

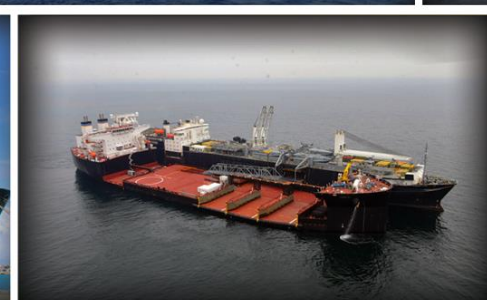


# MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND

## Command Briefing

November 2023

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# Leadership

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Military Sealift Command



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# Our Mission

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- **Sustain our Navy at and from the sea**  
*(Combat Logistics Force)*



- **Provide towing, rescue/salvage, hospital ships, and command and control platforms**  
*(Service and Command Support)*



- **Support oceanography, underwater surveillance, missile tracking, submarine, and special warfare** *(Special Mission)*



- **Preposition combat cargo around the world**  
*(Prepositioning)*



- **Move military equipment and supplies** *(Sealift)*



## ***Empower Global Warfighting Effectiveness***

Military Sealift Command exists to support the joint warfighter across the full spectrum of military operations. MSC delivers agile logistics, strategic sealift, as well as specialized missions anywhere in the world, under any conditions, 24/7, 365 days a year





# Global Presence

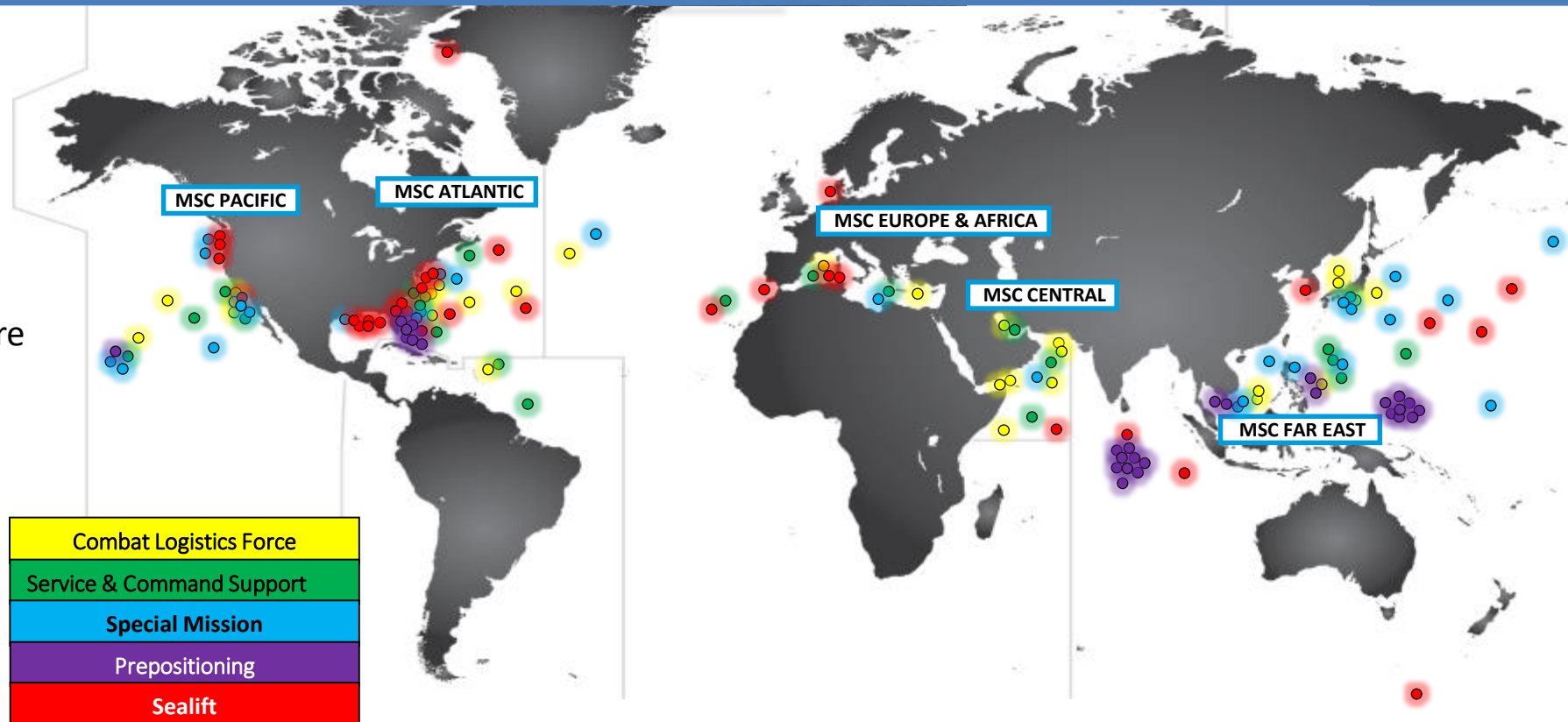
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**Locations:**  
 HQ, Norfolk, VA  
 5 Area Commands  
 2 MPSRONS  
 15 Area Command offices

