

# U.S. NAVY'S MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND

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# Military Sealift Command Strategic Guidance

#### Mission: 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.

#### Vision: United We Sail

With unified resolve, we boldly sail the world's oceans to execute our "no-fail" mission of sustainment and service support to the warfighter. Our ships and crews are trained and ready for tasking, fully interoperable with the Fleet and Joint Force, and adapt to win in contested environments.

As the world's premier military maritime logistics provider, Military Sealift Command provides agile, persistent, and innovative logistics solutions to joint warfighters, generating effects across the spectrum of military operations and outperforming any adversary. Four pillars serve as the foundation for mission execution and the impetus for fulfilling our vision:

**People** - Diverse, resilient and well-trained team of teams. We challenge the status quo to innovate, develop, deliver and sustain logistics for DoD, Navy and other government partners at scale relevent today and in the future.

<u>**Platforms**</u> - Capable and ready platforms maintained and operated to support action across the range of military operations, when and where needed.

**Processes** - Documented, forward-looking procedures and data-informed processes that enable action at the speed of relevance, aligned with higher headquarters guidance and customer expectations. Agile, sustainable, flexibile and cutting edge technology - MSC leads in every way.

Partners - Develop, foster, sustain, amplify and leverage key relationships to make our missions happen.





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A \$4 billion organization with operations in all 24 time zones, MSC provides services to Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, U.S. Transportation Command, Missile Defense Agency and other U.S. government agencies.

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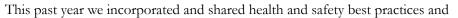


#### ABOUT MSC

# **Commander's Perspective** Rear Adm. Mike A. Wettlaufer, USN

In today's increasingly complex global security environment, the U.S. Navy provides constant forward-presence to reassure allies and partners, reinforce freedom of the seas, and respond when needed. MSC directly contributes to our Nation's security through agile logistics, strategic sealift, and specialized mission support anywhere in the world. We support the joint warfighter across the full spectrum of military operations, under all conditions, 24/7, 365 days a year.

As a global supplier of maritime logistics to Navy Fleet Commanders and as the Naval Component Command to U.S. Transportation Command, we direct and support operations of about 130 government-owned and contracted vessels, crewed by 7,000 civil service and contract Mariners, supported by 1,300 shore staff, and 1,000 active and reserve military personnel.



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learned how to navigate in the COVID-19 environment. To date, our workplace precautions and risk mitigation strategies, including vaccinations, have kept our ashore and afloat personnel safe and our missions on track.

Also vital to ensuring mission success are our people, platforms, processes, and partners from across the public and private sectors. They empower our professional workforce and provide the foundation for my priorities:

- Health and safety of our workforce; a resilient and dynamic force operating globally and ready to deploy to meet our Nation's challenges and prevail.
- **Mission assurance;** platforms ready on time, maintained and sustained for missions assigned and operated by a trained and equipped force poised to respond in competition and conflict.
- **Warfighting effectiveness;** in competition and conflict, America's strategic advantage is our ability to deliver effects anywhere, at pace and tempo required to win.

I would like to thank our many partners: ship-building and repair companies, maritime operating and shipping companies, maritime academies and unions, logistics and transportation companies, small businesses, the American Bureau of Shipping, and the United States Coast Guard who directly contribute to our global mission. Our work together this past year under challenging conditions highlights and reinforces the value and importance of these relationships to our Nation and the maritime industry.

I applaud the Mariners who answer the call to work and serve at sea. Every day I see them overcome challenges to meet and national security missions while keeping their shipmates safe. Thanks to each of them, and to all who support them, for their diligence and perseverance.

Finally, we remain laser focused on the future. In the coming year, we will accept delivery of and deploy new ships, train a new generation of Mariners, and expand our capabilities to better support the Navy and Joint Force in a rapidly changing operational environment.

The pictures and information in this booklet highlight the work of our entire MSC team over the past year. I am proud of all we have accomplished together in service to our Nation.

United We Sail,

Rear Adm. Mike A. Wettlaufer, USN Commander, Military Sealift Command





#### ABOUT MSC

# **Chain of Command**

Military Sealift Command is the leading provider of ocean transportation for the Navy and the Department of Defense, operating approximately 125 ships daily around the world. MSC ships sustain our warfighting forces and deliver specialized maritime services in support of national security objectives in peace and war. The MSC commander is located at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.



#### **U.S. Transportation Command**

MSC reports to U.S. Transportation Command for defense transportation matters as the Naval Component.

USTRANSCOM provides coordination of air, land, and sea transportation for the Department of Defense.



U.S. Fleet Forces Command

MSC reports to U.S. Fleet Forces Command for Navy-unique matters.

USFF provides combat-ready forces forward to Numbered Fleets and Combatant Commanders around the globe in support of United States national interests.



U.S. Pacific Fleet

MSC reports to U.S. Pacific Fleet for Navy-unique matters.

USPACFLT provides combat-ready forces forward to Numbered Fleets and Combatant Commanders around the globe in support of United States national interests.



Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition

MSC reports to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) for procurement policy and oversight matters.

ASN (RDA) provides weapons systems and platforms for the Navy and Marine Corps.

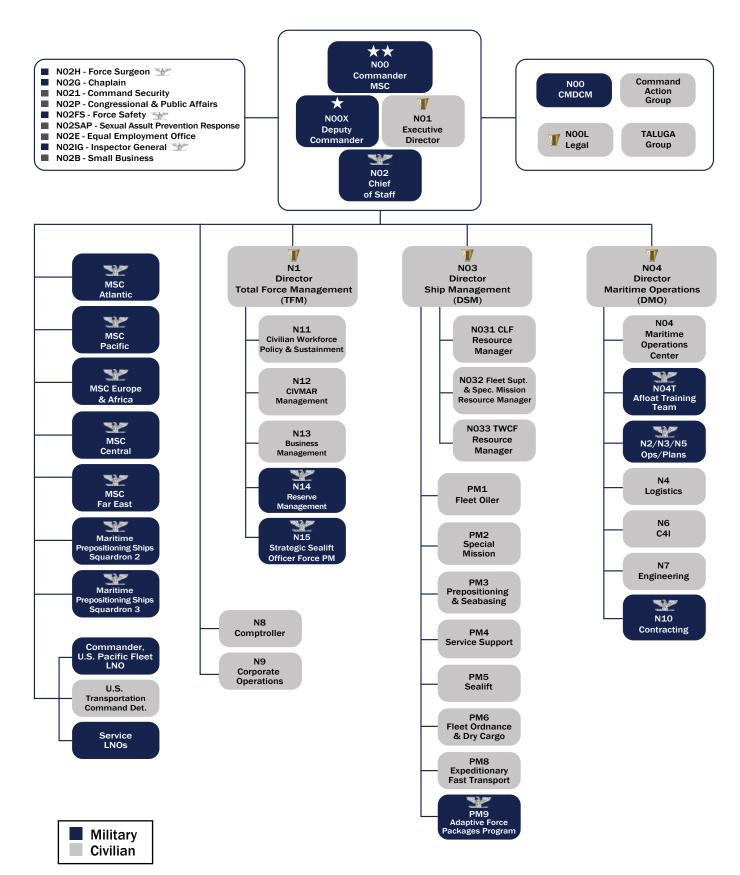


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# **Organizational Structure**





# **Area Commands**

Area commands provide expertise and operational perspective to Navy Fleet commanders worldwide. The area commands are operationally focused and are aligned with the Numbered Fleet logistics staffs in their respective theaters: Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia; Pacific in San Diego; Europe and Africa in Naples, Italy; Central in Manama, Bahrain, and Far East in Singapore. Area commands also have offices and representatives in Diego Garcia; Okinawa, Japan; Republic of Korea; Spain; Greece (Crete); the United Arab Emirates; Djibouti; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Seattle, Earle, New Jersey; Sunny Point, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina; Beaumont, Texas; Port Canaveral, Florida, and Jacksonville, Florida.



#### Maintenance Hubs

Ship maintenance and support functions are integrated into six maintenance hubs that operate under the MSC area commands in the following locations: Naples, Italy; Manama, Bahrain; Singapore; Yokohama, Japan; San Diego and Guam.

#### **Reserve Units**

The Navy Reserve mission for MSC is to provide cargo afloat rig teams (CART), expeditionary port units (EPUs), Tactical Advisor (TACAD) units, headquarters (HQ) support units, logistics support units, and strategic sealift units (SSUs) for operations which require additional manpower not normally required during sustained peacetime operations. The Navy Reserve is MSC's manpower solution for surge mission sets. In FY 2021, MSC maintained 797 selected reservists and 38 reserve units.

**CART** – Provide qualified and experienced underway replenishment rig teams to augment U.S. government civil service crews on combat logistics force platforms. MSC has four CART units providing 12 rig teams.

**EPUs** – Provide liaison and ship husbandry support for forward-deployed port operations. MSC has 15 EPUs aligned under MSC's five area commanders.

