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COMMISSIONINGS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
11 Jan	USCGC <i>Sea Dragon</i> (WPB-87367)	In Commission, Full. Homeport Kings Bay, GA.
8 Feb	USCGC <i>Sea Devil</i> (WPB-87368)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Coast Guard.
21 Feb	<i>North Carolina</i> (SSN-777)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.
29 Feb	<i>Sterett</i> (DDG-104)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.
3 May	<i>North Carolina</i> (SSN-777)	In Commission, Full at Wilmington, NC. Homeport Groton, CT.
8 May	USCGC <i>Bertholf</i> (WMSL-750)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Coast Guard.
20 June	USCGC <i>Sea Devil</i> (WPB-87368)	In Commission, Full. Homeport Bangor, WA.
21 June	<i>New Hampshire</i> (SSN-778)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.
4 Aug	USCGC <i>Bertholf</i> (WMSL-750)	In Commission, Full at her homeport Alameda, CA.
9 Aug	<i>Sterett</i> (DDG-104)	In Commission, Full at Baltimore, MD. Homeport San Diego, CA.
29 Aug	<i>Green Bay</i> (LPD-20)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.
18 Sep	<i>Freedom</i> (LCS-1)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.

13 Oct	USCGC <i>Crocodile</i> (WPB-87369) (ex- <i>Alligator</i> , ex- <i>Snapper</i>)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Coast Guard. Homeport St. Petersburg, FL.
22 Oct	USCGC <i>Reef Shark</i> (WPB-87371)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Coast Guard. Homeport San Juan, Puerto Rico.
24 Oct	<i>Truxtun</i> (DDG-103)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.
25 Oct	<i>New Hampshire</i> (SSN-778)	In Commission, Full at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME. Homeport Groton, CT.
8 Nov	<i>Freedom</i> (LCS-1)	In Commission, Full at Veteran's Memorial Park, Milwaukee, WI. Homeport San Diego, CA.
17 Nov	USCGC <i>Diamondback</i> (WPB-87370)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Coast Guard. Homeport Miami, FL.

In Commission, Special—Date of commissioning and the ship entering the force level structure. Also, 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.

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



FIRST OF TYPE On 8 November 2008, the *Freedom* (LCS-1) was commissioned at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is the first of two different prototypes for littoral combat ships.

SHIPS/CRAFT PLACED IN SERVICE

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
30 Jan	USNS <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287)	In Service, transport equipment of the 24th Marine Expedition Unit (MEU) to Iraq.
9 Feb	SS <i>Cape Knox</i> (TAKR-5082)	In Service, transport Mark V Special Operations boats to Iraq.
2 Mar	USNS <i>Mendonca</i> (TAKR-303)	In Service, transport military vehicles and cargo containers to Iraq.
5 Mar	USNS <i>Gilliland</i> (TAKR-298)	Same as USNS <i>Mendonca</i> (TAKR-303).
14 Mar	<i>Alan Shepard</i> (AKE-3)	In Service as USNS <i>Alan Shepard</i> (TAKE-3) Military Sealift Command (MSC).
26 Sep	<i>New York</i> (LPD-21)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.
30 Sep	<i>Stockdale</i> (DDG-106)	In Commission, Special, delivered to the Navy.

3 May	USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296)	In Service, transport military cargo to Iraq.	9 Feb	<i>Robert E. Peary</i> (TAKE-5)	Christened, launched 27 Oct 2007 at National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA.
4 May	USNS <i>Gopher State</i> (TACS-4)	In Service, transport 110 TEU containers from Canada to Iraq.	14 Feb	<i>Zumwalt</i> (DDG-1000) and <i>Michael Mansoor</i> (DDG-1001)	Authorized.
14 May	SS <i>Cape Vincent</i> (TAKR-9666)	Same as USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296).	21 Feb	<i>New Hampshire</i> (SSN-778)	Launched at General Dynamics Electric Boat, Groton, CT. Christened 21 June.
16 May	USNS <i>Brittin</i> (TAKR-305)	Same as USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296).	24 Feb	<i>Stockdale</i> (DDG-106)	Launched at Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME. Christened 10 May.
7 June	<i>Able</i> (AGOS-20)	In Service, after a 120-day reactivation refit. Replaces M/V <i>Corey Chouset</i> whose charter expired 20 Sep 2007.	1 Mar	<i>New York</i> (LPD-21)	Christened at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Avondale, LA. Launched 19 Dec 2007.
8 June	USNS <i>Bob Hope</i> (TAKR-300)	Same as USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296).	11 Apr	<i>Jason Dunham</i> (DDG-109)	Keel laid at Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME.
9 June	USNS <i>Flickertail State</i> (TACS-5)	In Service, logistics support vessel for Operation Iraqi Freedom.	12 Apr	<i>New Mexico</i> (SSN-779)	Keel laid at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA. Christened 13 Dec.
20 June	USNS <i>Cape Mohican</i> (TAK-5065)	Same as <i>Flickertail State</i> (TACS-5).	14 Apr	<i>Wally Schirra</i> (TAKE-8)	Keel laid at National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA.
26 June	<i>Richard E. Byrd</i> (TAKE-4)	In Service, with MSC. Assigned to Pacific Fleet.	28 Apr	<i>Independence</i> (LCS-2)	Launched at Austal (USA), Mobile, AL. Christened 4 Oct.
26 June	USNS <i>Pililaau</i> (TAKR-304)	Same as <i>Flickertail State</i> (TACS-5).	30 June	USCGC <i>Crocodile</i> (WPB-87369) (ex- <i>Alligator</i> , ex- <i>Snapper</i>)	Launched at Bollinger Shipyards, Lockport, LA.
25 July	USNS <i>Fisher</i> (TAKR-301)	Same as USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296).	12 July	USCGC <i>Waesche</i> (WMSL-751)	Launched at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS. Christened 26 July.
21 Aug	USNS <i>Bob Hope</i> (TAKR-300)	Same as USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296).	13 Aug	<i>Howard O. Lorenzen</i> (TAGM-25)	Keel laid at VT Halter Marine, Pascagoula, MS.
19 Sep	USNS <i>Soderman</i> (TAKR-317)	Same as USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296).	18 Aug	USCGC <i>Diamondback</i> (WPB-87370)	Same as USCGC <i>Crocodile</i> (WPB-87369).
16 Oct	USNS <i>Mendonca</i> (TAKR-303)	In Service, transport military cargo to Iraq and Afghanistan.	10 Sep	<i>Gerald R. Ford</i> (CVN-78)	Detail design and construction contract awarded to Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA.
29 Oct	USNS <i>Benavidez</i> (TAKR-306)	Same as USNS <i>Mendonca</i> (TAKR-303).	16 Sep	<i>William P. Lawrence</i> (DDG-110)	Keel laid at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS.
18 Nov	SS <i>Cape Diamond</i> (TAKR-5055)	In Service, for test activation of her engineering plant.	18 Sep	<i>Carl Brashear</i> (TAKE-7)	Launched and christened at National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA.