## Work Force:

- 5,550 Civil Service Mariners
- 1,430 Civil Service Ashore
- 955 Military (Reserve)
- 350 Military (Active)



Approximately 130+ ships at sea or ready for tasking



CIVMAR  
USN



Combat Logistics Force

- Fleet Replenishment Oiler
- Dry Cargo/Ammunition
- Fast Combat Support



Service/Command Support

- Ocean Tug
- Hospital Ship
- Rescue and Salvage
- Submarine Tender
- Command
- Expeditionary Sea Base
- Cable Laying/repair
- Expeditionary Fast Transport

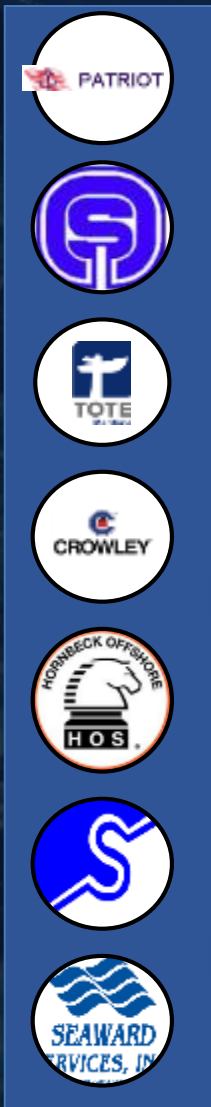
5,584 Civil Service Mariners  
~56 ships





# Contractor Operated

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## Special Mission

- Missile Range Instrumentation
- Navigation Test Support
- Oceanographic Survey
- Sea-based X-Band Radar
- Ocean Surveillance
- Submarine /Special Warfare Support

## Prepositioning

- Maritime Prepositioning Force
- Army Prepositioning Stocks
- Offshore Petroleum Distribution
- Air Force Container
- High Speed Vessel

## Sealift

- Surge Sealift
- Dry Cargo
- Tankers

## 1,400 Contract Mariners ~75 Ships







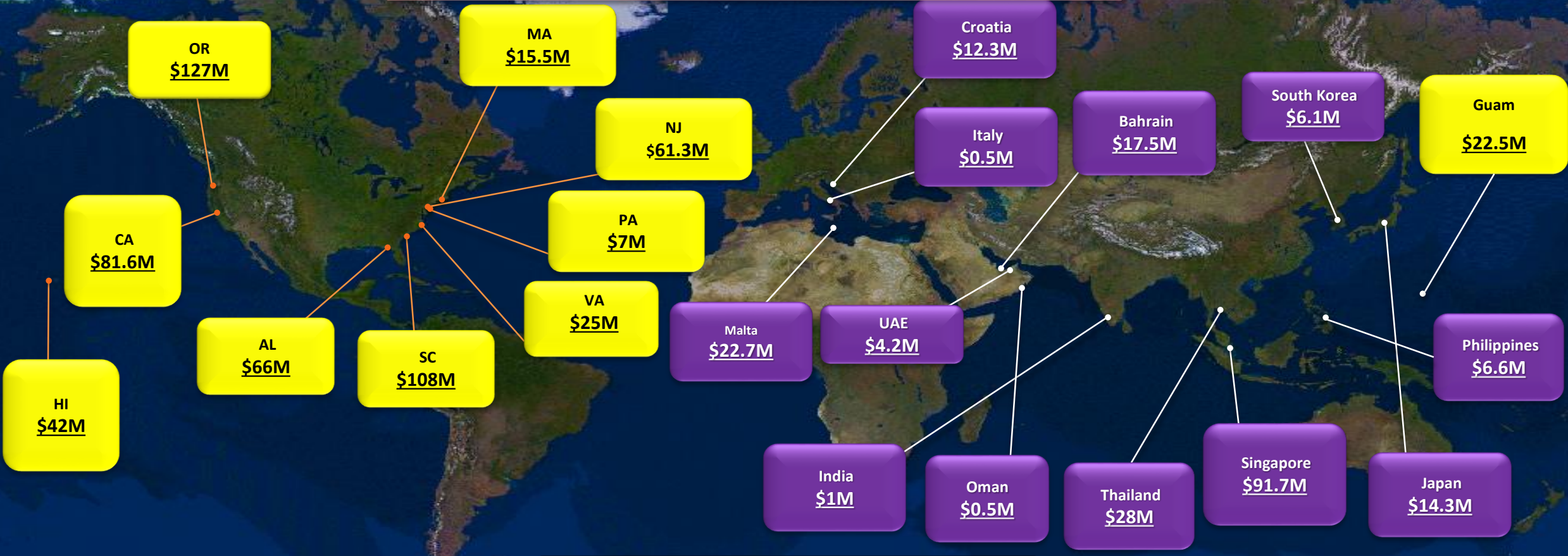
- 10 US Code 8680 is US law that limits the ability for US Naval vessels to conduct ship repair overhauls in foreign shipyards.
- Exceptions include:
  - Voyage Repair periods for maintenance and repair required to sustain operational capability
  - US Navy Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) operating on deployment
  - US Navy vessels home ported outside of the US and Guam
  - MSC vessels deployed outside of the US and Guam for two or more years
    - Presently 32 MSC vessels are exempted from the 10 USC 8680 restrictions and accomplish all of their planned M&R in foreign shipyards:
      - 6 T-EPF Expeditionary Fast Transports
      - 1 HST High Speed Transport
      - 7 T-AKE Dry Cargo/Ammunition
      - 1 T-AGM Missile Range Instrumentation
      - 5 T-AGOS Ocean Surveillance
      - 5 T-AGS Oceanographic Survey
      - 1 T-ATF Fleet Ocean Tug
      - 1 T-ARS Rescue and Salvage
      - 5 T-AO Fleet Replenishment Oiler