**HQ** support units – Provide trained watchstanders and staff support personnel to augment MSC HQ, MSC's U.S. Transportation Command Detachment at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, the five area command staffs, and an Afloat Mission Control unit to provide tailored command and control support for adaptive force package missions. MSC has eight HQ support units. Additionally, one unit supports the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) Strategic Sealift Officer (SSO) community of 2,100 officers.

**Logistics support units** – Provide direct support to operational logistics and fleet sustainment activities. MSC has three reserve logistics support units.

During FY 2021, MSC Reserves rapidly committed 11 cargo afloat rig team members to fleet replenishment oilers USNS Guadalupe and USNS Kanawha to support operations during the pandemic. Thirteen reservists deployed to MSCCENT, MSCEURAF, and MSCFE to augment staffs and respond to pandemic-related actions. Also during FY 2021, 34 members supported the following exercises and activities: Turbo Activation, Defender-Europe 21, Large Scale Exercise 21, Pacific Fury and multiple Tactical Advisor missions.



# **Come Work at Military Sealift Command**

# Join a Leader in the Maritime IndustrySupport our Nation's Joint Warfighters

# **Pay & Benefits**

Sign-on bonuses available Continous training opportunites Retention incentives available Competitive pay Healthcare & life insurance programs Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Retirement benefits Personal & sick leave; 11 paid holidays Continuing education & professional development

# Afloat Team

### Now Hiring for:

Able Seaman, Deck Engineer Machinist, Electrician, Unlicensed Junior Engineer, Refrigeration Engineer, Pumpman, Electronics Technician, Yeoman Storekeeper, Assistant Storekeeper, Steward Cook, Chief Cook, Cook Baker, Communications positions, Entry Level positions

## Ashore Team Now Recruiting for:

Mechanical/Marine Engineering Electrical & Electronics Engineers Naval Architecture Marine Surveyors Contracting & Financial Management Specialists Cyber & Information, Technology workforce



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# **Small Business Program**

### FY21 MSC Small Business (SB) Facts

- In FY21, MSC obligated 50.73% of dollars to small businesses.
- In FY21, MSC awarded contracts to 272 small businesses
  - -164 other-than-small business + 272 small business = 436 total businesses.

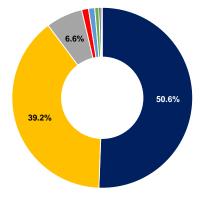
· 48 vendors received small business awards in FY21 from MSC that had not received a SB award from

- MSC in the prior five fiscal years.
  - These 48 small business vendors accounted for \$50.5M in SB awards with MSC in FY21 and includes:
  - \$11.1M to Small Disadvantaged Businesses
  - \$10.5M to Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
  - \$562K to Women-Owned Small Businesses
  - <\$1K to Historically Underutilized Business Zones

### FY21 Top 10 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS):

- 483111 Deep Sea Freight Transportation
- 336611 Ship Building and Repairing
- 541330 Engineering Services
- 483113 Coastal and Great Lakes Freight Transportation
- 481212 Nonscheduled Chartered Freight Air Transportation
- 541512 Computer Systems Design Services
- 488330 Navigational Services to Shipping
- 541513 Computer Facilities Management Services
- 333618 Other Engine Equipment Manufacturing
- 811310 Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Repair And Maintenance

### FY21 SB Portfolio Groups



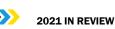
- Transportation Services (\$480.03M)
- Equipment Related Services (\$371.7M)
- Knowledge Based Services (\$62.16M)
- Sustainment S&E (\$11.6M)
- Electronic & Communication Services (\$10.5M)
- Logistics Management Services (\$6.91M)
- Facility Related Services (\$3.64M)
- Facilities S&E (\$2.12M)

#### **MSC Small Business Successes**

Small business is a cornerstone of the MSC mission to include strategic ammunition sealift, ship repair, and support to DoD exercises.



Website: https://www.msc.usff.navy.mil/Business-Opportunities/Small-Business-Opportunities/ Email: msc\_n02b@us.navy.mil



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# **Combat Logistics Force**

Combat Logistics Force (CLF) ships provide logistics support such as fuel, ordnance, food, repair and spare parts, and other stores to deployed U.S. Navy and partner-nation ships. These ships enable combatants to remain on station and continue their primary mission without having to return to port for resupply. They are particularly important when combatants are unable to receive supplies from local ports in theater due to force protection measures. All three classes of CLF ships are U.S. government-owned, crewed by civil service mariners, and are capable of integrating rotary wing aircraft operations.



The amphibious dock landing ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), left, and the amphibious transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21), right, receive fuel from the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Big Horn (T-AO 198) during a replenishment-at-sea. The amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), components of the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit are conducting a Combined Composite Training Unit Exercise. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Michael H. Lehman)

#### **PM1** Fleet Replenishment Oilers

USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187) USNS Joshua Humphreys (T-AO 188) USNS John Lenthall (T-AO 189) USNS Walter S. Diehl (T-AO 193) USNS John Ericsson (T-AO 194) USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195) USNS Kanawha (T-AO 196) USNS Pecos (T-AO 197) USNS Pecos (T-AO 197) USNS Big Horn (T-AO 198) USNS Tippecanoe (T-AO 199) USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200) USNS Patuxent (T-AO 201) USNS Yukon (T-AO 202) USNS Laramie (T-AO 203) USNS Rappahannock (T-AO 204)

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# **Fleet Replenishment Oilers**

In FY 2021, Military Sealift Command operated 15 fleet replenishment oilers of the T-AO 187 Henry J. Kaiser class. With seven Atlantic Ocean-based ships and eight Pacific Ocean-based ships, T-AOs conducted operations in support of Commander, Task Force (CTF) 80, U.S. 4th Fleet in South America, U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, U.S. 5th Fleet in the Arabian Gulf and U.S. 7th Fleet in the Pacific. This included major Fleet exercises and contingency support where the ships provided a variety of fuels for ship propulsion, aircraft operations and power generation. Also the T-AO fleet routinely provided provisions, water and other dry cargo as fleet freight for transfer to customers via underway replenishment or vertical replenishment. Three fleet oilers were built with double hulls designed to meet Oil Protection Act of 1990 requirements: USNS Patuxent, USNS Laramie and USNS Rappahannock.

#### COMBAT LOGISTICS FORCE



Sailors prepare for the probe to seat during a refueling-at-sea aboard Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Charleston (LCS 18), and Henry J. Kaiserclass underway replenishment oiler USNS Tippecanoe (T-AO 199). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Adam Butler)

Construction continued on the next generation fleet replenishment oiler during FY 2021. The Navy christened the first-inclass vessel, USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), in a ceremony, July 17, 2021, in San Diego. The John Lewis-class oiler provides enhancements over the current Henry J. Kaiser class including improved dry stores capacity, a dedicated refrigeration plant, aircraft refueling capability, and an increased fueling rate.



The official party pose for a photograph at the Christening Ceremony in San Diego for the future USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), the Navy's first John Lewisclass replenishment oiler on July 17, 2021. (U.S. Navy courtesy photo)



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# **Dry Cargo and Ammunition Ships**

Dry Cargo and Ammunition ships, or T-AKEs, were designed to replenish dry and refrigerated stores as well as ordnance. They replaced combat stores ships and ammunition ships, incorporating the capabilities of both platforms into one hull. These multi-product ships increase the delivery capability to provide food, fuel, spare parts, ammunition and potable water to the U.S. Navy and our allies.

During FY 2021, 12 Lewis and Clark-class ships were operational within the CLF. Three ships were Atlantic-based and supported CTF 83 and CTF 63 in the U.S. 2nd, 4th, and 6th Fleet areas. In addition, USNS Medgar Evers surged to 4th Fleet in support of Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in Haiti. Nine ships were Pacific-based with one of those ships forward-deployed to 5th Fleet. The other eight T-AKEs operated in support of the 3rd, 7th, or 5th Fleets. One of the Pacific-based ships, USNS Matthew Perry, deployed from 3rd Fleet to 7th and 5th Fleets in support of the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group. Another Pacific-based ship, USNS Alan Shepard successfully completed a BQM-177 subsonic aerial target launch and recovery.

# **Fast Combat Support Ships**

#### **PM6** Fleet Ordnance and Dry Cargo

#### Dry Cargo / Ammunition Ships

USNS Lewis and Clark (PREPOSITIONING) (T-AKE 1) USNS Sacagawea (PREPOSITIONING) (T-AKE 2) USNS Alan Shepard (T-AKE 3) USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) USNS Robert E. Peary (T-AKE 4) USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 5) USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7) USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 7) USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8) USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 8) USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE 9) USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE 10) USNS Washington Chambers (T-AKE 11) USNS William McLean (T-AKE 12) USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13) USNS Cesar Chavez (T-AKE 14)

#### Fast Combat Support Ships USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8)

Throughout the year, two Atlantic-based Fast Combat Support ships, or T-AOEs, kept Navy surface fleets supplied and combat ready by providing parts, supplies and fuel at sea. Fast Combat Support ship USNS Arctic completed a six-month deployment in support of the Dwight D. Eisenhower CSG, and USNS Supply completed a five-month deployment to 6th Fleet. Both Arctic and Supply supported carrier and Expeditionary Strike Group exercises for CTF 80 off the East Coast.



The Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), left, the fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) and the Royal Navy landing platform dock ship HMS Albion (L 14) conduct a replenishment-at-sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jessica Kibena)



### **Commercial Helicopter Program**

Four commercial helicopter detachments, embarked aboard dry cargo and ammunition ships, provided vertical replenishment, internal cargo, passenger movement, medical evacuation, and unassisted search and rescue services for operations in the Arabian Gulf, the Indian Ocean and Western Pacific Ocean.

Three Pacific detachments (Alpha, Bravo and Charlie) forward-deployed to Guam, providing services to 7th Fleet ships. Detachment Alpha began FY 2021 aboard USNS Washington Chambers then cross-decked to USNS Alan Shepherd in November 2020 for the remainder of FY 2021. Detachment Bravo spent all of FY 2021 aboard USNS Charles Drew. Detachment Charlie began the fiscal year ashore in Guam, then embarked aboard USNS Cesar Chavez in December 2020. The detachment shore-based in Guam during March and April, then embarked USNS Amelia Earhart in April for the remainder of FY 2021.

The Atlantic detachment supported 5th Fleet operations, beginning the fiscal year aboard USNS Amelia Earhart for a short period before cross-decking to the USNS Carl Brashear in October 2021. The Detachment cross-decked to the USNS Cesar Chavez in June 2021 for two months, then moved to the USNS Wally Schirra in August 2021 for the remainder of FY 2021.

#### FY 2021 Commercial Helicopter Operations

Flight Hours Mission: 521 Training: 81 Flight Check: 19 Total: 621

**Cargo** Total Tons: 7,494 Total Pallets: 15,080 Total Passengers: 278



SA-330J Puma helicopter drops off a pallet of cargo on the flight deck aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) during a replenishment-at-sea with the dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Alan Shepard (T-AKE 3). McCain is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 15 (DESRON 15), the Navy's largest forward-deployed DESRON and the U.S. 7th Fleet's principal surface force. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Markus Castaneda)

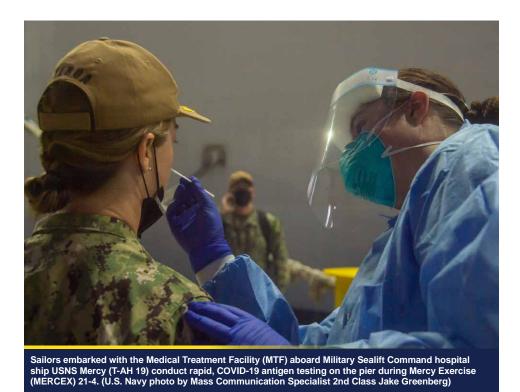


# FLEET SUPPORT AND SPECIAL MISSION Service Support

# Hospital Ships

Military Sealift Command operates two hospital ships, USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort. Both ships are converted San Clemente-class oil tankers. The primary mission of hospital ships is to provide an afloat, mobile, acute surgical medical facility to the U.S. military that is flexible, capable and uniquely adaptable to support expeditionary warfare. A secondary mission is to provide full hospital services to support U.S. disaster relief and humanitarian operations worldwide.

At full operating status, over 1,200 military and medical personnel, and 70 civil service mariners are embarked supporting a 1,000-bed medical facility outfitted with 12 fully-equipped operating rooms, digital radiological, laboratory, pharmacy, optometry, dental,



and physical therapy services. When not deployed, Mercy is in reduced operating status in San Diego, and Comfort in Norfolk, Virginia. A small crew of civil service mariners and Navy medical personnel maintain the ships in a high state of readiness and can transition to full operating status within five days.

Mercy and Comfort remained in a reduced operating status during FY 2021, conducting normal readiness exercises.



An MV-22B Osprey assigned to Air Test and Evaluation (HX) Squadron 21 of Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland, takes off from Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy's (T-AH 19) flight deck. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jake Greenberg)



#### **PM4** Service Support

Hospital Ships USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) USNS Comfort (T-AH 20)

Rescue and Salvage Ships USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51) USNS Salvor (T-ARS 52)

Submarine Tenders USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) USS Frank Cable (AS 40)

#### Submarine and Special

Warfare Support Ships MV HOS Dominator MV Kellie Chouest PTV Malama

Fleet Ocean Tugs USNS Catawba (T-ATF 168) USNS Sioux (T-ATF 171) USNS Apache (T-ATF 172) MV Gary Chouest

Command Ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20)

Fleet Experimentation OSV Ocean Valor

# **Rescue and Salvage Ships**

Rescue and salvage ships, with embarked Navy dive teams, performed their primary functions and provided additional towing capability for the Navy. Rescue and salvage ships supported aircraft recovery, dive and salvage training, and towing operations. USNS Grasp supported numerous diving, explosive ordnance disposal, and Naval Special Warfare training missions in the Pacific.

# **Submarine Tenders**

Two submarine tenders provided sustained, forwardbased support to assigned submarines while at anchor or pier side. USS Emory S. Land and USS Frank Cable provided forward area repair and service facilities for Commander. Submarine Forces Pacific. Tenders operate with hybrid crews of civil service mariners who perform navigation, deck, engineering, communications, supply, and galley duties, and active-duty Sailors, who provide submarine maintenance and repair capabilities. A Navy captain leads the submarine tender combined crew. Frank Cable completed a three-month Western Pacific deployment in support of submarine and surface ship maintenance.



Sailors and civil service mariners assigned to the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) and Sailors assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Asheville (SSN 758) offload a Mark 48 advanced capability torpedo from Asheville during a weapons handling evolution. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Naomi Johnson)



The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force submarine JS Ōryū (SS-511), moors alongside the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) for a touch-and-go exercise. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Henry X. Liu)



# **Fleet Ocean Tugs**

Fleet ocean tugs USNS Apache, USNS Catawba and USNS Sioux provided towing, salvage, training, submarine sea trials and rescue support, and diving and recompression-system support in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Sioux provided mission support for salvage and recovery operations, and general training for salvage, dive, and explosive ordnance disposal units.

Apache supported submarine sea trials as the submarine rescue platform and other general salvage and recovery operations, including towing, and unit training. Catawba provided U.S. 5th Fleet an on-call emergency towing asset and provided salvage capability. The ship supported multiple mine countermeasure events, autonomous underwater vehicle mission support, and dive and salvage training.



Military Sealift Command's fleet ocean tug USNS Apache (T-ATF 172) gets underway from Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia. (U.S. Navy photo by Bill Mesta)



The Military Sealift Command fleet ocean tug USNS Catawba (T-ATF 168) at sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Juan King)



# Submarine and Special Warfare Support Ships

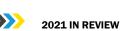
MV Malama delivered passenger transfer services and short-fused logistic support in the open-ocean to U.S. Pacific Fleet submarines. MV Kellie Chouest provided operational mission support for Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC) requirements. MV HOS Dominator delivered submarine rescue training and exercise support for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and partner nations. Other maritime support vessel charters supported U.S. Special Operations Command requirements worldwide.



The special mission ship U.S. Motor Vessel Kellie Chouest steams in the Caribbean Sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Austin G. Collins)



The offshore supply vessel HOS Dominator departs Naval Air Station North Island, California. Dominator deployed in support of recovery operations for the remains of the crew and the MH-60S helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC 8) that crashed into the sea. (U.S. Navy Photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Josue Escobosa)





USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) in support of the NATO-led joint multilateral exercise Steadfast Defender 2021. (NATO photo by Sailor 1st Class Bryan Underwood, Royal Canadian Navy)

# **Command Ship**

USS Mount Whitney supported Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet as a joint task force command ship, serving as a command, control, communications, computer, and intelligence platform for embarked commanders from NATO and naval components. In FY 2021, the ship participated in multiple U.S. and NATO exercises and conducted port visits throughout Europe. Mount Whitney operated with a hybrid crew of civil service mariners and uniformed military personnel under the leadership of a Navy captain.

# **Harbor Tug Charters**

Seven harbor tugboat time charters and 10 harbor tugboat call-out services contracts supported vessel movements and hurricane response needs for Commander, Navy Installations Command at multiple CONUS locations as well as in Guam and Hawaii. Submarine-fendered tug assets from Norfolk, Virginia, and Mayport, Florida, deployed to Charleston, South Carolina, on two occasions in support of Moored Training Ship harbor movements at the Nuclear Power Training Unit.

# **Charter Support**

Charter contracts were developed, awarded and administered to fill multiple spot-charter requirements in FY 2021. These charters supported various Department of Defense sponsors for required training and exercise support, government asset towing, and various maintenance and experimentation support needs. The charter group also provided training assets for Afloat Training Group Pacific and a range safety asset for the submarine community.