NEW CONSTRUCTION SHIPS DELIVERED TO THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC)

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
8 Jan	<i>Richard E. Byrd</i> (TAKE-4)	Delivered to the U.S. Navy/ MSC for sea trials and operational fitting-out.
5 June	<i>Robert E. Peary</i> (TAKE-5)	Same as <i>Richard E. Byrd</i> (TAKE-4).
30 Oct	<i>Amelia Earhart</i> (TAKE-6)	Same as <i>Richard E. Byrd</i> (TAKE-4).

U.S. NAVY SHIPBUILDING PROGRESS REPORT

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
18 Jan	<i>Dewey</i> (DDG-105)	Launched at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS. Christened 26 Jan.

22 Sep	USCGC <i>Reef Shark</i> (WPB-87371)	Same as USCGC <i>Crocodile</i> (WPB-87369).
27 Sep	<i>Missouri</i> (SSN-780)	Keel laid at Electric Boat, Quonset Point, RI.
3 Oct	<i>Matthew Perry</i> (TAKE-9)	Keel laid at National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA.
18 Oct	<i>Wayne E. Meyer</i> (DDG-108)	Launched at Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME. Christened 19 Oct.
27 Oct	USCGC <i>Alligator</i> (WPB-87372) (ex- <i>Crocodile</i>)	Same as USCGC <i>Crocodile</i> (WPB-87369).
18 Dec	<i>Arlington</i> (LPD-24)	Keel laid at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS.

NAVAL SHIP/CRAFT CONVERSIONS COMPLETED

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
22 Feb	<i>Georgia</i> (SSGN-728)	Completed conversion from SSBN and returned to service. Ceremony held 28 Mar.

MAJOR SHIP REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
24 Oct	<i>San Francisco</i> (SSN-711)	Refloated from a Puget Sound Naval Shipyard drydock having entered it for repairs on 5 Dec 2006. On 8 Jan 2005, 350 miles south of Guam and underway at flank speed at a depth of more than 500 feet the submarine collided with an uncharted underwater sea mount. She immediately surfaced and proceeded to Guam for temporary repairs to her bow. She then steamed to Puget Sound for permanent repairs arriving 26 August 2005. During repairs, the bow section including forward ballast tanks and active sonar sphere of the decommissioned <i>Honolulu</i> (SSN-718), weighing approximately 440 tons, was grafted onto the <i>San Francisco</i> . Repairs, estimated to cost \$79 million, are expected to be completed in the spring of 2009. She will transfer to her new homeport at San Diego.

NAVAL WEAPONS SYSTEMS CANCELLED

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
19 Mar	Extended Range Guided Munition	The EX-171 program for the 5-inch/62-caliber gun was cancelled after some 11 years of development by the Navy and Raytheon Co. and repeated test failures with skyrocketing costs. In 1997 each round was estimated to cost \$45,000 and in 2004, \$191,000. The munition may be replaced by the Italian/Dutch Vulcano currently under development, which is less complicated than the ERGM, but has a similar range. The Vulcano munition has no rocket motor, one of the reasons the cost per shell is well below \$100,000. Its projected initial operational capability is mid-2011.



TEMPORARY NEW BOW The USS *San Francisco* (SSN-711) is pictured in Apra Harbor, Guam, after receiving a temporary bow in May 2005. Repairs, including grafting the bow of the decommissioned *Honolulu* (SSN-718) onto the submarine, should be completed in 2009.

U.S. NAVAL SHIP DEPLOYMENTS/RETURNS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
27 Jan	<i>Ponce</i> (LPD-15)	Returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf.
29 Jan	<i>Connecticut</i> (SSN-22)	Returned from a six-month deployment.

