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COMMISSIONINGS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
19 Dec 2011	<i>San Diego</i> (LPD-22)	Delivered from Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS, and placed In Commission, Special.
5 Jan	<i>Montford Point</i> (MLP-1), <i>John Glenn</i> (MLP-2), and <i>Lewis B. Puller</i> (MLP-3)	Names of three ships announced.
10 Jan	<i>Coronado</i> (LCS-4)	Launched this date. Christened 14 Jan at Austal USA, Mobile, AL.
9 Feb	A-GOR-27	Construction contract awarded to Dakota Creek Industries, Anacortes, WA.
10 Feb	<i>Gabrielle Giffords</i> (LCS-10)	Name announced.
10 Feb	USCGC <i>Bernard C. Webber</i> (WPC-1101)	Delivered from Bollinger Marine, Lockport, LA, at Miami FL, and placed In Commission, Special.
15 Feb	<i>John Finn</i> (DDG-113), <i>Ralph Johnson</i> (DDG-114) and <i>Rafael Peralta</i> (DDG-115)	Names announced. First units of extended DDG program that replaced units three through eight of the <i>Zumwalt</i> (DDG-1000) class.
15 Feb	<i>Omaha</i> (LCS-11) and <i>Sioux City</i> (LCS-12)	Names announced.
24 Feb	JHSV-8 and JHSV-9 (ex-Army Vessel <i>Sacrifice</i>)	Construction contract for these two ships awarded to Austal USA, Mobile, AL.
26 Feb	<i>Lewis B. Puller</i> (MLP-3)	Construction contract awarded to General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA.
28 Feb	DDG-116	Construction contract awarded to General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME.



The Navy's newest littoral combat ship, the USS *Coronado* (LCS-4), shown here in her January 2011 roll-out at the assembly bay of the Austal USA shipyard in Mobile, Alabama, was commissioned on 14 January 2012. The vessel is designed to operate in waters less than 20 feet deep and to speed along at 40 knots. Four more LCSs are under construction or are in pre-production stages.

16 Mar	<i>Little Rock</i> (LCS-9), <i>Gabrielle Giffords</i> (LCS-10), <i>Sioux City</i> (LCS-11) and <i>Omaha</i> (LCS-12)	Contract for construction of all four ships awarded to Marinette Marine (LCS-9 and LCS-11) and Austal USA (LCS-10 and LCS-12).	2 June	<i>Mississippi</i> (SSN-782)	Placed In Commission, Full at Pascagoula, MS. Homeported at Groton, CT.
31 Mar	USCGC <i>Stratton</i> (WMSL-752)	Placed In Commission, Full at Oakland, CA. Homeported at Alameda, CA.	4 June	<i>America</i> (LHA-6)	Launched at Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS.
13 Apr	<i>Illinois</i> (SSN-786), <i>Washington</i> (SSN-787), <i>Colorado</i> (SSN-788), <i>Indiana</i> (SSN-789), and <i>South Dakota</i> (SSN-790)	All five ships names announced.	6 June	<i>Fort Worth</i> (LCS-3)	Delivered from Lockheed Martin, Fincantieri, Marinette Marine, Marinette, WI, and placed In Commission, Special.
14 Apr	USCGC <i>Bernard C. Webber</i> (WPC-1102)	Placed In Commission, Full at her Miami, FL, homeport.	27 July	LPD-27	Contract for construction awarded to Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS.
14 Apr	<i>Somerset</i> (LPD-25)	Launched at Ingalls Shipbuilding Avondale Shipyard, New Orleans, LA.	3 Aug	USCGC <i>Richard Etheridge</i> (WPC-1102)	Placed In Commission, Full at Everglades, WA. Homeported at Miami, FL.
16 Apr	<i>Lyndon Johnson</i> (DDG-1002)	Name announced.	6 Aug	<i>Fort Worth</i> (LCS-3)	Placed In Commission, Full.
2 May	<i>Mississippi</i> (SSN-782)	Delivered from General Dynamics Electric Boat, Groton, CT.	15 Aug	USCGC <i>William Flores</i> (WPC-1103)	Delivered from Bollinger Marine at Key West, FL.
3 May	<i>Millinocket</i> (JHSV-3)	Keel laid at Austal USA, Mobile, AL.	5 Sep	USCGC <i>Hamilton</i> (WMSL-753)	Keel laid at Ingalls Shipbuilding Avondale Shipyard, New Orleans, LA.
4 May	<i>Michael Murphy</i> (DDG-112)	Delivered from General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME, and placed In Commission, Special.	17 Sep	<i>Anchorage</i> (LPD-23)	Delivered from Ingalls Shipbuilding Avondale Shipyard, New Orleans, LA, and placed In Commission, Special. Scheduled to be placed In Commission, Full in May 2013 at Anchorage, AK. To be homeported at San Diego, CA.
7 May	<i>Thomas Hudner</i> (DDG-116)	Name announced.	21 Sep	USCGC <i>Richard Dixon</i> (WPC-1113), USCGC <i>Heriberto Hernando</i> (WPC-1114) and WPC-1115-1118	Construction contracts for these six ships awarded to Bollinger Marine. Upon being commissioned all will be homeported at San Juan, Puerto Rico.
11 May	<i>North Dakota</i> (SSN-784)	Keel laid at General Dynamics Electric Boat, Groton, CT.	22 Sep	<i>Fort Worth</i> (LCS-3)	Placed In Commission, Full at Galveston, TX. Homeported at San Diego, CA.
19 May	<i>San Diego</i> (LPD-22)	Placed In Commission, Full at her homeport of San Diego, CA.	24 Sep	<i>Neil Armstrong</i> (AGOR-27)	Name announced.
26 May	USCGC <i>Richard Etheridge</i> (WPC-1102)	Delivered from Bollinger Marine at Key West, FL, and placed In Commission, Special.	1 Oct	<i>Choctaw County</i> (JHSV-2)	Ex- <i>Vigilant</i> . Launched at Austal USA, Mobile, AL, having been christened on 15 Sep.
30 May	<i>Millinocket</i> (JHSV-3)	Former Army vessel named <i>Fortitude</i> . Renamed by the Navy.			
31 May	<i>Tripoli</i> (LHA-7)	Name announced on 4 May. Construction awarded to Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS.			