### **Expeditionary Fast Transport**

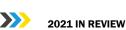
The Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF), designed for rapid, intra-theater transport of troops and military equipment, has a 20,000 square-foot mission bay that can be quickly reconfigured to carry containerized and dry cargo in addition to transporting military vehicles and equipment. The design features a flight deck capable of landing multiple helicopter variants, a stern ramp for vehicle access to the mission deck, and seating for 312 passengers. These vessels are crewed by civil service mariners while military personnel embark as required by mission sponsors. MSC has accepted delivery of 12 of the planned 15 EPFs.



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 load civil engineer support equipment (CESE) aboard the Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Fall River (T-EPF 4) during a mount-out exercise (MOX) on board Naval Base Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Matthew R. White)



The Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport vessel USNS Trenton (T-EPF 5), front, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Rose (DDG 71), center, and the Moroccan navy Sigma class frigate Allal Ben Abdellah (615), sail in formation to kick off exercise African Lion 2021, in the Atlantic Ocean. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Eric Coffer)



#### FLEET SUPPORT AND SPECIAL MISSION

#### **PM8** Expeditionary Fast Transport

#### **Expeditionary Fast Transport**

USNS Spearhead (T-EPF 1) USNS Choctaw County (T-EPF 2) USNS Millinocket (T-EPF 3) USNS Fall River (T-EPF 4) USNS Trenton (T-EPF 5) USNS Brunswick (T-EPF 6) USNS Carson City (T-EPF 7) USNS Yuma (T-EPF 8) USNS City of Bismarck (T-EPF 9) USNS Burlington (T-EPF 10) USNS Puerto Rico (T-EPF 11) USNS Newport (T-EPF 12)

#### **High-Speed Transport**

USNS Guam (HST 1) Formerly MV Alakai (HST 2) EPFs are deployed around the world meeting combatant command requirements to include intra-theater transportation, participating in multiservice and joint exercises, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) missions, fleet experimentation and contributing to military services' readiness.

Norfolk, Virginia, is home to two EPF vessels. USNS Burlington provided support to U.S. 4th Fleet completing two U.S. Southern Command deployments that included proof of concept missions supporting several Fleet Experimentation Exercises and Planned Maintenance Availabilities of Littoral Combat Ships. In addition, the ship was tasked to conduct real world HADR support efforts in Haiti. USNS Newport is in post-delivery test and trial status until the summer of 2022. The ship and its crew support 2nd Fleet and MSCLANT conducting Deck Landing Qualifications as well as conducting typerate training to qualify mariners for service aboard T-EPF class vessels.

The Far East region remains home to three EPFs, supporting missions and exercises for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and 7th Fleet. USNS Millinocket supported CARAT exercises in Brunei and Bangladesh that targeted the enforcement of regional security cooperation and strengthen maritime partnership with host nations. USNS Brunswick supported CTF 73 across 7th Fleet area of operations (AOR) transporting military personnel and associated equipment. Brunswick took part in Noble Jaguar involving III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and 7th Fleet demonstrating functionality of III MEF when assigned as part of an integrated joint force. USNS Puerto Rico,

the newest ship assigned to 7th Fleet, participated in exercise Koa Moana, transporting I MEF cargo from San Diego to Palau transiting 5,800 nautical miles across the Pacific.



A container of Lightweight Water Purification Systems (LWPS) is offloaded off of the Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport USNS City of Bismarck (T-EPF 9) at the Port of Palau to demonstrate Seabee capabilities in support of fleet operations. LWPS provide freshwater redundancy at austere harbors with no potable water. NMCB 1 is forward-deployed to execute construction, humanitarian assistance, theater security cooperation, and support Fleet maneuver in the U.S. 7th Fleet areas of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Steelworker 3rd Class Taylor Myers)



Three EPFs serve in the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command. USNS Yuma assisted in intra-theater lift capabilities during Joint Logistics over the Shore 2021 a component of DEFENDER-Europe 21. USNS Trenton conducted joint maritime operations with Tunisia's Navy to improve maritime security and lifesaving capabilities in the Mediterranean. The ship also participated in U.S. Africa Command's largest annual exercise African Lion 2021. USNS Carson City became the first U.S. Navy ship to visit Sudan since the creation of U.S. Africa Command. The port visit served to promote and enhance maritime security in the region. Carson City supported a variety of experimentation projects, to include a NATO Mine Counter Measure exercise.

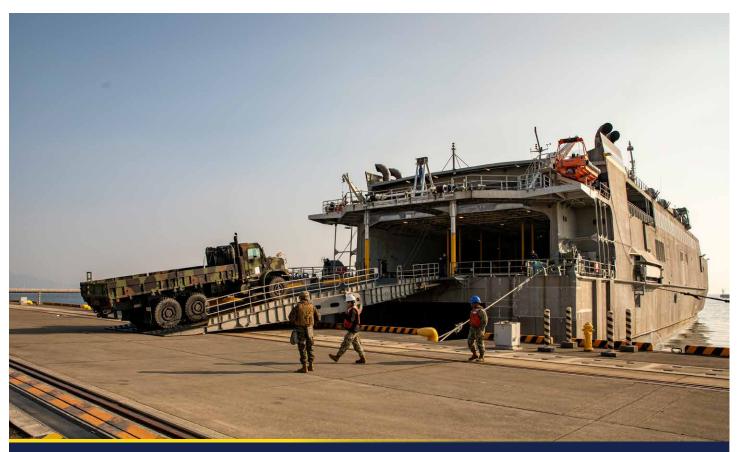
USNS Choctaw County is hubbed out of Bahrain and operates in the U.S. Central Command AOR. The ship participated in U.S. Navy Central Command's Central Partnership Station mission in Beirut, Lebanon.

Operating in support of the 3rd Fleet, USNS City of Bismarck is hubbed out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship participated in exercise Koa Moana 2021, transporting I MEF personnel and equipment to Koror, Republic of Palau. City of Bismarck supported Pacific Partnership 21, providing intra-theater transport with capability to conduct relief operations in austere environments.

USNS Spearhead and USNS Fall River entered Reduced Operating Status 45 in 2021 and are layberthed in Philadelphia, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, respectively. The two ships are crewed for basic maintenance and security functions. T-EPF 13, USNS Apalachicola, and T-EPF 14, USNS Cody, are expected to deliver in FY 2023. Delivery of T-EPF 15, USNS Point Loma, has yet to be announced.

# **High-Speed Transports**

USNS Guam, the first of two high-speed transports, continues to support U.S. Marine Corps requirements in the Western Pacific. The second high-speed transport, HST 2, chartered to Bay Ferries through an Enhanced Use Lease, provides ferry service between Portsmouth, Maine, and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.



A 7-ton truck drives onto the USNS Guam (HST 1) during Exercise Active Shield at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. Active Shield is an annual bilateral training exercise designed to test U.S. and Japanese forces in their ability to respond to contingencies and cooperatively address challenges faced by the installation. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Mitchell Austin)



# **Prepositioning and Seabasing**

Military Sealift Command operates fleet prepositioning and seabasing ships from strategic locations worldwide. The prepositioning ships are loaded with early arriving combat and sustainment supplies and equipment supporting the full range of wartime and peacetime operations.

# **Maritime Prepositioning Force**

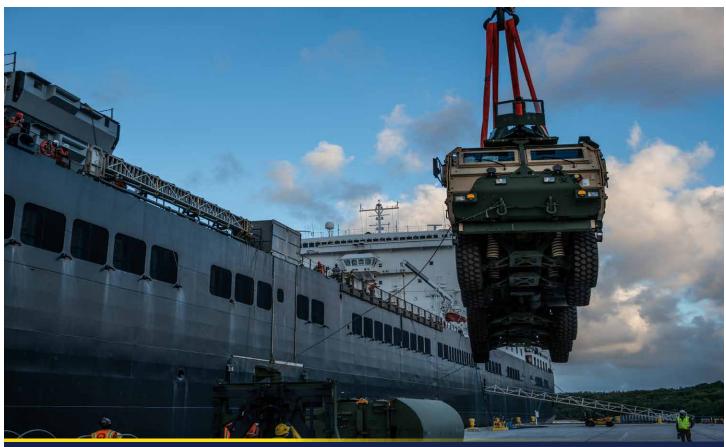
Ships are assigned to Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) squadrons forward-based in the Indian and Western Pacific oceans.

Maritime Prepositioning Ships (MPS), assigned to two forward-based squadrons, carry a diverse range of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps equipment to support a Marine Air-Ground Task Force. A U.S. Navy captain commands each MPF squadron.

The ships' aviation decks, watercraft, hose systems and other distinct outfittings provide unique capabilities to deliver rolling stock, ammunition, supplies, bulk fuel, and water. Vehicles and supplies can be discharged pierside, in-stream, ship-to-ship, or by air. Dry cargo and ammunition ships; large, medium speed, roll-on/roll-off ships; and expeditionary transfer dock (ESD) vessels provide combatant commanders new seabasing-enabled capabilities for selective discharge and replenishment operations.

In FY 2021, prepositioning ships USNS 2ND LT John P. Bobo, USNS SGT William R. Button, USNS 1ST LT Baldomero Lopez, USNS Dahl, USNS PFC Dewayne T. Williams and USNS GYSGT Fred W. Stockham conducted scheduled maintenance and regulatory dry-docking in the continental U.S.