1 Feb	<i>Kearsarge</i> (LHD-3) Strike Group	Returned from a six-month deployment. Of the Strike Group, <i>Porter</i> (DDG-78), <i>Carr</i> (FFG-52), and <i>Vicksburg</i> (CG-69) returned to their homeports on 25 Jan, followed by <i>Gunston Hall</i> (LSD-44) on 27 Jan and <i>Miami</i> (SSN-755) on 29 Jan.	2 May	<i>Stephen W. Groves</i> (FFG-29)	Returned from a six-month counternarco-terrorism deployment to Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean.
22 Feb	<i>Reuben James</i> (FFG-57)	Returned from six-month deployment.	2 May	<i>Port Royal</i> (CG-73) and <i>Hopper</i> (DDG-70)	Returned from six-month deployment to the western Pacific as part of the <i>Tarawa</i> (LHA-1) Expeditionary Strike Group.
28 Feb	<i>Annapolis</i> (SSN-760)	Returned from six-month deployment to U.S. African Command.	4 May	<i>Fort McHenry</i> (LSD-43)	Returned from seven-month deployment to U.S. African Command.
11 Mar	<i>Columbus</i> (SSN-762)	Deployed for six months to the western Pacific.	19 May	<i>Ronald Reagan</i> (CVN-76) Carrier Strike Group	Deployed to the western Pacific with <i>Decatur</i> (DDG-73), <i>Howard</i> (DDG-83), <i>Gridley</i> (DDG-101), <i>Thach</i> (FFG-43), and USNS <i>Rainier</i> (TAOE-7).
24 Mar	<i>Russell</i> (DDG-59)	Deployed for seven months to the U.S. Central Command as part of the <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (CVN-72) Carrier Strike Group.	22 May	Commander, Riverine Squadron Two	Returned from Iraq deployment. Relieved by Commander, Riverine Squadron Three.
3 Apr	<i>La Jolla</i> (SSN-701)	Deployed for six months to the western Pacific.	23 May	<i>De Wert</i> (FFG-45)	Deployed for five months to the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific to counter narco-terrorism.
4 Apr	<i>McInerney</i> (FFG-8)	Deployed for six months to the Caribbean Sea to counter narco-terrorism.	2 June	<i>Elrod</i> (FFG-55)	Deployed for six months to the Mediterranean and the eastern Atlantic.
5 Apr	<i>Boone</i> (FFG-28)	Same as <i>McInerney</i> (FFG-8).	30 July	<i>Helena</i> (SSN-725)	Returned from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific.
5 Apr	<i>Simpson</i> (FFG-56)	Returned from a six-month counternarco-terrorism deployment to the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean.	6 Aug	<i>Kearsarge</i> (LHD-3)	Deployed for four months to the Caribbean.
16 Apr	<i>Topeka</i> (SSN-754)	Returned from a six-month deployment.	21 Aug	<i>Dallas</i> (SSN-700)	Returned from a six-month deployment to the U.S. Central Command.
25 Apr	<i>Albany</i> (SSN-753)	Deployed for seven months to the Mediterranean and U.S. Central Command.	28 Aug	<i>San Antonio</i> (LPD-17)	Deployed for six months as part of the <i>Iwo Jima</i> (LHD-7) Expeditionary Strike Group to the U.S. Central Command. The ship left two days late because of a jammed stern gate.
26 Apr	<i>Florida</i> (SSGN-728)	Made first deployment as SSGN with Blue crew. Deployed for 12 months with Blue and Gold crews swapping every three months.	8 Sep	<i>Theodore Roosevelt</i> (CVN-71) Carrier Strike Group	Deployed for six months to U.S. Central Command with <i>Monterey</i> (CG-61), <i>The Sullivans</i> (DDG-68), <i>Mason</i> (DDG-87), <i>Nitze</i> (DDG-94), <i>Springfield</i> (SSN-761), and USNS <i>Supply</i> (TAOE-6).
28 Apr	Commander, Riverine Squadron Three	Deployed to Western Iraq replacing Riverine Squadron Two.	25 Sep	USNS <i>Mercy</i> (TAH-19)	Returned from four-month deployment.
30 Apr	<i>Pasadena</i> (SSN-752)	Returned from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific.			
1 May	USNS <i>Mercy</i> (TAH-19)	Deployed on a four-month humanitarian mission to the western Pacific and Southeast Asia.			
2 May	<i>McFaul</i> (DDG-74)	Deployed for six months to the Mediterranean and Black seas.			

25 Sep	<i>O’Kane</i> (DDG-77) and <i>Reuben James</i> (FFG-57)	Deployed to the mid-Pacific.
1 Oct	<i>Russell</i> (DDG-59)	Returned from a six-month deployment as part of the <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (CVN-72) Carrier Strike Group.
4 Oct	<i>La Jolla</i> (SSN-701)	Returned from a six-month deployment.
5 Oct	<i>McInerney</i> (FFG-8)	Returned from a six-month counternarco-terrorism deployment to Caribbean Sea.
5 Oct	<i>Boone</i> (FFG-28)	Returned from a six-month counternarco-terrorism deployment to Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific.
6 Oct	<i>De Wert</i> (FFG-45)	Same as <i>Boone</i> (FFG-28).



READY TO VISIT Visitors in Yokosuka, Japan, lined up for hours to take tours of the USS *George Washington* (CVN-73) in December 2008. It was the first opportunity the ship had to welcome the public since she arrived in the port as replacement for the *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63).

12 Oct	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (CVN-72) Carrier Strike Group	Returned from a seven-month deployment to the U.S. Central Command.
6 Nov	<i>McFaul</i> (DDG-74)	Returned from a six-month deployment.
18 Nov	<i>Albany</i> (SSN-753)	Returned from a seven-month deployment.
25 Nov	<i>Ronald Reagan</i> (CVN-76) Carrier Strike Group	Returned from six-month deployment to the Fifth and Seventh fleets along with <i>Chancellorsville</i> (CG-62), <i>Decatur</i> (DDG-73), <i>Gridley</i> (DDG-101), and <i>Thach</i> (FFG-43).
3 Dec	<i>Elrod</i> (FFG-55)	Returned from a six-month deployment.

23 Dec	<i>Ohio</i> (SSGN-726)	Returned from initial deployment which began on 14 Oct 2007.
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CHANGE OF HOMEPORTS BY U.S. NAVAL SHIPS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
1 Jan	<i>Greenville</i> (SSN-772)	To Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME, for overhaul.
31 Mar	<i>Dewey</i> (DDG-105)	To San Diego, CA.
7 Apr	<i>George Washington</i> (CVN-73)	Departed from Norfolk for Yokosuka, Japan as replacement for <i>Kitty Hawk</i> (CV-63). Officially assigned 1 June.
1 May	<i>Oklahoma City</i> (SSN-723)	To Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME, for overhaul.
1 May	<i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691)	To Groton, CT.
1 July	<i>North Carolina</i> (SSN-777)	Same as <i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691).
3 July	<i>Stockdale</i> (DDG-106)	Same as <i>Dewey</i> (DDG-105).
15 July	<i>Juneau</i> (LPD-10)	Same as <i>Dewey</i> (DDG-105).