6 Oct	<i>Michael Murphy</i> (DDG-112)	Placed In Commission, Full at New York City. Homeported at Pearl Harbor, HI.
18 Oct	<i>Jackson</i> (LCS-6)	Keel laid at Austal USA, Mobile, AL.
8 Nov	<i>Detroit</i> (LCS-7)	Keel laid at Lockheed Martin Fincantieri, Marinette Marine, Marinette, WI.
9 Nov	<i>Minnesota</i> (SSN-783)	Launched at Huntington Ingalls Industries, Newport News, Newport News, VA, having been christened on 27 Oct.
13 Nov	<i>Montford Point</i> (MLP-1)	Launched at General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA. Christened on 2 March 2013.
17 Nov	USCGC <i>Robert Yered</i> (WPC-1104)	Delivered from Bollinger Marine at Key West, FL, and placed In Commission, Special. To be homeported at Miami, FL.
19 Nov	<i>Delaware</i> (SSN-791)	Name announced.
1 Dec	<i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-80)	Name announced.
4 Dec	<i>John Glenn</i> (MLP-2)	Keel laid at General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA.
7 Dec	<i>Arlington</i> (LPD-24)	Delivered from Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS, and placed In Commission, Special. Placed In Commission, Full in April 2013 at homeport of Norfolk, VA.
10 Dec	JHSV-10	Final contract for the class exercised and construction awarded to Austal USA, Mobile, AL.

NOTES:

In Commission, Special—Official date of commissioning and when the ship enters the force-level structure. This is 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 in question from its 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, the ships are placed in full commission after they reach their homeports. This event depends on the Coast Guard District Commander, the commanding officer of the ship, and the weather.

SHIPS DELIVERED TO THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AND PLACED IN SERVICE

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
31 Dec 2011	<i>M/V Inchcape 14</i>	Chartered this date and placed in service.
10 Jan	<i>Howard O. Lorenzen</i> (T-AGM-25)	(See May 2011 issue for more construction comments). Contract with VT Halter canceled and ship transferred to Kiewit Offshore Services, Corpus Christi, TX, for repairs and installation of the “Cobra Judy” (Replacement) radar system and antenna. After a rerun of the sea trials, the ship was finally accepted. She was delivered to Military Sealift Command this date and placed Active, In Service. Ship replaces USNS <i>Observation Island</i> (T-AGM-23)
24 Apr	<i>Medgar Evers</i> (T-AKE-13)	Delivered from General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA, and placed Active, In Service.
5 May	<i>Cesar Chavez</i> (T-AKE-13)	Launched and christened at General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA.
23 May	<i>M/V BB Seattle</i>	Chartered and placed in service.
25 June	PTV <i>Malama</i>	See <i>M/V BB Seattle</i> entry.
24 Oct	<i>Cesar Chavez</i> (T-AKE-14)	Delivered to Military Sealift Command and placed Active, In Service.
11 Nov	<i>C-Champion</i>	Acquired charter and placed In Service.

5 Dec	<i>Spearhead</i> (JHSV-1)	Former Army Vessel. Delivered to Military Sealift Command and placed In Service.
10 Dec	<i>M/T Maersk Peary</i>	Acquired under long term charter and placed In Service.

SHIPS ACQUIRED BY THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND FOR OPERATION

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
27 Jan	<i>Guam</i> (HST-1)	Originally built for Hawaii Superferry as <i>Huakai</i> for Hawaiian service. Completed in Sep 2008. Acquired by the Maritime Administration on 13 Sep 2010. Acquired 27 Jan 2012 by the U.S. Navy from the Maritime Administration. Named <i>Guam</i> on 8 May 2012 and classified as HST (high-speed transport) as was her sister ship, the <i>Puerto Rico</i> . Currently being modified to replace the chartered <i>Westpac Express</i> (HSV-4676). Scheduled to complete conversion in April 2013.
27 Jan	<i>Puerto Rico</i> (HST-2)	Originally built for Hawaii Superferry as <i>Alakai</i> for Hawaiian service. Completed in 2008. Acquired by the Maritime Administration on 13 Sep 2010. Acquired the indicated date by the U.S. Navy from the Maritime Administration. Named <i>Puerto Rico</i> on 8 May 2012. To remain laid up until a military use for her can be worked out.
20 Aug	<i>VADM K. R. Wheeler</i> (T-AG-5001)	Originally chartered by Military Sealift Command on 20 Sep 2007. Purchased by the U.S. Navy on 20 Aug 2012 and officially placed in the status Active, In Service.