MPF vessels supported exercises worldwide in 2021. USNS Seay supported a site survey in Norway while USNS Dahl supported exercise Freedom Banner in Guam.



U.S. Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 3 (CLR-3), 3d Marine Logistics Group (MLG), and Sailors with Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 1, offload a Logistics Vehicle System Replacement from the Bob Hope-class vehicle cargo ship USNS Pililaau (T-AKR 304) during Hagåtña Fury 21 at Naval Base Guam. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Moises Rodriguez)



#### FLEET SUPPORT AND SPECIAL MISSION

#### **PM3** Prepositioning & Seabasing

# Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-on/Roll-off Ships

USNS Seay (T-AKR 302) USNS Pililaau (T-AKR 304) USNS Sisler (T-AKR 311) USNS Dahl (T-AKR 312)

#### **Roll-on/Roll-off Container Ships**

USNS 2ND LT John P. Bobo (T-AK 3008) USNS PFC Dewayne T. Williams (T-AK 3009) USNS 1ST LT Baldomero Lopez (T-AK 3010) USNS 1ST LT Jack Lummus (T-AK 3011) USNS SGT William R. Button (T-AK 3012) USNS GYSGT Fred W. Stockham (T-AK 3017)

#### Offshore Petroleum Distribution System

USNS VADM K.R. Wheeler (T-AG 5001) USNS Fast Tempo (T-AG 4907)

#### **Expeditionary Transfer Dock**

USNS Montford Point (T-ESD 1) USNS John Glenn (T-ESD 2)

#### Expeditionary Sea Base

USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3) USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4) USS Miguel Keith (ESB 5)



An MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft prepares to take off from the flight deck of expeditionary sea base USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3) during flight operations in the Arabian Gulf. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Dawson Roth)

### **Expeditionary Transfer Dock**

The Expeditionary Transfer Docks (ESD), are designed to be a semisubmersible, flexible, modular platform providing the U.S. Navy with the capability to perform large-scale logistics movements such as the transfer of vehicles and equipment from sea to shore. These ships significantly reduce the dependency on foreign ports and provide support in the absence of port availability. The primary means of resupplying expeditionary forces ashore is by providing the bridge between cargo-laden large, medium-speed roll-on/roll-off (LMSR) ships and Landing Craft Air Cushion loading lanes.

USNS Montford Point is part of Maritime Prepositioning Squadron Three (MPSRON 3) and operated in the Guam/Saipan operations area. USNS John Glenn remained in Reduced Operating Status (ROS) 5 on the U.S. West Coast during FY 2021.

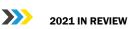
### **Expeditionary Sea Base**

The first Expeditionary Sea Base (ESB), USS Lewis B. Puller, the Navy's first purpose-built afloat forward staging base, is capable of executing missions to support aviation mine countermeasure and special forces. The platform has an aviation hangar and flight deck that includes four operating spots capable of landing MV-22 and MH-53E equivalent helicopters, and accommodations, workspaces, and ordnance storage for an embarked force. The platform also provides enhanced command and control, communications, computers, and intelligence capabilities to support embarked force mission planning and execution. The reconfigurable mission deck area can store equipment including mine sleds and rigid hull inflatable boats.

Designated as a Forward-Deployed Naval Force (FDNF) ship, Lewis B. Puller is homeported in Bahrain and supports U.S. 5th Fleet. The second ESB, USS Hershel "Woody" Williams, also an FDNF ship, is homeported in Souda Bay, Greece, supporting 6th Fleet. The Navy commissioned USS Miguel Keith, the third ESB, in May 2021. Miguel Keith is homeported in Saipan and supports 7th Fleet. Follow on ships USNS John L. Canley (T-ESB 6) and USNS Robert E. Simanek (T-ESB 7) are optimized to support a variety of maritime missions.

# **Offshore Petroleum Distribution System**

USNS VADM K.R. Wheeler and USNS Fast Tempo, which together comprise an offshore petroleum distribution system (OPDS), continued service in the Western Pacific. Leveraging commercial technology from the offshore oil production and transportation industry, VADM K.R. Wheeler can pump fuel to beach distribution facilities from up to 8 miles offshore. In FY 2022, the OPDS vessels will transit back to U.S. West Coast to enter into a multi-year ROS 10.

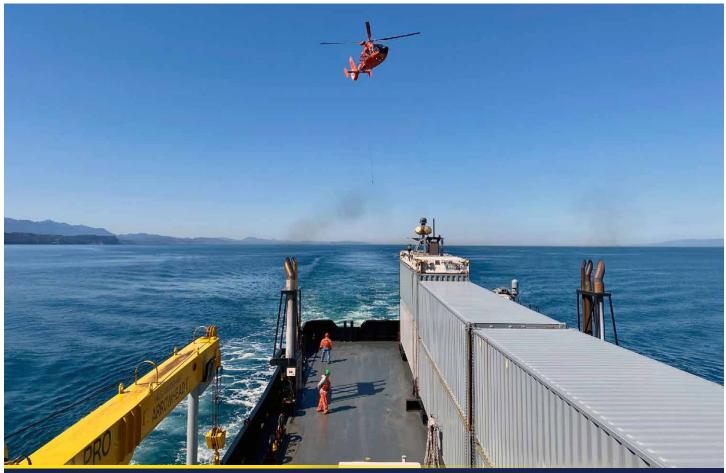


# **Special Mission**

The Special Mission Program managed a variety of seagoing platforms to support U.S. government agencies, including: U.S. Fleet Forces Command; U.S. Pacific Fleet; the Oceanographer of the Navy; Commander, Submarine Force; Commander, Undersea Surveillance; Navy's Strategic Systems Programs Office; and the U.S. Air Force. These ships were operated by both civil service mariners, and mariners employed by companies under contract to Military Sealift Command. Agency-provided mission support detachments, including U.S. military and civilian personnel, performed the mission work specialized shipboard tasks.

# **Submarine Support Ships**

MSC operates USNS Black Powder, USNS Westwind, USNS Eagleview and USNS Arrowhead, in support of the U.S. and United Kingdom ballistic missile submarine force, providing transit protection and open ocean passenger and supplies transfer services. The ships also serve as vessels of opportunity if needed to support undersea rescues.



USNS Arrowhead completing MEDEVAC training with a USCG Air Station Port Angeles, Washington, MH-65D Helicopter Detachment. (U.S. Navy courtesy photo)

# **Oceanographic Survey Ships**

MSC's six oceanographic survey ships – USNS Pathfinder, USNS Bowditch, USNS Henson, USNS Bruce C. Heezen, USNS Mary Sears, and USNS Maury – use precise, multibeam, wide-angle, hydrographic sonar systems to collect water depth measurements and other related data. The information is use to produce accurate charts and other products for Navy warfighters. In addition to survey work, these ships can be outfitted with a naval mobile instrumentation system, providing downrange missile tracking capabilities.



# **Navigation Test Support Ship**

Navigation test support ship USNS Waters continued operations supporting weapons and navigation systems testing.

# Cable Laying/Repair

USNS Zeus and her chartered counterpart CS Global Sentinel are cable laying and repair ships. As cable-laying/repair ships, they install and maintain critical national infrastructure in support of combatant and fleet commanders around the globe.

#### PM2 Special Mission

#### Submarine Support Ships

USNS Black Powder (T-AGSE 1) USNS Westwind (T-AGSE 2) USNS Eagleview (T-AGSE 3) USNS Arrowhead (T-AGSE 4)

#### **Oceanographic Survey Ships**

USNS Pathfinder (T-AGS 60) USNS Bowditch (T-AGS 62) USNS Henson (T-AGS 63) USNS Bruce C. Heezen (T-AGS 64) USNS Mary Sears (T-AGS 65) USNS Maury (T-AGS 66)

#### **Ocean Surveillance Ships**

USNS Victorious (T-AGOS 19) USNS Able (T-AGOS 20) USNS Effective (T-AGOS 21) USNS Loyal (T-AGOS 22) USNS Impeccable (T-AGOS 23) HOS Red Rock

#### Missile Range Instrumentation Ships

USNS Invincible (T-AGM 24) USNS Howard O. Lorenzen (T-AGM 25)

Navigation Test Support Ship USNS Waters (T-AGS 45)

Cable Laying/Repair Ship USNS Zeus (T-ARC 7) CS Global Sentinel

Sea-based X-band Radar Platform SBX-1 OSV Hercules

# **Sea-Based X-Band Radar**

The Sea-based X-Band Radar (SBX) provides support for the Missile Defense Agency. Frequent resupply on station of the vessel by long-term time charter the OSV Hercules allows continuous operations. Hercules supports SBX by transporting people, food, fuel and cargo to and from SBX in support of the mission. SBX is an element of the Ballistic Missile Defense System and operates primarily in the Northern Pacific region.