CHANGES TO THE MARITIME PREPOSITIONING FORCE (MPF)

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
1 Apr	USNS <i>Sisler</i> (TAKR-311)	Assigned to the MPF and placed In Service. Transferred to Marine Corps operational control on the same date. Began loading prepositioning stocks on 14 Aug and deployed to Diego Garcia in Sep. Assigned to MPS Squadron Two, but scheduled to transfer to MPS Squadron One in July 2009. She replaces one of the two <i>Cpl. Louis J. Hauge Jr.</i> (T-AK-3000) class ships stricken 15 July.

SHIPS/CRAFT RETURNED FROM COMMERCIAL LEASE

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
25 Feb	<i>Powhatan</i> (ATF-166)	Returned in poor material condition from DonJohn Salvage Co. and stricken.

SHIPS/CRAFT REACQUIRED FROM THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD)

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
26 Feb	<i>Horne</i> (CG-30)	Reacquired for target use.

SHIPS/CRAFT REINSTATED ON THE NAVAL VESSEL REGISTER (NVR)

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
7 Oct	<i>Manhattan</i> (YT-800)	Originally YTB-779, then Boat No. 109TL0601. Reinstated on NVR after being stricken on 1 Oct 2004 and reclassified as "floating equipment."
7 Oct	<i>Washtucna</i> (YT-801)	Originally YTB-826, then Boat No. 109TL0602. Reinstated on NVR after being stricken on 21 Aug 1997 and reclassified as "floating equipment."

ADMINISTRATIVE SURFACE COMMAND CHANGES

Date	Command Name	Comments
22 Feb	Commanding Officer, MIUW 101, 103, 106, 109, 110, 112, 114, 501; Inshore Boat Unit 11, 13-17, 51, 52, Officer-in-Charge, Mobile Security Attachment 31-33 and 71-73	All disestablished due to reorganization of the Naval Coastal Warfare Groups and subordinate commands of Maritime Expeditionary Security Groups and Security, Boat and Command and Control Divisions.
1 May	U.S. Naval Support Activity, La Maddalena, Italy	Disestablished.
5 May	U.S. Fourth Fleet	Reestablished. Ceremony held 12 July at Naval Station, Mayport, FL. The Fleet is the maritime component of the U.S. Southern Command responsible for the Caribbean, and east and west coasts of Central and South America.
1 Aug	Commander, Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command	Established at San Diego, CA.
1 Dec	Naval Historical Center	Naval History and Heritage Command. Command head retains the title of Director.

SHIPS/CRAFT RECLASSIFIED

Date	Name	From	To
3 Mar	-----	YC-1378	YFN-1288
3 Mar	-----	YFN-1257	YC-1679
7 Oct	<i>Manhattan</i>	109TL0601	YT-800
7 Oct	<i>Washtucna</i>	109TL0602	YT-801

SHIPS PLACED IN COMMISSION, IN RESERVE

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
15 Apr	<i>Augusta</i> (SSN-710)	Inactivation ceremony held 7 Feb at Groton, CT. Steamed to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA, for defueling and inactivation. To be towed to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for recycling.
21 Nov	NR-1	Taken Out of Service, In Reserve at Groton, CT, because of a lack of funds for a necessary overhaul despite a reactor core with three years of life remaining. Towed to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for deactivation and defueling which began in Dec. On completion she will be transported to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for recycling.

DECOMMISSIONINGS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
1 Feb	<i>Emory S. Land</i> (AS-39)	Transferred to the operational control of MSC. Administrative control remains with the Navy. The ship has a Navy commanding officer and mission crew, remaining crew members, such as engineering and deck, are civilian MSC.
23 June	<i>Shippingport</i> (ARDM-4)	Decommissioned and transferred to Electric Boat Corp., Groton, CT, for continued operations and maintenance. Remains in service.
30 Oct	<i>Juneau</i> (LPD-10)	Ceremony held at San Diego, CA. Officially decommissioned 31 Oct. Placed in reserve as a Category B Mobilization Asset at Pearl Harbor, HI.
4 Dec	<i>Tarawa</i> (LHA-1)	Ceremony held at San Diego, CA. Placed In Commission, In Reserve. To fully decommission in Mar 2009.

SHIPS/CRAFT PLACED "OUT OF SERVICE"

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
25 Jan	USNS <i>Spica</i> (TAFS-9)	To be sunk as target.

3 Apr	USNS <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287)	Returned to MSC, Reduced Operational Status (MSC-ROS).
8 May	USNS <i>Mendonca</i> (TAKR-303)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
19 May	SS <i>Cape Knox</i> (TAKR-5082)	Returned to Ready Reserve Force (RRF) layup.
30 June	USNS <i>Bob Hope</i> (TAKR-300)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
1 July	SS <i>Cape Mohican</i> (TAK-5065)	Same as <i>Cape Knox</i> (TAKR-5082).
10 July	USNS <i>Gopher State</i> (TACS-4)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
31 July	USNS <i>Brittin</i> (TAKR-305)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
2 Aug	SS <i>Cape Vincent</i> (TAKR-9666)	Same as <i>Cape Knox</i> (TAKR-5082).
6 Aug	USNS <i>Gordon</i> (TAKR-296)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
28 Aug	USNS <i>Flickertail State</i> (TACS-5)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
30 Aug	S/S <i>A1C William H. Pitsenbarger</i> (TAK-4683)	Removed from MPF and returned to owner. While with the MPF Force, she was under operational control of the U.S. Air Force.
30 Sep	USNS <i>Niagara Falls</i> (TAFS-3)	Stricken the same date.
1 Oct	USNS <i>Pililaau</i> (TAKR-304)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
1 Oct	<i>Mystic</i> (DSRV-1)	At San Diego, CA. Replaced by the Submarine Rescue and Recompression System (SRDRS) placed In Service 6 Mar 2009. Sister submersible <i>Avalon</i> (DSRV-2) and <i>Mystic</i> will be retained in land storage as backups.
6 Oct	USNS <i>Gilliland</i> (TAKR-298)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
17 Oct	USNS <i>Fisher</i> (TAKR-301)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
10 Nov	USNS <i>Bob Hope</i> (TAKR-300)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
25 Nov	SS <i>Cape Diamond</i> (TAKR-5055)	Same as SS <i>Cape Knox</i> (TAKR-5082).
3 Dec	USNS <i>Hayes</i> (TAG-195)	For disposal.
19 Dec	USNS <i>Soderman</i> (TAKR-317)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).
24 Dec	USNS <i>Mendonca</i> (TAKR-303)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (TAKR-287).

