i>Canisteo</i> (AO-99)	Scrapping completed.
29 Sep	<i>Canopus</i> (AS-34)	Scrapping completed.
29 Dec	<i>Florikan</i> (ASR-9)	Scrapping completed.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER AIR WING ASSIGNMENTS AND COMPOSITION AS OF 1 MARCH 2011

Air Wing/Fleet/Ship Assignment

CVW1 Atlantic *Enterprise* (CVN-65)

VFA-211 "Fighting Checkmates" (11 F/A-18F)³
 VMFA-251 "Thunderbolts" (10 F/A-18C)
 VFA-136 "Knighthawks" (12 F/A-18E)
 VFA-11 "Red Rippers" (11 F/A-18E)
 VAW-123 "Screwtops" (4 E-2C)
 VAQ-137 "Rooks" (2 EA-6B [ICAP-II, Block 89] 1 EA-6B [ICAP-III, Block 2])
 VRC-40 (Det. 2) "Rawhides" (2 C-2A)
 HS-11 "Dragonslayers" (7 HH-60H/SH-60F)

CVW2 Pacific *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72)

VFA-2 "Bounty Hunters" (12 F/A-18F)
 VFA-151 "Vigilantes" (10 F/A-18C)
 VFA-137 "Kestrels" (12 F/A-18E)
 VFA-34 "Blue Blasters" (12 F/A-18C[N])
 VAW-116 "Sun Kings" (4 E-2C)
 VAQ-131 "Lancers" (3 EA-6B [Block 89A], 2 EA-6B [ICAP II, Block 3D])
 VRC-30 (Det. 2) "Providers" (2 C-2A)
 HSC-12 "Golden Falcons" (7 SH-60F/HH-60H)
 HSM-77 (Det. 4) "Saberhawks" (8 SH-60B)

CVW3 Atlantic *Harry S. Truman* (CVN-75)

VFA-32 "Swordsmen" (12 F/A-18F)
 VFA-37 "Bulls" (11 F/A-18C[N])
 VMFA-312 "Checkerboard" (10 F/A-18C)

FORMER NAVAL SHIPS DISPOSED OF BY THE NAVY/MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
26 Feb	<i>Escape</i> (ARS-6)	Scrapping completed.
23 Mar	<i>Ortolan</i> (ASR-22)	Scrapping completed.
26 Mar	<i>Cape Cod</i> (AD-43)	Scrapping completed.
31 Mar	<i>Mission Santa Ynez</i>	Contracted for scrapping to Esco Marine, (T-AOT-134) Brownsville, TX.
15 Apr	<i>General Edwin D.</i>	Contracted for scrapping to Esco Marine, <i>Patrick</i> (AP-124) Brownsville, TX.
5 May	<i>General John Pope</i>	Contracted for scrapping to Esco Marine, Brownsville, TX.



An SH-60F Sea Hawk of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS-15)—the “Red Lions”—alights on the USS *Bunker Hill* (CG-52) during a multinational U.S. Southern Command exercise in the Atlantic Ocean on 4 March. Just three days earlier, HS-15’s home base had been changed from NAS Jacksonville, Florida, to NAS North Island, California.

VFA-105 “Gunslingers” (12 F/A-18E)
 VAW-126 “Seahawks” (3 E-2C [Group II])
 VAQ-130 “Zappers” (1 EA-6B [ICAP II, Block 4], 2 EA-6B [ICAP II, Block 3D], 1 EA-6B [Block 89A])
 VRC-40 (Det. 1) “Rawhides” (2 C-2A)
 HSC-7 “Shamrocks” (7 MH-60S)

CVW5 Pacific *George Washington* (CVN-73)

VFA-102 “Diamondbacks” (12 F/A-18F)
 VFA-115 “Eagles” (12 F/A-18E)
 VFA-195 “Dam Busters” (10 F/A-18C[N])
 VFA-27 “Royal Maces” (12 F/A-18E)
 VAW-115 “Liberty Bells” (4 E-2C)
 VAQ-136 “The Gauntlets” (5 EA-6B [ICAP III, Block 2])
 VRC-30 (Det. 5) “Providers” (2 C-2A)
 HS-14 “Chargers” (12 HH-60F/SH-60F)

CVW7 Atlantic *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69)

VFA-143 “Pukin’ Dogs” (12 F/A-18E)
 VFA-103 “Jolly Rogers” (12 F/A-18F)
 VFA-131 “Wildcats” (10 F/A-18C)
 VFA-83 “Rampagers” (10 F/A-18C)
 VAW-121 “Bluetails” (4 E-2C)
 VAQ-140 “Patriots” (4 EA-6B [ICAP III, Block 2])

VRC-40 (Det.3) “Rawhides” (2 C-2A)
 HS-5 “Nightdippers” (7 HH-60F/SH-60F)

CVW8 Atlantic *George H. W. Bush* (CVN-77)

VFA-213 “Black Lions” (12 F/A-18F)
 VFA-31 “Tomcatters” (12 F/A-18E)
 VFA-15 “Valions” (10 F/A-18C[N])
 VFA-87 “Golden Warriors” (10 F/A-18A+)
 VAW-124 “Bear Aces” (4 E-2C)
 VAQ-141 “Shadowhawks” (4-6 EA-18G)
 VRC-40 (Det. 5) “Rawhides” (2 C-2A)
 HSC-9 “Tridents” (7 MH-60S)
 HSM-70 “Spartans” (11 MH-60R)

CVW9 Pacific *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74)