U.S. NAVAL SHIP DEPLOYMENTS/RETURNS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
4 Jan	<i>McClusky</i> (FFG-41)	Departed for deployment to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility on a counter-narcotics mission
11 Jan	<i>Milius</i> (DDG-69)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
17 Jan	<i>Nicholas</i> (FFG-47)	Departed for deployment to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility in the Caribbean Sea and also to the Eastern Pacific Ocean
18 Jan	<i>Elrod</i> (FFG-55)	Departed for deployment to the U.S. Southern Command/4th Fleet.
27 Jan	<i>Ramage</i> (DDG-61)	Returned from an 8-month ballistic missile defense (BMD) deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.
30 Jan	<i>Arleigh Burke</i> (DDG-51)	Departed for deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility and counter-piracy operations.
7 Feb	<i>Bataan</i> (LHD-5), <i>Mesa Verde</i> (LPD-19), and <i>Whidbey Island</i> (LSD-41)	The <i>Bataan</i> Amphibious Ready Group returned from a 10½-month deployment supporting operations in the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.
13 Feb	<i>Port Royal</i> (CG-73)	Same as <i>Milius</i> (DDG-69)
14 Feb	<i>Bonhomme Richard</i> (LHD-6)	Departed for a homeport shift to the Forward Deployed Naval Force in Sasebo, Japan and a hull swap with <i>USS Essex</i> (LHD-2).
24 Feb	<i>Sampson</i> (DDG-102)	Returned from a deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
26 Feb	<i>Bonhomme Richard</i> (LHD-6)	Arrived at Sasebo, Japan (see comments in the 14 Feb entry).
26 Feb	<i>McFaul</i> (DDG-74)	Departed for deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility and counter-piracy operations.

27 Feb	<i>Mobile Bay</i> (CG-53), <i>Kidd</i> (DDG-100), <i>Wayne E. Meyer</i> (DDG-108), <i>Pinckney</i> (DDG-91), <i>Dewey</i> (DDG-105), 1 SSN and USNS <i>Rainier</i> (T-AOE-7)	Returned to their respective homeports after deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility and in support of the <i>John C. Stennis</i> Carrier Strike Group.	6 Apr	<i>Ingraham</i> (FFG-61)	Returned from deployment to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility having conducted counter-narcotics missions.
2 Mar	<i>John C. Stennis</i> (CVN-74)	Returned from a deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. Served as flagship of the <i>John C. Stennis</i> Carrier Strike Group with Carrier Air-Wing 9 and Commander Carrier Strike Group 3 embarked.	19 Apr	<i>Donald Cook</i> (DDG-75)	Returned following a 7-month deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.
9 Mar	<i>Vicksburg</i> (CG-69)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility as part of the <i>Enterprise</i> Carrier Strike Group.	21 Apr	<i>Sentry</i> (MCM-3), <i>Pioneer</i> (MCM-9), <i>Warrior</i> (MCM-10) and <i>Devastator</i> (MCM-6)	Departed for deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.
11 Mar	<i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-65)	Departed for her 25th and final deployment to 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. Commander Carrier Strike Group 3 embarked.	23 Apr	<i>Cole</i> (DDG-67)	Departed for a BMD deployment in the 6th Fleet of area of responsibility.
12 Mar	<i>Porter</i> (DDG-78), <i>Nitze</i> (DDG-94), and <i>James E. Williams</i> (DDG-95)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility as part of the <i>Enterprise</i> Carrier Strike Group.	23 Apr	<i>Russell</i> (DDG-59)	Returned from deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
23 Mar	<i>O’Kane</i> (DDG-77)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.	25 Apr	<i>Port Royal</i> (CG-73)	Returned from a deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility.
23 Mar	<i>Stethem</i> (DDG-63)	Departed for deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.	30 Apr	<i>Essex</i> (LHD-2)	Departed Sasebo, Japan, this date, following a hull-swap with the <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> (LHD-6), for a shift of homeport to San Diego, CA.
27 Mar	<i>Iwo Jima</i> (LHD-7), <i>New York</i> (LPD-21), and <i>Carter Hall</i> (LSD-44)	Departed for deployment as the <i>Iwo Jima</i> Amphibious Ready Group to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.	1 May	<i>Vandergrift</i> (FFG-48)	Departed for deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operations under the Middle-Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) concept.
30 Mar	<i>Hopper</i> (DDG-70)	Departed for deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility.	2 May	<i>Hooper</i> (DDG-70)	Returned from deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility.
2 Apr	<i>Port Royal</i> (CG-73)	Departed for deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility.	3 May	USNS <i>Mercy</i> (T-AH-19)	Departed for deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility, on humanitarian missions, as the lead platform for Pacific Partnership 2012.