SHIPS/CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD)

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
11 Dec	<i>Assertive</i> (AGOS-9)	Returned to MARAD and title transferred the same date from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Originally transferred to NOAA on 14 Mar 2004 for conversion to a survey ship. Returned after the conversion was cancelled.

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

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
1 July	SS <i>Beaver State</i> (TACS-10)	Transferred to the U.S. Missile Defense Agency on loan and In Service. Modified for further service at Cascade General Shipyard, Portland, OR. MARAD supported.
17 Dec	<i>Assertive</i> (AGOS-9)	Transferred to the Seattle Maritime Academy, Seattle, WA, for conversion to a training ship.

SHIPS/CRAFT RETURNED TO THE U.S. NAVY FROM LOAN TO OTHER GOVERNMENT/NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
22 Aug,	USCGC <i>Tempest</i> (WPC-2)	Returned from loan to the U.S. Coast Guard and recommissioned in the Navy. Used for training purposes for forward deployed ships of the class and Homeland Security Operations.
22 Aug	USCGC <i>Monsoon</i> (WPC-4)	Same as <i>Tempest</i> (PC-2).

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

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
3 Jan	YC-1375 and YC-1583	For disposal by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS).
25 Jan	USNS <i>Spica</i> (TAFS-9)	To be sunk as a target.
25 Feb	<i>Powhatan</i> (ATF-166)	Transferred to Turkey.
13 Mar	YON-261 and YR-70	For disposal.
6 May	IX-530 (Ex-YFN 268, ex-YFND-5)	For disposal by DRMS.

8 May	YC-1121, YC-1473, YD-232 and YON-91	For disposal by DRMS.	<i>Bremerton</i> (SSN-698)	1 Apr 2017 ¹	—
			<i>Jacksonville</i> (SSN-699)	30 Sep 2017 ¹	—
15 July	<i>PFC William B. Baugh</i> (TAK-3001)	Assigned to MPS Squadron Two. Taken Out of Service and returned to owner Expediter Trans Corp. the same date. Resold to Maersk Lines. Replaced by a <i>Watson</i> -class AKR.	<i>Dallas</i> (SSN-700)	30 Sep 2017 ¹	—
			<i>LaJolla</i> (SSN-701)	30 Sep 2014	—
			<i>Phoenix</i> (SSN-702)	1 June 2013	—
			<i>Baltimore</i> (SSN-704)	1 June 2013	—
			<i>City of Corpus Christi</i> (SSN-705)	24 Nov 2015	—
15 July	<i>Pvt. Frank J. Phillips</i> (TAK-3004)	Assigned to MPS Squadron Two as flagship. Returned to owner Expediter Trans Corp. the same date. Resold to Maersk Lines. Replaced by a <i>Watson</i> -class AKR.	<i>Albuquerque</i> (SSN-706)	1 Sep 2019 ¹	—
			<i>Portsmouth</i> (SSN-707)	1 Oct 2013 ¹	—
			<i>Minneapolis-St. Paul</i> (SSN-708)	1 Oct 2013 ¹	—
			<i>Hyman G. Rickover</i> (SSN-709)	30 Sep 2016	—
19 Aug	YC-1495 and YRDM-2	For disposal by DRMS.	<i>Augusta</i> (SSN-710)	1 Sep 2019	—
15 Sep	USNS <i>Kilauea</i> (TAE-26)	For disposal.	<i>San Francisco</i> (SSN-711)	1 Nov 2017	—
29 Sept	YC-1523	For disposal.	<i>Atlanta</i> (SSN-712)	1 Oct 2014 ¹	—
30 Sep	USNS <i>Niagara Falls</i> (TAFS-3)	To be sunk as a target.	<i>Houston</i> (SSN-713)	21 Sep 2015	—
			<i>Norfolk</i> (SSN-714)	1 Sep 2019 ¹	—
			<i>Salt Lake City</i> (SSN-716)	30 Sep 2016	—
3 Dec	USNS <i>Hayes</i> (TAG-195)	To be sunk as a target.	<i>Honolulu</i> (SSN-718)	1 Nov 2006	30 Nov 2008 ¹
			<i>Providence</i> (SSN-719)	1 Nov 2017	—
1 Dec	<i>Fresno</i> (LST-1182)	For transfer to Peru.	<i>Pittsburgh</i> (SSN-720)	1 Nov 2018	—
1 Dec	<i>Tuscaloosa</i> (LST-1187)	For transfer by Foreign Military Sales (FMS).			
1 Dec	<i>Boulder</i> (LST-1190)	For transfer by FMS.			
1 Dec	<i>Racine</i> (LST-1191)	For transfer to Peru.			

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

Ship Name(Hull No.)	Recycling Start	Recycling Completion
A. Cruisers		
<i>Long Beach</i> (CGN-9)	1 May 2014	—
<i>South Carolina</i> (CGN-37)	1 Oct 2007	In progress ¹
<i>Mississippi</i> (CGN-40)	1 Oct 2004	30 Nov 2007 ¹
B. Submarines		
<i>Triton</i> (SSN-586)	1 Oct 2007	In progress ¹
<i>Narwhal</i> (SSN-671) ²	1 June 2015	—
<i>Drum</i> (SSN-677) ²	30 Sep 2009 ¹	—
<i>Los Angeles</i> (SSN-688)	1 Nov 2009	—
<i>Philadelphia</i> (SSN-690)	1 Sep 2019	—
<i>Memphis</i> (SSN-691)	1 June 2018	—
<i>Omaha</i> (SSN-692)	1 Oct 2009	—
<i>Cincinnati</i> (SSN-693)	30 Sep 2010 ¹	—
<i>Groton</i> (SSN-694)	1 June 2012	—
<i>Birmingham</i> (SSN-695)	1 June 2012	—
<i>New York City</i> (SSN-696)	1 June 2011	—
<i>Indianapolis</i> (SSN-697)	1 Oct 2014 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, New Hampshire. Several boats have been inactivated there because of the work backlog at Puget Sound. When this 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 FY 2009 dollars to decommission and recycle each CGN is \$50.7 million and each SSN is \$37.3 million.