# **Ocean Surveillance Ships**

In the Western Pacific, five ocean surveillance ships – USNS Effective, USNS Loyal, USNS Impeccable, USNS Victorious and USNS Able – continued to provide support to U.S. 7th Fleet.

# **Missile Range Instrumentation Ships**

Missile range instrumentation ship USNS Howard O. Lorenzen, in the Western Pacific, and USNS Invincible, in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, supported the U.S. Air Force as seaborne platforms for radar systems that collected data on ballistic missile launches.



OSV Hercules approaches Sea-based X-band Radar Platform, SBX-1, for a resupply mission. (U.S. Navy by Billie Wunderle)



# **Surge Sealift**

As part of the sealift mission, MSC delivered combat and other military cargo needed by U.S. warfighters around the globe. The command supported ongoing contingency operations, military exercises and other day-to-day missions for the Department of Defense with 10 large, medium-speed, roll-on/roll-off (LMSR) ships and four roll-on/roll-off container ships (ROCON).

The Surge Project Office ships are a mix of vessel types, including purpose-built LMSRs and legacy ROCONs that were formerly part of the Maritime Prepositioning Force program. All surge sealift vessels were maintained in a reduced operating status (ROS) and layberthed at ports on the East, West, and Gulf Coasts in order to support unit deployments.

The surge sealift project office was successful in protecting the crews of the sealift fleet from COVID-19 by executing protective actions across all ships resulting in no major outbreaks in FY 2021.

USNS LCPL Roy M. Wheat transferred to U.S. Maritime Administration custody in a non-retention status awaiting title transfer in FY 2022. USNS Bob Hope activated for Defender-Europe 21, a U.S. Transportation Command Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS) exercise in Durres, Albania. The JLOTS mission kept the Bob Hope deployed from March to June.

USNS Fisher activated and deployed from May to September for Defender Pacific 21, the Pacific JLOTS, with multiple ports of call in the Pacific. USNS Gordon participated in exercise Turbo Activation 21 for 10 days in August.

USNS Mendonca and USNS Gilliland participated in U.S. Army Joint Readiness Exercise/Sea Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise in August for 14 days. The vessels transported U.S. Army equipment from Charleston, South Carolina, to Port Arthur, Texas.

Five Watson-class LMSRs and two container ships supported the Army Prepositioned Stocks program in FY 2021. Army LMSR USNS Charlton exchanged missions with USNS Red Cloud in October, enabling Charlton's cargo to return to the Far East upon its refurbishment while Charlton underwent a regulatory overhaul.

After completing a regulatory overhaul the previous year, USNS Red Cloud received an inspection and assessment in October, loaded combat support equipment in November, then deployed to the Far East at the end of the year.



Personnel with the 836th Transport Battalion, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), load cargo onto the USNS Fisher aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, as part of Orient Shield. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Darien Wright)



#### Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-on/ Roll-off Ships

USNS Shughart (T-AKR 295) USNS Gordon (T-AKR 296) USNS Yano (T-AKR 297) USNS Gilliland (T-AKR 298) USNS Bob Hope (T-AKR 300) USNS Fisher (T-AKR 301) USNS Mendonca (T-AKR 303) USNS Brittin (T-AKR 305) USNS Benavidez (T-AKR 306) USNS Charlton (T-AKR 314)

#### **Roll-on/Roll-off Container Ships**

USNS SGT Matej Kocak (T-AK 3005) USNS PFC Eugene A. Obregon (T-AK 3006) USNS MAJ Stephen W. Pless (T-AK 3007) USNS LCPL Roy M. Wheat (T-AK 3016)

#### **Army Prepositioned Stocks**

#### Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-on/ Roll-off Ships

USNS Watson (T-AKR 310) USNS Red Cloud (T-AKR 313) USNS Pomeroy (T-AKR 316) USNS Soderman (T-AKR 317) USNS Watkins (T-AKR 315)

#### **Container Ships**

MV LTC John U.D. Page (T-AK 4543) MV SSG Edward A. Carter Jr. (T-AK 4544)

#### U.S. Air Force Container Ships MV CAPT David I. Lyon (T-AK 5362)

MV MAJ Bernard F. Fisher (T-AK 4396)





In April, USNS Soderman returned to the U.S. for cargo discharge and to undergo its five-year regulatory overhaul which commenced at the end of the year. USNS Pomeroy continued to support the Army Prepositioning Program from Diego Garcia, while USNS Watson commenced its return to the U.S. in September to offload combat support equipment.

# **Army Container Ships**

Container ship MV SSG Edward A. Carter Jr. returned to U.S. in January to support cargo refurbishment and vessel redelivery. A five-year follow-on charter was awarded to the same vessel and in April 2021 SSG Edward A. Carter was loaded and deployed overseas. MV LTC John U. D. Page remained at Diego Garcia.

# **Air Force Container Ships**

Container ships MV MAJ Bernard F. Fisher and MV CAPT David I. Lyon continued to support U.S. Air Force munitions requirements in the Western Pacific. In September 2020, Bernard F. Fisher commenced a munitions upgrade mission that sent the container ship to various ports in the Far East and then on to Military Ocean Terminal, Concord (MOTCO) to drop off collected containers. In October, MAJ Bernard F. Fisher returned to the Far East to distribute the containers loaded at MOTCO. In April 2021, CAPT David I. Lyon deployed to Palau for 60 days to ascertain the capabilities and cost of siting prepositioned vessels near the island. The ship then commenced a munitions upgrade mission, calling at various ports in the Far East, then on to MOTCO to drop off containers and return to the Far East to distribute replacements.



Sailors forward-deployed with the expeditionary logistics and cargo handling capability of Task Force 75 guide ordnance containers from the Military Sealift Command vessel MV MAJ Bernard F. Fisher (T-AK 4396) at Naval Base Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Nick Bauer)



# **Dry Cargo Operations**

During FY 2021, the Dry Cargo Operations office chartered a variety of commercial dry cargo vessels to move equipment, supplies and ammunition for operations, exercises and unit rotations. MSC chartered or activated 35 vessels delivering over 800,000 measurement tons of cargo supporting worldwide operations.

Dry Cargo Ships

T/B Sea Eagle/MB 1219 SLNC Corsica (T-AK 5423)

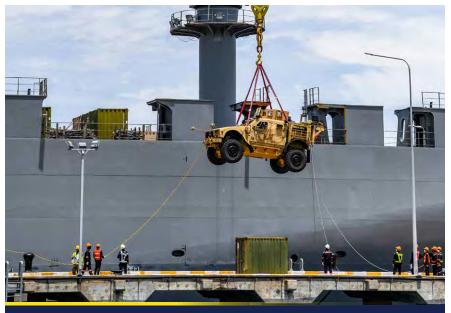
MSC-chartered vessels delivered ammunition to U.S. Combatant Commands, allies, and supported service prepositioned stocks. The Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise relied on MSC to deliver this cargo through numerous dedicated missions sailing from Military Ocean Terminals in Concord, California, and Sunny Point, North Carolina, to destinations worldwide. MV Valencia, MV Mohawk, and MV Sagamore supported ammunition sustainment missions.

For the eighth consecutive year, MSC provided sealift transportation to the U.S. Army's Pacific Pathways program. Pacific Pathways encompassed multiple exercises with MSC supporting via the activation of U.S. Maritime Administration Ready Reserve Force vessels MV Cape Henry, MV Cape Orlando, and charter ship MV Green Lake. The vessels supported exercises in multiple ports in the Far East operating area, delivering cargo, enabling the Army to maintain equipment aboard the ships between missions, and executing command and control functions.

Dry Cargo Operations coordinated sealift vessel support to Joint Readiness Exercise. Activated surge sealift vessels USNS Mendonca and USNS Gilliland participated in the exercise. This scenario provided a unique opportunity to execute rapid mobilization and demonstrate cargo throughput at seaports of embarkation and debarkation.



Contractors guide a container while unloading SLNC Corsica at Alpha Wharf onboard U.S. Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Mariterese Merrique).



U.S. and Republic of Thailand personnel work to offload a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle from the MV Cape Henry in support of Exercise Cobra Gold 21 at Toong Pronge Port in Chon Buri Province, Thailand. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Carla O)

Dry Cargo Operations continued to execute sustainment missions to facilities in the Bahamas, Channel Islands off the coast of California, and Diego Garcia. Annual sustainment support continued for Pacer Goose, the resupply mission to Thule Air Base in Greenland. This mission required an ice capable cargo vessel that meets special requirements for transits and operations in Polar regions.

For the third year, numerous dry cargo vessels hosted Strategic Sealift Officers trained as Tactical Advisors (TACADs). The expanding TACAD program embarks U.S. Navy reserve officers with specialized training in secure communications and fleet interoperability to serve as an operational interface with the Navy Fleets. This augmentation to the commercial crew provided an onboard liaison for MSC's area commanders coordinating vessel movements and communication.



# **MSC Tanker Office**

In FY 2021, Military Sealift Command tankers transported 24.1 million barrels (1.02 billion gallons) of DoD petroleum products during 190 voyages in support of Defense Logistics Agency-Energy. U.S.-flagged tankers carried more than 19 million barrels, or 79.3% of the cargo.