Completing 51 years of service, the *USS Enterprise* (CVN-65), the Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, arrives at Naval Station Norfolk on 4 November 2012 following her 25th—and final—deployment. The 1,123-foot supercarrier, known popularly as *The Big E*, is the eighth U.S. warship to bear the name of *Enterprise*. She was inactivated on 1 December and is scheduled for disposal beginning in August 2018—three to four years later than initially expected.

17 May	<i>Essex</i> (LHD-2)	Arrived at new homeport of San Diego, CA, after conducting a hull swap with the <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> (LHD-6).	7 June	<i>Chafee</i> (DDG-90)	Returned from deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operations under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) concept. During return transit conducted Oceania Maritime Initiative (OMSI) Patrol.
23 May	<i>Carl Vinson</i> (CVN-70), <i>Bunker Hill</i> (CG-52), <i>Halsey</i> (DDG-97), and USNS <i>Bridge</i> (T-AOE-10)	Returned from a deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. Had CVW-17 and CCSG-1 were embarked.	15 June	<i>Benfold</i> (DDG-65)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
1 June	<i>Curtis</i> (FFG-38)	Departed for deployment to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility on a counter-narcotics mission.	20 June	<i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> (CVN-69), <i>Winston S. Churchill</i> (DDG-81), <i>Jason Dunham</i> (DDG-109), <i>Hue City</i> (CG-66), and <i>Farragut</i> (DDG-99)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility as the <i>Eisenhower</i> Carrier Strike Group. CCSG-8 was embarked.
1 June	<i>Carr</i> (FFG-52)	Departed from Norfolk VA, for her final deployment, to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility on a counter-narcotics mission.			

22 June	<i>Makin Island</i> (LHD-8), <i>New Orleans</i> (LPD-18), and <i>Pearl Harbor</i> (LSD-52)	Departed this date for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. Commander, Amphibious Squadron Five and 11th Marine Expedition Unit (MEU).	7 Aug	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (CVN-72)	Arrived at Norfolk, VA (her new homeport) from a deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility. Embarked were CVW-2 and CCSG-9. This was an around-the-world deployment for the carrier. She will be refueled and receive a comprehensive overhaul (RF/COH) at Newport News, VA.
3 July	<i>John Paul Jones</i> (DDG-53)	Returned from deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.	10 Aug	<i>Halyburton</i> (FFG-40)	Departed for deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.
3 July	<i>McClusky</i> (FFG-41)	Returned from a deployment to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility and a counter-narcotics mission.	11 Aug	<i>Vella Gulf</i> (CG-72)	Returned after a 7-month deployment to the 6th Fleet area of responsibility and the Black Sea.
3 July	<i>Forrest Sherman</i> (DDG-98)	Departed for the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility in a BMD deployment.	17 Aug	<i>Decatur</i> (DDG-73)	Same as <i>Gridley</i> (DDG-101).
5 July	<i>Sterrett</i> (DDG-104)	Returned from deployment to the 5th Fleet of responsibility as part of the <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> Carrier Strike Group.	22 Aug	<i>Cape St. George</i> (CG-71)	Returned from a deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility. Was part of the <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> Carrier Strike Group.
10 July	<i>Fort McHenry</i> (LSD-43)	Departed on a 5-month deployment to the Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Black Sea.	23 Aug	USNS <i>Charles Drew</i> (T-AKE-10)	Same as <i>Cape St. George</i> (CG-71).
11 July	<i>Laboon</i> (DDG-58)	Departed on a BMD deployment.	24 Aug	USNS <i>Bridge</i> (T-AOE-10)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility as part of the <i>John C. Stennis</i> Carrier Strike Group.
18 July	<i>Oscar Austin</i> (DDG-79)	Departed to the 6th Fleet area of responsibility.	27 Aug	<i>John C. Stennis</i> (CVN-74)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility with CVW-9 and CCSG-3 embarked.
18 July	<i>Elrod</i> (FFG-55)	Returned from a 6-month deployment to the U.S. Southern Command/4th Fleet area of responsibility.	31 Aug	<i>Sampson</i> (DDG-101)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
19 July	<i>Nicholas</i> (FFG-47)	Returned from a 6-month deployment to 4th Fleet area of responsibility and the Eastern Pacific Ocean.	1 Sep	<i>Mobile Bay</i> (CG-53)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility as part of the <i>John C. Stennis</i> Carrier Strike Group.
27 July	<i>Arleigh Burke</i> (DDG-51)	Returned from a 6-month deployment providing air defense to 6th Fleet ships.	11 Sep	<i>Milius</i> (DDG-69)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
6 Aug	<i>Gridley</i> (DDG-101)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.			