1. Revised data.
2. Plans to preserve *Narwhal* and *Drum*, less their reactor compartments, were terminated because of lack of funding.

SHIPS/CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Date	Recipient	U.S. Name/Hull Number	New Name/Hull Number
10 Jan	Greece	<i>Petaleshoro</i> (YTB-832)	<i>Atlas</i> (A-430)
Transfer Method: Sale. Previously assigned to U.S. Naval Support Activity, La Maddalena, Italy. Taken out of service on 20 July 2007 and stricken the same date.			
10 Jan	Greece	<i>Negwagon</i> (YTB-834)	<i>Achilles</i> (A-431)
Transfer Method: Sale. Same as above.			
28 Feb	Turkey	<i>Powhatan</i> (ATF-166)	<i>Inebolu</i> (A-590)
Transfer Method: Sale. Overhauled and refitted by VSE Corp. at Detyens Shipyard, Charleston, SC, prior to transfer. Commissioned in the Turkish Navy on 14 Mar 2008.			

READY RESERVE FORCE (RRF) SHIPS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
Additions (since 31 December 2007)		
1 Oct	<i>Algol</i> (AKR-287)	All units of this class, AKR-287/294, and titles were transferred to MARAD operational control on 1 Oct 2007. Ship upgraded to the Ready Reserve Force (RRF) for further service as S.S. (vice USNS) and the T has been dropped from T-AKR. New lay berth is Alameda, CA.
1 Oct	<i>Bellatrix</i> (AKR-288)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (AKR-287). New lay berth is Marrero, LA.
1 Oct	<i>Denebola</i> (AKR-289)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (AKR-287). New lay berth is Baltimore, MD.
1 Oct	<i>Pollux</i> (AKR-290)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (AKR-287). New lay berth is Philadelphia, PA.
1 Oct	<i>Altair</i> (AKR-291)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (AKR-287). New lay berth is Marrero, LA.
1 Oct	<i>Regulus</i> (AKR-292)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (AKR-287). New lay berth is Philadelphia, PA.
1 Oct	<i>Capella</i> (AKR-293)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (AKR-287). New lay berth is Alameda, CA.
1 Oct	<i>Antares</i> (AKR-294)	Same as <i>Algol</i> (AKR-287). New lay berth is Baltimore, MD.

Deletions (since 31 December 2007) - None

SHIPS DONATED FOR USE AS MUSEUMS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
18 Sep	<i>Dolphin</i> (AGSS-555)	Donated to the Maritime Museum of San Diego, CA, for use as an exhibit.

FORMER NAVAL SHIPS DISPOSED OF BY THE NAVY/MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
4 Jan	<i>Jason</i> (AR-8)	Scrapping completed.
11 Jan	<i>Puget Sound</i> (AD-38)	Scrapping contract awarded to Esco Marine Inc., Brownsville, TX. for \$.01.
22 Jan	<i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789)	Sold by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) for commercial service.
7 Feb	YFN-806	Sold to the General Services Administration for further service.
11 Feb	<i>Mississinewa</i> (TAO-144)	Scrapping completed.
11 Feb	<i>Niantic</i> (YTB-781), <i>Tuskegee</i> (YTB-806), YC-757, YC-980, and YC-1081	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).
26 Feb	YC-1389 and YLC-2	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).
27 Feb	<i>Poughkeepsie</i> (YTB-813)	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).
29 Feb	<i>Sustain</i> (AFDM-7)	Originally on commercial lease to Atlantic Drydock Corp., Jacksonville, FL. Stricken from the Naval Register on 30 Jan 2007. Sold to Atlantic Drydock with title transfer the same date.
7 Apr	<i>Sphinx</i> (ARL-24)	Scrapping completed.
2 May	<i>Trout</i> (SS-566)	Scrapping contract awarded to Esco Marine Inc., Brownsville, TX. for \$510,000.
13 May	YFNX-37	Transferred to an unknown agency.
3 June	IX-518 (Ex- <i>Proteus</i> [AS-19])	Scrapping completed.
5 June	<i>Dutton</i> (AGS-22)	Scrapping completed.
23 June	<i>Nitro</i> (AE-23)	Sold to Esco Marine, Brownsville, TX, for \$446,726 for scrapping.
27 June	YFN-704	Scrapping completed.