# FY2023 Major Shipyard Availabilities (ROH/MTA)

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~82 Maintenance Availabilities  
49% OCONUS (NAVSUP FLC Support)



**Total Domestic: \$555M**  
**Total Guam: \$22.5**  
**Total Overseas: \$209M**





# Combat Logistics Force

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Sustain our Navy at  
and from the sea

Fuel, ordnance  
and dry cargo

Government-  
owned/operated



Fleet Oilers - 16

Dry Cargo/Ammunition - 14

Fast Combat Support - 2



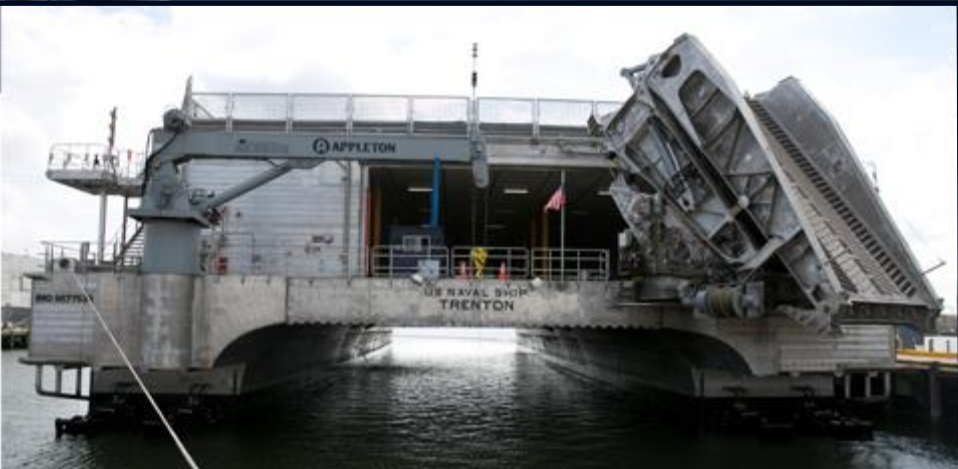
# Fleet Support

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Provide towing, rescue/salvage, hospital ships, and command and control platforms

Government and contractor-owned/  
government and contractor-operated



- Fleet Ocean Tug - 2
- Hospital Ship - 2
- Rescue and Salvage - 2
- Submarine Tender - 2
- Command Ship - 1
- Sub and Special Warfare Support - 3
- Expeditionary Fast Transport - 13
- High-Speed Transport - 1
- Offshore Support Vessel - 2
- Expeditionary Sea Base - 4





# Special Mission

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Missions for DOD and government agencies

Support oceanography, underwater surveillance, missile tracking, navigation, submarine support

Government and contractor-owned /government and contractor-operated



Oceanographic Survey - 6

Ocean Surveillance - 7

Submarine Support - 4

Range Instrumentation – 1

Navigation Test Support - 1

Cable Laying/Repair - 2

X-Band Radar - 1





**Preposition combat cargo around the world**

**Government and contractor-owned/  
contractor-operated**



Maritime Prepositioning Force - 12  
Army Prepositioning - 8  
Air Force Container - 2  
Expeditionary Transfer Dock - 2





# Sealift

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**Move military equipment and supplies for DOD/federal agencies**

**Voyage and time-charters for specific missions**

**Government and contractor-owned/contractor-operated**



Surge Sealift – activated Maritime Administration Ready Reserve Force ships

Dry Cargo - 1

Tankers – 11

+/- 10 voyage and time charters



## MSC and Ship Repair Partners Next Steps:

### MSC Process Improvement:

- Refine planning tools
- Align assessments
- Standardize work items
- Identify high-risk work items
- Focus on shipyard planning & availabilities

### Partner Opportunities:

- Accurate proposals
- Planning/scheduling collaboration
- Contingency plans
- Develop OEM relationships
- Harden comms/networks (cyber)
- Broaden supply chains
- Follow safety and fire codes





## MSC Ship Repair Objectives

- Strong partnerships
- Timely assessments
- Fair and open competition
- Effective and efficient contracting
- Quality planning
- Collaboration on M&R issues
- Safety and fire prevention
- Cyber resiliency





Photo from the General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) Builder's Trial of USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), the Navy's lead ship of its new class of fleet replenishment oilers. (Courtesy photos by General Dynamics NASSCO)

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# DELIVER WARFIGHTING EFFECTIVENESS