14 Sep	USNS <i>Mercy</i> (T-AH-19)	Returned from deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility on humanitarian missions as the lead platform for Pacific Partnership 2012.	29 Nov	<i>Vandergrift</i> (FFG-38)	Returned from deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operations under the Middle-Pacific Surface Combatant concept. During return transit conducted Oceania Maritime Initiative Patrol.
17 Sep	<i>Pelelieu</i> (LHA-5), <i>Green Bay</i> (LPD-20), and <i>Rushmore</i> (LSD-47)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. Embarked was Commander, Amphibious Squadron Three and the 15th MEU.	30 Nov	<i>Klakring</i> (FFG-42)	Returned from the ship's final deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.
21 Sep	<i>Paul Hamilton</i> (DDG-60)	Departed for deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.	30 Nov	<i>Fort McHenry</i> (LSD-43)	Returned after a 5-month deployment to the Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Black Sea.
2 Oct	<i>Reuben James</i> (FFG-57)	Returned from deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operations under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant concept. During return transit conducted Oceania Maritime Initiative Patrol.	2 Dec	<i>McFaul</i> (DDG-74)	Returned after a 9-month deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.
4 Oct	<i>Gary</i> (FFG-51)	Departed for deployment to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility and a counter-narcotics mission.	3 Dec	<i>Curts</i> (FFG-38)	Returned from deployment to the 4th Fleet area of responsibility on a counter-narcotics mission.
31 Oct	<i>Bradley</i> (FFG-49)	Deployed to the 6th Fleet area of responsibility.	3 Dec	<i>Carr</i> (FFG-52)	Same as <i>Curts</i> (FFG-38).
4 Nov	<i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-65), <i>Porter</i> (DDG-78), <i>Nitze</i> (DDG-94), and <i>James E. Williams</i> (DDG-95)	Returned to Norfolk, VA, from <i>Enterprise's</i> final deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.	18 Dec	<i>Gunston Hall</i> (LSD-44)	Returned from a deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.
8 Nov	<i>O'Kane</i> (DDG-77)	Returned from deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.	19 Dec	<i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> (CVN-69) and <i>Hue City</i> (CG-66)	Returned from deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility. <i>Jason Dunham</i> (DDG-107), <i>Winston S. Churchill</i> (DDG-81), and <i>Farragut</i> (DDG-99) remain deployed.
18 Nov	<i>Stethem</i> (DDG-63)	Returned from deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility to her Yokosuka, Japan, homeport.	20 Dec	<i>Iwo Jima</i> (LHD-7) and <i>New York</i> (LPD-21)	Returned from deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility as part of the <i>Iwo Jima</i> Amphibious Ready Group. This date marks the completion of the <i>New York's</i> first deployment.
			28 Dec	<i>Mahan</i> (DDG-72)	Departed to the 6th Fleet area of responsibility for BMD operations.

FORWARD-DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES (FDNF)

In addition to U.S.-based carrier and expeditionary strike groups that conduct rotational deployments in the 5th and 7th Fleet areas in the region, there were 23 ships forward-deployed to U.S. facilities in Japan and Guam in 2012. They form the heart of the 7th Fleet and provide a permanent and highly capable presence while reducing transit times and support costs by operating from overseas bases.

The following ships were forward-deployed to Japan and Guam on 31 Dec 2012 and should be considered "deployed" 365 days a year.

Forward Deployed to Yokosuka, Japan

<i>George Washington</i> (CVN-73)	<i>Bonhomme Richard</i> (LHD-6)
<i>Blue Ridge</i> (LCC-19)	<i>Denver</i> (LPD-9)
<i>Antietam</i> (CG-54)	<i>Tortuga</i> (LSD-46)
<i>Shiloh</i> (CG-67)	<i>Germantown</i> (LSD-42)
<i>Curtis Wilbur</i> (DDG-54)	<i>Defender</i> (MCM-2)
<i>John C. McCain</i> (DDG-56)	<i>Avenger</i> (MCM-1)
<i>Fitzgerald</i> (DDG-62)	<i>Patriot</i> (MCM-7)
<i>Stethem</i> (DDG-63)	<i>Guardian</i> (MCM-5) - Ran aground on 17 Jan 2013. Unrecoverable. Stricken 13 Feb 2013. To be replaced by <i>Warrior</i> (MCM-10).
<i>Lassen</i> (DDG-83)	
<i>McCampbell</i> (DDG-85)	
<i>Mustin</i> (DDG-89)	

Forward Deployed to Guam

<i>Frank Cable</i> (AS-40)	<i>Oklahoma City</i> (SSN-723)
<i>Buffalo</i> (SSN-715)	<i>Chicago</i> (SSN-721)

SHIPS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
23 May	<i>Miami</i> (SSN-755)	While in drydock at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, ME, the submarine was seriously damaged by fire, which had been set by a civilian yard worker. Estimated cost of repairs is \$450 million.

ADMINISTRATIVE SURFACE COMMAND CHANGES IN THE NAVY

Date	Command Name	Comments
21 Mar	Commander, Task Force 65	Name changed from Commander, Destroyer Squadron 60. All subordinate commands are BMD armed ships and are based at Rota, Spain.

6 Apr	Commander, Riverine Squadron Four (Composite)	Disestablished as a result of budget reductions.
6 Apr	Commander, Submarine Squadron Three	Disestablished. Subordinate SSNs were assigned to Submarine Squadron One (2 SSNs) and Commander, Submarine Squadron Seven (4 SSNs).
28 Sep	Military Prepositioning Squadron (MPSRON 1)	Disestablished.
1 Oct	Commander, Riverine Group One	Disestablished. All subordinate commands were merged with Riverine Group Two.

SHIPS/CRAFT RECLASSIFIED

Date	Name	From	To	Comments
31 March	<i>Ponce</i>	LPD-15	AFSB-1	Employed as an advanced staging base (Interim) in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility. Has composite crew of Navy and civilian personnel. Doesn't use "USNS" or "T" designations. Based in Bahrain.