VFA-154 “Black Knights” (12 F/A-18F)
 VFA-146 “Blue Diamonds” (10 F/A-18C)
 VFA-147 “Argonauts” (12 F/A-18E)
 VFA-192 “Golden Dragons” (10 F/A-18C)
 VMFA-323 “Death Rattlers” (10 F/A-18C)
 VAW-112 “Golden Hawks” (4 E-2C)
 VAQ-138 “Yellow Jackets” (4 - EA-6B [ICAP II Block 3D])
 VRC-40 (Det. 1) “Rawhides” (2 C-2A)
 HSC-8 “Eightballers” (2 MH-60S)
 HSM-71 “Raptors” (11 MH-60R)

CVW11 Pacific Nimitz (CVN-68)

- VFA-41 “Black Aces” (12 F/A-18F)
- VFA-14 “Tophatters” (12 F/A-18E)
- VFA-86 “Sidewinders” (10 F/A-18C)
- VFA-97 “Warhawks” (10 F/A-18 C)
- VAW-117 “Wallbangers” (4 E-2C)
- VAQ-135 “Black Ravens” (4 EA-6B [ICAP II, Block 3D])
- VRC-30 (Det. 3) “Providers” (2 C-2A)
- HS-6 “Indians” (7 HH-60F/SH-60F)

CVW14 Pacific Ronald Reagan (CVN-76)

- VFA-154 “Black Knights” (10 F/A-18C)
- VFA-147 “Argonauts” (12 F/A-18F)
- VFA-146 “Blue Diamonds” (12 F/A-18E)
- VMFA-323 “Death Rattlers” (12 F/A-18C)
- VAW-113 “Black Eagles” (4 E-2C)
- VAQ-139 “Cougars” (4 EA-6B [ICAP III, Block 2])
- VRC-30 (Det. 1) “Providers” (4 C-2A)
- HS-4 “Black Knights” (7 SH-60F)

CVW17 Pacific Carl Vinson (CVN-70)

- VFA-81 “Sunliners” (10 F/A-18E)
- VFA-22 “Fighting Redcocks” (12 F/A-18F)
- VFA-113 “Stingers” (10 F/A-18)
- VFA-25 “Fist of the Fleet” (10 F/A-18C)
- VAW-125 “Tigertails” (4 E-2C)
- VAQ-134 “Garudas” (4 EA-6B [ICAP-III])
- VRC-40 (Det. 4) “Rawhides” (2 C-2A)
- HS-15 “Red Lions” (7 HH-60F/SH-60F)

VFA-94 “*Mighty Shrikes*” flying F/A-18C(N)s and VFA-97 “*War Hawks*” flying F/A-18Cs were attached to the Marine Corps under the Unit Deployment Program. The program was designed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to reduce the number of unaccompanied tours, improve unit continuity and provide for approximately six-month-long deployments to the Western Pacific. It eliminates the 12-month permanent change of station assignments for personnel and saves money. VFA-94 returned to NAS LeMoore CA in July for fleet duty and was replaced by Marine Corps VMFA-224. (VFA-97 returned to LeMoore in 2009.)

With the decommissioning of *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67), 12 years earlier than scheduled because of budget constraints and Navy neglect, and the ongoing RF/COHs for the *Nimitz*-class carriers, the effective carrier strength of the Navy has dropped to 10 ships. However, with the planned decommissioning of *Enterprise* (CVN-65) in FY 2012—three years before her replacement, *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN-79) is completed—the carrier force level will drop to nine ships. Ideally, as repeated often by various administrations, 15 active carriers are needed to meet all U.S. security obligations and other contingencies.

There is a growing movement to have the Navy name CVN-79 *Enterprise*.

All active air wings have a VRC detachment assigned when deployed. These are not permanently assigned and do not operate with the air wings when not deployed.

NOTE:

3. VFA-211 in CVW-1 has never been officially classified as a VFA by an OPNAVNOTICE 3111. Officially—on paper—it is a VF squadron, but in reality is employed as a VFA and flies F/A-18F aircraft.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AVIATION CHANGES

Date	Designation (Nickname)	Comments
1 Mar	HSL-42 “Proud Warriors”	Home base changed from NAS Mayport, FL, to NAS Jacksonville, FL.
1 Mar	HS-15 “Red Lions”	Home base changed from NAS Jacksonville, FL, to NAS North Island, CA.
31 Mar	HM-15 “Blackhawks”	Home base changed from NAS Corpus Christi, TX, to Naval Station Norfolk, VA as a result of BRAC 2005.
31 Mar	VR-64 “Condors”	Naval Reserve Squadron. Home base switched from Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove, PA to Joint Reserve Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ.
31 Mar	VR-52 “Taskmasters”	Same as VR-64.
2 Apr	VMFAT-501 “Warlords”	Established as the first <i>Lightning II</i> (F-35B) training squadron. Based at Eglin Air Force Base, FL. Originally classified as VMFR-451. To be equipped with 20 F-35Bs.
23 June	HMM-166 “Fighting Griffins”	Reclassified as VMM-166. Based at MCAS New River, NC.
15 Sep	Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, PA.	Disestablished.
1 Oct	VFA-101	Established and placed under Air Force operational control to teach the Air Force how to operate and maintain the <i>Lightning II</i> aircraft. Based at Eglin Air Force Base, FL.
2 Dec	HMM-561 “Pale Horse”	HMM-561 reactivated from cadre status and reclassified as VMM-261. Based at MCAS Miramar, CA.
17 Dec	Training Squadron Four (VT-4) “Warbucks”	Disestablished.