The primary carriers were five long-term chartered, U.S.-flagged medium range tankers: MT Empire State, MT Evergreen State, MT Maersk Peary, MT SLNC Goodwill, and shallow draft tanker MT SLNC Pax. The U.S.-flagged, long-term chartered vessels were supplemented by numerous short-term voyage and time-chartered commercial tankers, both U.S. and foreign flagged. Most notable among these vessels were the MT Maersk Misaki carrying the majority of cargoes in MSCCENT area of responsibility. The MSCFE area of responsibility required additional capability for deep draft vessel MT Maersk Michigan and shallow-draft vessels MT Sunny Queen and MT Alice supporting requirements in the Far East.

Maersk Peary, the only long-term chartered tanker with an ice-strengthened hull, delivered 141,106 barrels of JP8 fuel to Thule Air Base, Greenland, for the annual resupply mission Operation Pacer Goose Sustainment. Procurement for an Ice Class Tanker replacement commenced with a contract to be awarded in FY 2022.

#### Tankers

MT Empire State (T-AOT 5193) MT Evergreen State (T-AOT 5205) MT Maersk Peary (T-AOT 5246) MT SLNC Pax (T-AOT 5356) MT SNLC Goodwill (T-AOT 5419)



Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202) conducts a consolidated cargo replenishment (CONSOL) at sea with the MSC long-term chartered motor tanker ship MT Empire State (T-AOT 5193). (U.S. Navy photo by Sarah Burford).



MT Maersk Peary (T-AOT 5246) navigated through ice formations and powered through poor weather with low visibility to successfully deliver critical fuel supplies to Thule Air Base, Greenland. (U.S. Navy courtesy photo)

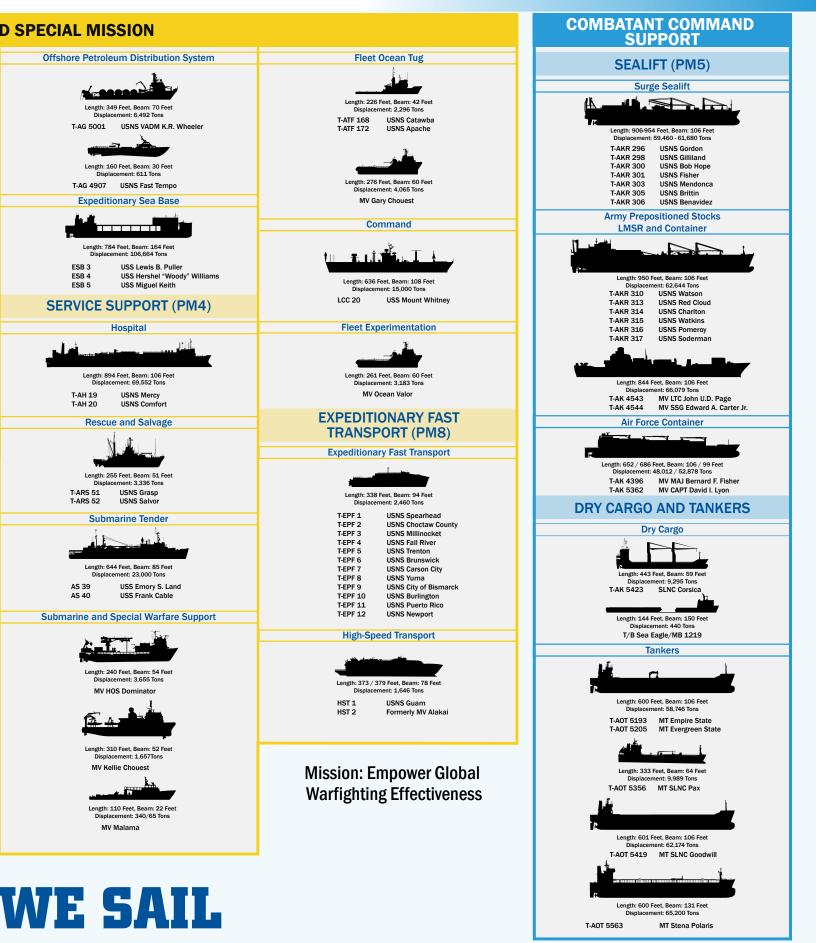


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T-A0 187 USNS Henry J. Kaiser	1-AGM 25 USINS HOWARD U. LOTENZEN	Length: 478 Feet, Beam: 71 Feet
T-A0 188 USNS Joshua Humphreys T-A0 189 USNS John Lenthall	Ocean Surveillance	Displacement: 16,118 Tons
T-A0 193 USNS Walter S. Diehl T-A0 194 USNS John Ericsson		CS Global Sentinel
T-AO 195 USNS Leroy Grumman T-AO 196 USNS Kanawha	Length: 235 Feet, Beam: 94 Feet	Navigation Test Support
T-AO 197 USNS Pecos T-AO 198 USNS Big Horn	Displacement: 3,384 Tons	<u> </u>
T-A0 199 USNS Tippecanoe T-A0 200 USNS Guadalupe	T-AGOS 19 USNS Victorious T-AGOS 20 USNS Able	
T-AO 201 USNS Patuxent T-AO 202 USNS Yukon	T-AGOS 21 USNS Effective T-AGOS 22 USNS Loyal	Length: 442 Feet, Beam: 69 Feet Displacement: 12,208 Tons
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T-AO 205 USNS John Lewis	Length: 292 Feet, Beam: 64 Feet Displacement: 3,911 Tons	T-AGSE 2 USNS Westwind T-AGSE 3 USNS Eagleview
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Length: 689 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet Displacement: 41,000 Tons	T-AGS 63 USNS Henson T-AGS 64 USNS Bruce C. Heezen	
T-AKE 1 USNS Lewis and Clark (Prepositioning)	T-AGS 65 USNS Mary Sears T-AGS 66 USNS Maury	Length: 673 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet Displacement: 46,111 Tons
T-AKE 2 USNS Sacagawea (Prepositioning) T-AKE 3 USNS Alan Shepard	Sea-Based X-Band Radar	T-AK 3008 USNS 2ND LT John P. Bobo T-AK 3009 USNS PFC Dewayne T. Willian
T-AKE 4 USNS Richard E. Byrd T-AKE 5 USNS Robert E. Peary		T-AK 3010 USNS 1ST LT Baldomero Lope T-AK 3011 USNS 1ST LT Jack Lummus
T-AKE 6 USNS Amelia Earhart T-AKE 7 USNS Carl Brashear		T-AK 3012 USNS SGT William R. Button
T-AKE 8 USNS Wally Schirra T-AKE 9 USNS Matthew Perry		
T-AKE 10 USNS Charles Drew T-AKE 11 USNS Washington Chambers		Length: 950 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
T-AKE 12 USNS William McLean T-AKE 13 USNS Medgar Evers	Length: 389 Feet, Beam: 238 Feet Displacement: 32,690 Tons	Displacement: 62,644 Tons
T-AKE 14 USNS Cesar Chavez	SBX-1 Sea-based X-band Radar	T-AKR 302 USNS Seay T-AKR 304 USNS Pililiaau
		T-AKR 311 USNS Sisler T-AKR 312 USNS Dahl
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# SEALIFT COMMAND



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# Military Sealift Command Atlantic Norfolk, Virginia

**Military Sealift Command Atlantic (MSCLAN'T)** executes tactical or administrative control for all MSC ships in the Western Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico and in both the Southern Atlantic and Eastern Pacific oceans surrounding Central and South America. MSCLANT develops schedules and provides all combat logistics support for Commanders, Task Force 80 and 40. Additionally, MSCLANT/CTF 83 deploys combat logistics force (CLF) ships to U.S. 5th and 6th Fleets, providing direct support for all carrier strike groups deploying from CTF 80.

# Operations

MSCLANT maintained daily oversight of approximately 40 ships, performing missions from CLF support to strategic sealift. MSC ships in the MSCLANT area of operations loaded and discharged 16.4 billion pounds of cargo, delivered more than 381 million gallons of petroleum products, and more than 330 million pounds net explosive weight of ordnance. MSCLANT CLF ships supported 13 deployments, 10 major fleet exercises, and three fleet ordnance moves.

The Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) unit oversaw the execution of 65 Panama Canal transits and loaded prepositioning ships with essential military cargo and ordnance. The team conducted 20 onsite ATFP spot checks and executed 225 Directed In-port Security Plans (DISP), and 89 DISP renewals. In addition, the team conducted Citadel Shield/ Solid Curtain ATFP capstone exercises for MSCLANT afloat and ashore personnel with preplanned responses to active shooter, emergency management events, and Unmanned Aerial System events.

MSC Reserve Unit 103 conducted training and participated in the following events: exercise Pacific Fury, Large Scale Exercise 21, and Hurricane Exercise.