DECOMMISSIONINGS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
20 Jan	<i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691)	Decommissioned and stricken. To be disposed of by recycling.
23 Feb	<i>Boone</i> (FFG-28)	Ex-Naval Reserve Force (NRF) unit. Decommissioned at Mayport, FL, and stricken. To be disposed of by Foreign Military Sales (FMS).
24 Feb	<i>Stephen W. Groves</i> (FFG-29)	Same as <i>Boone</i> (FFG-28).
2 Mar	USCGC <i>Jarvis</i> (WHEC-725)	Decommissioned, to be transferred to the Bangladesh navy, where she will be its largest ship.
9 Mar	<i>John L. Hall</i> (FFG-32)	Same as <i>Boone</i> (FFG-28).
30 Mar	USCGC <i>Dallas</i> (WHEC-716)	Decommissioned at Charleston, SC. Sold overseas.

31 Oct	<i>Crommelin</i> (FFG-37)	Decommissioning ceremony held 26 Oct at Pearl Harbor, HI. Officially decommissioned this date and stricken. For disposal.
1 Dec	<i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-65)	Inactivated and officially placed In Commission, In Reserve.

HOMEPORT CHANGES

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
10 Jan	<i>Ronald Reagan</i> (CVN-76)	Homeport changed to Bremerton Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA, for an availability.
15 Feb	<i>Essex</i> (LHD-2)	Switched homeport to San Diego, CA, after conducting a hull swap with <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> (LHD-6), which relieved <i>Essex</i> as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Force in Japan.
19 Apr	<i>Chicago</i> (SSN-721)	Homeport changed from Pearl Harbor, HI, to Guam.
30 May	<i>Anchorage</i> (LPD-23)	Assigned homeport of San Diego, CA.

2 June	<i>Mississippi</i> (SSN-782)	Assigned homeport of Groton, CT. Assigned to Submarine Squadron Four.
30 June	<i>Fort Worth</i> (LCS-3)	Same as <i>Anchorage</i> (LPD-23).
30 June	<i>Coronado</i> (LCS-4)	Same as <i>Anchorage</i> (LPD-23).
1 Oct	<i>Russell</i> (DDG-79)	Same as <i>Anchorage</i> (LPD-23).
1 Oct	<i>Halsey</i> (DDG-97)	Switched homeport to San Diego, CA.

SHIPS/CRAFT PLACED OUT OF SERVICE

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
3 Jan	YC-1579	To be disposed of.
2 Feb	M/V <i>Virginian</i>	Taken out of service and off-charter. Returned to owner.
23 March	YC-688 and YC-746	To be disposed of.
23 March	<i>Accomac</i> (YTB-812)	To be disposed of.
6 June	YC-1431 and YC-1432	To be disposed of.
12 Aug	YP-685	To be disposed of.



U.S. COAST GUARD (WALTER SHINN)

After almost 45 years' service, the former USCGC *Dallas* (WHEC-716) was decommissioned on 30 March 2012 and transferred to the Philippine Navy. The 378-foot-long cutter was used for search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, and environmental protection. The ship was named after Alexander J. Dallas, who served as Secretary of the Treasury under President James Madison. The Philippines also operates the *Dallas's* sister ship, the former USCGC *Hamilton*.

16 Aug	YON-316 and YON-317	To be disposed of.
29 Aug	IX-539	To be disposed of.
29 Aug	<i>Muskegon</i> (YTB-763) and <i>Manistee</i> (YTB-782)	To be disposed of.
29 Aug	YC-1511, YC-1627 and YCV-23	To be disposed of.
1 Sep	USNS <i>Eugene A. Obregon</i> (T-AK-3006)	Placed out of service when MPS Squadron One was disestablished and entered ROS-4 status. Lay berthed at Newport News, VA.
24 Sep	<i>M/V Megan Beyel</i>	Taken out of service and off-charter. Returned to owner.
25 Sep	<i>M/V Sea Eagle</i>	Same as <i>M/V Megan Beyel</i> .
28 Sep	USNS <i>1st LT. Harry L. Martin</i> (TAK-3006)	Finished off-loading cargo on 11 Sep. Placed out of service this date and entered ROS-4 status when MPS Squadron One was disestablished. Lay berthed at Blount Island.
28 Sep	USNS <i>LCpl. Roy M. Wheat</i> (T-AK-3016)	Finished off-loading cargo on 19 Sep. Taken out of service and entered ROS-4 status when MPS Squadron One was dis-established. Lay berthed at Blount Island.
29 Sep	USNS <i>Sgt. Matej Kocak</i> (T-AK-3005)	Finished off-loading on 26 Sep. Taken out of service and entered ROS-4 status when MPS Squadron One was disestablished. Lay berthed at Newport News, VA.
29 Sep	USNS <i>Maj. Stephen W. Pless</i> (T-AK-3007)	Finished off-loading on 25 July. Taken out of service and entered ROS-4 status when MPS Squadron One was disestablished. Lay berthed at Newport News, VA.
12 Oct	YC-1433 and YC-1549	To be disposed of.