7 July	YFN-1273	Transferred to MARAD.			aircraft of CVW-5 of the USS <i>Kitty Hawk</i> (CV-63).
8 July	<i>American Explorer</i> (AOT-165)	Sold to Southern Scrap Material Co., New Orleans, LA, for \$1,052,788 for scrapping.	14 July	<i>Cushing</i> (DD-985)	Sunk north of Kauai, HI, at 23°04'47" N, 160°20'06" W in 15,300 feet of water during RIMPAC 2008.
28 July	<i>Rigel</i> (AF-58)	Sold to All Star Metals, LLC, Brownsville, TX, for \$469,626 for scrapping.	16 July	<i>Fletcher</i> (DD-992)	Sunk north of Kauai, HI, at 23°01'11" N, 159°53'00" W in 16,020 feet of water during RIMPAC 2008 by a Mark 48, Mod 7 torpedo fired by HMAS <i>Waller</i> .
28 July	<i>Truckee</i> (AO-147)	Sold to Bay Bridge Enterprises, Chesapeake, VA, for \$1,231,328 for scrapping.	19 Aug	YO-230	Sunk at 31°23'30" N, 74°07'01" W in 15,720 feet of water.
8 Aug	<i>Barrett</i> (TAP-196) (Ex-SS <i>State</i> , ex-SS <i>Empire State V</i>)	Scrapping completed.	6 Oct	<i>O'Bannon</i> (DD-987)	Sunk at 35°51'36" N, 70°08'08" in 14,100 feet of water.
11 Aug	<i>Kalamazoo</i> (AOR-6)	Sold to Esco Marine Inc., Brownsville, TX, for \$1,465,726 for scrapping.	9 Oct	YFRT-520	Sunk at 31°36'08" N, 118°36'09" W in 6,690 feet of water.
14 Aug	<i>Southern Cross</i> (TAK-285)	Scrapping completed.			
25 Sep	YCF-16	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).			
26 Sep	YFN-1258	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).			
1 Oct	YON-284 and YWN-78	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).			
3 Oct	YFNX-47, YON-273, and YON-289	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).			
7 Oct	YFNX-24	Same as <i>Tomahawk</i> (YTB-789).			
15 Oct	<i>Saugatuck</i> (AOT-75)	Scrapping completed.			

The Navy and the Maritime Administration have different methods of scrapping ships. The Navy—through the Naval Sea Systems Commands, Ship Disposal project—awards fixed-price contracts to scrappers. The contracts are cost plus incentive fees for environmental and safety compliance. The contractors sell the scrap metal generated and the proceeds are credited to the cost of the contract. MARAD uses the discarded Navy method of accepting the highest bid with the Navy/MARAD receiving payment, then selling the scrap.

SHIPS/CRAFT SUNK AS TARGETS

Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
11 July	<i>David R. Ray</i> (DD-971)	Sunk at 23°03'23" N, 160°27'30" W in 15,900 feet of water during RIMPAC 2008 by a Mark 48, Mod 7 torpedo fired from HMAS <i>Waller</i> .
14 July	<i>Horne</i> (CG-30)	Sunk off Kauai, HI, at 23°04'47" N, 160°20'06" W in 15,420 feet of water during RIMPAC 2008 by three Harpoon missiles fired from



SHIP TO SHIP An SM-2 Standard Missile is launched 6 October 2008 from the USS *Stout* (DDG-55) during a sinking exercise. The target was the ex-USS *O'Bannon* (DD-987).

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Date	Name (Hull No.)	Comments
LCS-3	None	Authorized FY 2006. Construction contract awarded to Bollinger Shipyards, Lockport, LA. Construction cancelled 12 Apr 2007 and

			money diverted for use in LCS-1 and LCS-2 cost overruns. Hull number has been reassigned to the FY 2009 unit awarded to Marinette Marine on 23 Mar 2009.	CVW-3	LANT	<i>Harry S. Truman</i> (CVN-75)	VFA-32 "Swordsmen" (12 F/A-18F), VFA-37 "Bulls" (11 F/A-18C[N]), VMFA-312 "Checkerboard" (10 F/A-18C), VFA-105 "Gunslingers" (12 F/A18E), 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], and 1 EA-6B [Block 89A]), VRC-40 (Det. 3) "Rawhides" (2 C-2A), HS-7 "Dusty Dogs" (7 HH60F/SH-60F)
LCS-4	None		Authorized FY 2006. Construction contract awarded to Austal (USA), Mobile, AL, on 8 Dec 2006. Construction cancelled 1 Nov 2007. Hull number has been reassigned to the FY 2009 unit pending award to Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME.				

Navy General Order 541 and Naval Sea Systems Command stipulate that the hull numbers LCS-3 and -4 should not be reassigned. The Navy issued the following statement in early March, "In accordance with the Secretary's authority to assign vessel names and hull numbers, Secretary Winter determined that it is in the Navy's interest to reuse hull numbers 3 and 4 for a continuous numbering sequence for the LCS class."

				CVW-5	PAC	<i>George Washington</i> (CVN-73)	VFA-102 "Diamondbacks" (12 F/A-18F), VFA-192 "Golden Dragons" (10 F/A-18C), 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 "Gauntlets" (5 EA-6B [ICAP-III, Block 2]), VRC-30 (Det. E) "Providers" (2 C-2A), HS-14 "Chargers" (12 HH-60F/SH-60F), HSL-51 (Det. 3) "Warlords" (2 SH-60B)
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AIRCRAFT CARRIER AIR WING ASSIGNMENTS AND COMPOSITION AS OF 17 FEB 2009

Air wing	Fleet	Ship	Assignment				
CVW-1	LANT	<i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-65)	VFA-211 "Fighting Checkmates" ¹ (11 F/A-18F), 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] and 1 EA-6B [ICAP-III, Block 2]), VRC-40 (Det. 5) "Rawhides" (2 C-2A), HS-11 "Dragonslayers" (7 HH-60H/SH-60F)	CVW-7	LANT	<i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> (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. 2) "Rawhides" (2 C-2A), HS-5 "Night Dippers" (7 HH-60F/SH-60F)
CVW-2	PAC	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (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] and 2 EA-6B [ICAP II, Block 3D]), VRC-30 (Det. B) "Providers" (2 C-2A), HS-2 "Golden Falcons" (7 SH-60F/HH-60H), HSL-47 (Det. 4) "Saberhawks" (8 SH-60B)	CVW-8	LANT	<i>Theodore Roosevelt</i> (CVN-71)	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 EA-6B [ICAP-II, Block 3D]), VRC-40 (Det. 1) "Rawhides" (2 C-2A), HS-3 "Tridents" (7 HH-60F/SH-60F)