SHIPS/CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD) FROM THE U.S. NAVY AND OTHER SOURCES

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
16 Jan	<i>T/V Kings Pointer</i>	Ex-USNS <i>Contender</i> (T-AGOS-2). Formally training ship at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (1999-2011). Reacquired by the Maritime

Administration (MARAD) and transferred to the Texas Maritime Academy, Galveston, TX, for further service as a training ship. Renamed *General Rudder* on 8 May.

SHIPS/CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO ORGANIZATIONS AS MUSEUM/MEMORIALS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
18 July	<i>Edson</i> (DD-946)	Transferred to the Saginaw Valley, MI, Naval Ship Museum as a museum/memorial ship. Arrived at Bay City, MI, on 7 Aug for display.
31 July	<i>Hoga</i> (YTM-146)	Last survivor of all the ships at Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 1941. Donated on 29 July 2005 to the City of North Little Rock, AR. Withdrawn this date from the MARAD Reserve Fleet at Suisun Bay, CA, to begin her tow to Little Rock.

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

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
3 Jan	YC-1579	To be disposed of.
20 Jan	<i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691)	Stricken. To be recycled.
23 Feb	<i>Boone</i> (FFG-28)	Stricken. To be disposed of by Foreign Military Sales.
24 Feb	<i>Stephen W. Groves</i> (FFG-29)	Stricken. To be used as a Logistics Support asset.
9 March	<i>John L. Hall</i> (FFG-32)	Same as <i>Stephen W. Groves</i> (FFG-29).
23 Mar	YC-688 and YC-746	To be disposed of.
23 Mar	<i>Accomac</i> (YTB-812)	To be disposed of.
6 June	YC-1431 and YC-1432	To be disposed of.
29 June	<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	Stricken. To be recycled.
12 Aug	YP-685	To be disposed of.
16 Aug	YON-316 and YON-317	To be disposed of.
29 Aug	IX-539	To be disposed of.
29 Aug	<i>Muskegon</i> (YTB-763) and <i>Manistee</i> (YTB-782)	To be disposed of.
29 Aug	YC-1511, YC-1627 and YCV-23	To be disposed of.

31 Oct	<i>Crommelin</i> (FFG-37)	Stricken. To be disposed of. (Four more FFGs to be decommissioned in FY 2013.
11 Dec	M/V <i>Green Wave</i>	Taken out of service and off-charter. Returned to owner.

<i>Buffalo</i> (SSN-715)	17 May 2020*	-
<i>Salt Lake City</i> (SSN-716)	1 Oct 2015*	-
<i>Providence</i> (SSN-719)	1 March 2018*	-
<i>Pittsburgh</i> (SSN-720)	14 Nov 2019*	-

NUCLEAR-POWERED SURFACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE DISPOSED OF OR TO BE DISPOSED OF THROUGH THE NAVY'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

Ship Name (Hull No.)	Recycling Start Date	Recycling Completion Date
A. Aircraft Carriers		
<i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-65)*	15 Aug 2018*	-
B. Cruisers		
<i>Long Beach</i> (CGN-9)	13 Oct 2013	-
C. Submarines		
<i>Narwhal</i> (SSN-671)#	1 Mar 2015*	-
<i>Los Angeles</i> (SSN-688)#	4 Feb 2011	9 Nov 2012*
<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	1 Oct 2016*	-
<i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691)	1 Oct 2016*	-
<i>Omaha</i> (SSN-692)	30 Sept 2010*	30 Nov 2012*
<i>Cincinnati</i> (SSN-693)	1 Oct 2010	In Progress
<i>Groton</i> (SSN-694)	1 Oct 2012	-
<i>Birmingham</i> (SSN-695)	1 Oct 2012	-
<i>New York City</i> (SSN-696)	1 Oct 2011	In Progress
<i>Indianapolis</i> (SSN-697)	1 Oct 2014	-
<i>Bremerton</i> (SSN-698)	1 June 2019	-
<i>Jacksonville</i> (SSN-699)	1 June 2018	-
<i>Dallas</i> (SSN-700)	1 Oct 2017	-
<i>LaJolla</i> (SSN-701)#	1 Dec 2014	-
<i>Phoenix</i> (SSN-702)	1 Oct 2013	-
<i>Baltimore</i> (SSN-704)	1 Oct 2013*	-
<i>City of Corpus Christi</i> (SSN-705)	1 Apr 2018*	-
<i>Albuquerque</i> (SSN-706)	1 Apr 2018*	-
<i>Portsmouth</i> (SSN-707)	1 March 2015*	-
<i>Minneapolis-St. Paul</i> (SSN-708)	1 Oct 2016	-
<i>Hyman G. Rickover</i> (SSN-709)	1 Oct 2015*	-
<i>Augusta</i> (SSN-710)	1 Oct 2017*	-
<i>San Francisco</i> (SSN-711)#	1 Mar 2017*	-
<i>Atlanta</i> (SSN-712)	1 Oct 2014	-
<i>Houston</i> (SSN-713)	1 Oct 2017*	-
<i>Norfolk</i> (SSN-714)	1 June 2018*	-

Nuclear-Powered Ship and Submarine Recycling

Program is responsible for the dismantling and disposal of decommissioned nuclear-powered aircraft carriers (CVN), submarines (SSN/SSBN), and cruisers (CGN). All nuclear-powered ship/submarine dismantling is done at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. Prior to commencing the inactivation availability, the submarine or ship is placed in a "stand down" status ("active, in reserve"). This availability consists of defueling the nuclear reactor(s), de-energizing and draining ship's 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 the facilities at 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 in New Hampshire. Several boats have been inactivated there because of the backlog of work at Puget Sound. If this is done, the hull must be prepared for open tow to Puget Sound. In some cases hulls also have to be prepared for long-term storage due to the recycling backlog (see table above). An example of this is the hulk of the *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 to commercial metals purchasers for melting down and reuse in other forms. The reactor compartments are "packaged" and shipped to the Department of Energy Nuclear Establishment at Hanford, Washington, where they are placed in a trench. Once the trench is full the compartments are buried. The completion dates indicated in the table are the "Official Completion dates," when the ship in question ceases to exist as an entity. The average cost to decommission and recycle each CGN and SSN, when performed as a single availability, in Fiscal Year 2012 dollars, is as follows:

Type	Inactivation/Recycling
CVN	\$1,372.5 mil*
CGN	\$103.0 mil.*
SSN	\$62.4 mil.*

NOTES:

- @ All future "Recycling Start Dates" are projected.
 * Revised data.
 # *LaJolla* (SSN-701) and *San Francisco* (SSN-711) will be converted to Moored Nuclear Training Ships, replacing ex-*Daniel Webster* (SSBN-626)(MTS-2) and ex-*Sam Rayburn* (SSBN-635)(MTS-1), at Charleston, SC.
 @ As of April 2013.



The former USNS *Kilauea* (T-AE-26) is sunk in live-fire training during the 22-nation Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise last June. The 44-year-old Navy ammunition ship was decommissioned in October 1980 and transferred to the Military Sealift Command, then deactivated in September 2008. The coup de grace was a Mark 48 torpedo fired by the Australian submarine HMAS *Farncomb*.

READY RESERVE FORCE (RRF) SHIPS

Date Name (Hull Type) Comments

Additions (since 1 January 2012)

NONE

Date Name (Hull Type) Comments

Deletions (since 1 January 2012)

28 July	<i>Cape Farewell</i> (T-AK-5070)	Status downgraded from Ready Reserve Force to Retention in the National Defense Reserve Fleet.
28 July	<i>Cape Flattery</i> (T-AK-5073)	Same as <i>Cape Farewell</i> .

SHIPS SUNK AS TARGETS

Date Name (Hull No.) Comments

14 July	<i>Niagra Falls</i> (T-AFS-3)	Sunk in a live-fire exercise, as part of RIMPAC 2012 in waters 15,480 feet deep, 63 miles southwest of Kauai, HI.
17 July	<i>Concord</i> (T-AFS-5)	Sunk as a target by a torpedo from the Canadian Submarine HMCS <i>Victoria</i> off Hawaii during RIMPAC 2012.
22 July	<i>Kilauea</i> (T-AE-26)	Sunk as a target during RIMPAC 2012 by the Australian submarine <i>Farncomb</i> off the coast of Hawaii. A torpedo fired from the submarine hit just below the bridge, causing the ship to break in two before sinking.
12 Sep	<i>Coronado</i> (AGF-11)	Sunk as a target in Exercise Valiant Shield 102 nautical miles off Guam.

SHIPS SUNK AS ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEFS

Date Name (Hull Number) Comments

2 July	USCGC <i>Mohawk</i> (WPG-78)	Sunk as an artificial fishing reef 28 miles off of Lee County, FL.
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FORMER NAVAL SHIPS DISPOSED OF BY THE NAVY/ MARITIME ADMINISTRATION BY SCRAPPING OR BY OTHER MEANS

Date Name (Hull No.) Comments

23 Nov 2011	<i>Vincennes</i> (CG-49)	Scrapping at International Shipbreaking Ltd., Brownsville, TX, completed.
3 Jan	<i>Clamp</i> (ARS-33)	Scrapping completed.
13 Feb	<i>Cape Cod</i> (AD-43)	Sold for scrap to ESCO Marine, Brownsville, TX, for \$3.1 million.
17 Apr	USCGC <i>Glacier</i> (WAGB-4)	Preservation as a memorial/museum fell through. Sold to Esco Marine, Brownsville, TX, for scrapping.
3 July	<i>Mount Baker</i> (T-AE-34)	Sold to ESCO Marine, Brownsville, TX, for scrapping.
16 July	<i>Sea Shadow</i> (IX-529) and HMB-1	Sold to Bay Ship & Yacht Co., Alameda, CA. HMB-1 will be converted to a floating drydock and IX-529 will be scrapped.
17 July	<i>Nereus</i> (AS-17)	Same as <i>Mount Baker</i> (T-AE-34).
1 Oct	<i>Sylvania</i> (TAFS-2) and <i>San Jose</i> (TAFS-7)	Sold to All Star Metals, Brownsville, TX, for scrapping.
1 Oct	<i>Cimarron</i> (AO-177), <i>Wabash</i> (AOR-5) and <i>Roanoke</i> (AOR-7)	Sold to Esco Marine, Brownsville, TX, for scrapping.