CVW-9	PAC	<i>John C. Stennis</i> (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), 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)
CVW-11	PAC	<i>Nimitz</i> (CVN-68)	VFA-41 “Black Aces” (12 F/A-18F), VFA-14 “Tophatters”
CVW-14	PAC	<i>Ronald Reagan</i> (CVN-76)	VFA-113 “Stingers” (10 F/A-18C[N]), VFA-22 “Fist of the Fleet” (12 F/A-18/F), VFA-115 “Eagles” (12 F/A-18E), VFA-25 “Fighting Redcocks” (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 HH-60F/SH-60F)
CVW-17	LANT	Unassigned	VFA-81 “Sunliners” (12 F/A-18E), 1 VFA (12 F/A-18F), 1 VFA (10 F/A-18), VAQ-121 “Bluetails” (4 E-2C), VAQ-132 “Scorpions” (transitioning to E/A-18G), VRC-40 (Det.) “Rawhides” (2 C-2A), HS-15 “Red Lions” (7 HH-60F/SH-60F)

The Refueling/Comprehensive Overhaul (RF/COH) for the *Carl Vinson* was postponed from FY 2005 to FY 2006. The *Theodore Roosevelt’s* RF/COH is scheduled to begin in late 2009 under the FY 2009 program, with the contract awarded in August 2009. With the decommissioning of the *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67) and the ongoing RF/COHs for the *Nimitz*-class ships, the effective carrier strength of the Navy is 10 active ships. All active air wings have a VRC detachment assigned when deployed. These detachments are not permanently assigned and do not operate with the air wings when not deployed.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AVIATION CHANGES

Date	Unit	Comments
1 Mar	HSM-70 “Spartans”	Established, based at NAS Jacksonville, FL.
31 Mar	VMFA-212 “Lancers”	Deactivated to cadre status at Iwakuni, Japan. Replaced by VMFA(AW)-242 in Mar 2008. Slated to be reactivated with F-35B aircraft in FY 2011.
31 Mar	VS-31 “Top Cats”	Disestablished at NAS Jacksonville. Official ceremony held 27 Mar 2008.
31 May	VMFA-142 “Flying Gators”	Reserve Marine Corps squadron entered cadre status at NAS Atlanta, GA. Initially established on 1 Mar 1942.
3 June	EA-18G	Fourth production model joined VAQ-129, the Fleet Readiness Squadron, at NAS Whidbey Island, WA. This and each VAQ squadron will receive four aircraft.

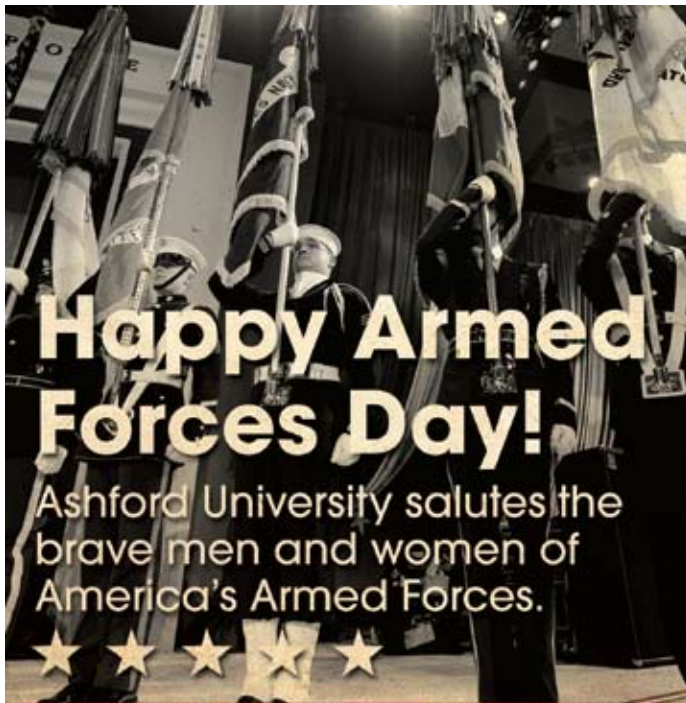


NEW BIRD TAKES FLIGHT On 3 June 2008, VAQ-129 received the fourth production EA-18G at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. At El Centro, California, later in the year, one of the squadron’s Growler’s takes off on a training mission.

1. VFA-211 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.

VFA-94 “Mighty Shrikes” flying F/A-18C(N)s and VFA-97 “War Hawks” flying F/A-18Cs are 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 assigned personnel and saves money.

30 June	VC-6 “Firebees”	Disestablished at NAS Norfolk and St. Inigoes, MD. Ceremony for the squadron and two detachments (Dam Neck, VA, and Patuxent River) held 7 Aug 2008 at NAS Norfolk. Originally established in 1952.
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END OF THE LINE The last squadron operating the S-3 Viking, VS-32, was disestablished on 30 September 2008. In 2006, one of the squadron's S-3Bs lands on board the USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65) in the Indian Ocean.

31 July	Commander, Tactical Support Wing (ex-Naval Reserve Air Wing CVWR-20)	Change permanent duty station to NAS Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, TX, from NAS Atlanta.
2 Aug	HMH-769 "Titans"	Disestablished Marine Corps Reserve squadron at Edwards Air Force, Mojave, CA. Originally established 15 Apr 1958.
12 Sep	VMU-3 "Phantoms"	Established at MCAS Twentynine Palms, CA. The Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron operates the RQ-7B Shadow.
30 Sep	HMH-366 "Hammerheads"	Reactivated. Originally activated 10 Sep 1994, deactivated 1 Oct 2000. Activation ceremony held 23 Oct 2008 at MCAS Cherry Point, New Bern, NC. Unit scheduled to move to MCAS New River, Jacksonville, NC, in FY 2012.
30 Sep	VS-32 "Maulers"	Disestablished at NAS Jacksonville, FL. Ceremony held 25 Sep 2008.
1 Oct	HMLA-467 "Sabers"	Activated as MCAS Cherry Point. Scheduled to move to MCAS New River in FY 2012.
1 Oct	VAW-77 "Night Wolf"	Change permanent duty station to NAS Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth from NAS Atlanta.
13 Nov	VAQ-132 "Scorpions"	Began transition from the E/A-6B to EA-18G at NAS Whidbey Island, WA.