**October 2020:** Six Strategic Sealift Officers were activated to support MSCLANT's COVID-19 response effort. SSOs serve as underway licensed support to sealift, CLF, and special mission ships. Fast combat support ship USNS Arctic and fleet oiler USNS John Lenthall supported the Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (CSG) Sail Exercise that included an underway deployment on-load of 16,000 pounds of net explosive weight of ordnance. Fleet oiler USNS Kanawha supported the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) pre-deployment integration training.



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), top, and the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) conduct an underway replenishment with Henry J. Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS Kanawha (T-AO 196) in the Atlantic Ocean during their Surface Warfare Advance Tactical Training. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Pedro A. Rodriguez)



**November:** Arctic deployed to 6th Fleet to provide at-sea logistics services. Kanawha deployed to 6th Fleet to provide replenishment services to Navy ships at sea.

**December:** Expeditionary fast transport USNS Burlington returned to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia, from a three-month maiden deployment in 4th Fleet. During the deployment, Burlington served as the surface support platform for a littoral combat ship. Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Medgar Evers returned to Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, after completing a five and a half-month deployment in 6th Fleet, replenishing ships at sea, participating in multiple exercises, and conducting training such as serving as a platform for

CV-22 deck landing qualifications.

January 2021: Kanawha and Medgar Evers provided underway replenishment services to CSG-4 during USS Dwight D. Eisenhower's Composite Training Unit Exercise. Fleet oiler USNS Patuxent departed Norfolk, Virginia, to begin a six-month deployment, supporting Navy and allied forces operating in 5th Fleet.

**February:** Returning to Norfolk, Virginia, from temporary duty with U.S. 3rd Fleet, John Lenthall executed a 30-day underway, replenishing 10 ships of the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) CSG, delivering 5 million gallons of diesel fuel and 107 pallets of vital supplies. Fleet oiler USNS Leroy Grumman returned to Norfolk, Virginia, from a seven-



Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with Henry J. Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall (T-AO 189). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Erin. C. Zorich)

month deployment in both 5th and 6th Fleets. As the main CLF vessel operating in the central Mediterranean Sea, fleet oiler USNS Joshua Humphreys provided replenishment services to the Nimitz CSG, completing 51 at-sea and 35 in-port replenishments and transferring 11 million gallons of fuel and 200 tons of critical cargo. Fleet ordnance and dry cargo ship USNS William McLean deployed to 6th Fleet to support an ordnance transfer, exercises Joint Warrior and Formidable Shield, and provision the Iwo Jima ARG, and other U.S. and allied ships.



The Royal Danish Navy guided-missile frigate-FFG HDMS Iver Huitfeldt F361 completes a replenishment-at-sea with USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) during exercise At-Sea Demo Formidable Shield. (Photo courtesy from Royal Danish Navy)



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**March:** Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Laramie returned to Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, after a six-month deployment in 6th Fleet. Fleet ocean tug USNS Apache and Medgar Evers received MSC's Maritime "E" award, recognizing crews that perform at the highest levels of operational readiness, performance, efficiency, and safety standards. Hospital ship USNS Comfort conducted a Comfort exercise, supporting the ship's readiness to deploy on short notice to perform humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions. MSCLANT staff served as Task Force Logistics for 2nd Fleet's Maritime Operations Center certification event.



Fleet's Fort McHenry (LSD 43), the Whidbey Island-class landing ship from the Mayport Naval Base in Florida and ended in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility (NISMF). (U.S. Navy courtesy photo)

**April:** Medgar Evers completed the first vertical ordnance replenishment with aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). Apache completed a dead-ship tow of the ex-USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) that began from Naval Station Mayport, Florida, and ended five days later in Philadelphia, at the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility.

**May:** Medgar Evers completed an ordnance on-load with USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). During this evolution, Medgar Evers transferred 667,031 pounds of net explosive weight of ordnance. Gary Chouest returned from deployment in 6th Fleet and commenced a voyage repair period. Expeditionary fast transport USNS Newport completed its first week of operational tasking by performing deck landing qualifications with local helicopter squadrons. Burlington underwent maintenance and installation of equipment in preparation for its planned deployment to 4th Fleet.



Sailors stand by to receive cargo from an MH-60S on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) during a replenishment-at-sea with the Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice T'ara Tripp)



**June:** Fast combat support ship USNS Supply returned from a seven-month deployment, supporting Navy ships, and NATO and coalition partners in both 5th and 6th Fleets. Together Joshua Humphreys and Medgar Evers played key roles in supporting the Harry S. Truman CSG pre-deployment integration training to include Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training and Group Sail exercises. Comfort received the annual Capt. David M. Cook award for food service excellence in the small afloat category.

**July:** Arctic returned from a five-month deployment supporting the Dwight D. Eisenhower CSG. Over a 150-day period, Arctic executed 58 replenishments, transferred more than 21 million gallons of fuel, and 6,889 pallets of critical supplies to U.S., allied and partner nation ships. Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Robert E. Peary deployed in support of 6th Fleet replenishment missions. Cargo ship MV SLNC Magothy arrived in Norfolk, Virginia, and loaded 90,000 pounds of critical supplies expected to sustain Thule Air Base for the next year. Burlington began preparations for its deployment to 4th Fleet executing a period of testing and training with advanced technologies and processes.



Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with the Supply-class fast combat support ship USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kaleb J. Sarten)

**August:** USNS William McLean returned to Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, after a seven-month deployment. William McLean supported the Iwo Jima ARG, and Dwight D. Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan CSGs, along with executing 24 replenishments and transferring more than 1.68 million gallons of fuel and 650 pallets of provisions and supplies. MSCLANT leadership changed hands when Navy Capt. Daniel E. Broadhurst relieved Capt. Janice G. Smith as commodore during a change of command ceremony held aboard USNS Comfort Aug. 27. Burlington responded to the earthquake and hurricane in Haiti while Medgar Evers provided provisions to other ships responding to the disasters. Expeditionary fast transport USNS Puerto Rico departed Norfolk and relocated to 3rd Fleet. MSCLANT staff served as Task Force Logistics for fleet-wide Large Scale Exercise 21.

**September:** Kanawha deployed and relieved Lenthall as the 5th Fleet primary replenishment oiler. Leroy Grumman supported the Kearsarge ARG SWATT exercise and pre-deployment training. Patuxent returned from an eight-month deployment supporting 5th Fleet. While deployed, Patuxent completed 62 underway replenishments and transferred more than 15 million gallons of fuel and 1,000 pallets of critical supplies. Medgar Evers returned from her 10-day humanitarian relief deployment delivering lifesaving humanitarian assistance to the people of Haiti.



#### **AREA COMMANDS**



# Military Sealift Command Pacific

San Diego

**Military Sealift Command Pacific (MSCPAC)** exercises operational control over MSC ships in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations in the Eastern Pacific from the U.S. West Coast to the International Dateline and during a limited number of operations across the International Date Line. During FY 2021, MSCPAC ships delivered fuel, food, supplies and ammunition to U.S. Navy ships, performed a variety of special missions, and transported vital military cargo to and from U.S. and allied nations.

# Operations

November 2020: Capt.

Kendall G. Bridgewater assumed command from Capt. Gabe Varela, who served as commander of MSCPAC since 2019. Bridgewater joined the MSC team following a position as the prospective commanding officer facilitator at the Navy Leadership and Ethics Center in Newport, Rhode Island. Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Guadalupe provided logistics services to the ships of the Makin Island (LHD 8) Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) as they conducted predeployment training operations in the Pacific area.

Through a series of replenishments-at-sea, Guadalupe delivered 1,709 pallets of food, parts and equipment to the ARG. In addition, the ship delivered over 2 million gallons of jet fuel and nearly 600,000 gallons of diesel ship fuel.



A U.S. Navy MH-60S Sea Hawk, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23, prepares to lift cargo from the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200) during a replenishment-at-sea. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Britany Rowlett)

#### January 2021: Fleet

replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall arrived in San Diego following a two-week trip from the Atlantic coast to serve as the duty oiler. Nine Reservists from MSCPAC Headquarters Unit participated in a week of simulated, contingency scenarios during table top exercise Pacific Fury. The exercise focused on a simulated conflict scenario, with MSC coordinating combat logistics services to Navy forces. The reservists served as watch standers and liaison officers between MSCPAC, 3rd Fleet, and U.S. Pacific Fleet.

**February:** Lenthall, serving as the duty oiler in the area, completed 30 underway replenishments with Navy ships, including the 10 ships of the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group (CSG). During the six-week period of duty, Lenthall delivered nearly 5 million gallons of diesel ship fuel, 3 million gallons of aviation fuel and 107 pallets of frozen food, dry goods and mail. Expeditionary Port Unit (EPU) 116 welcomed its new leader, Cmdr. Daniel Breeden. Breeden assumed command from Cmdr. Andrew Cleaves, who served as commander of EPU 116 since December 2018. Breeden joins the EPU 116 team following a position as Commanding Officer, Naval Beach Group One Detachment 119.





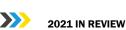
The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) travels alongside the dry cargo and ammunition USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) following a connected replenishment. Abraham Lincoln is underway conducting an ammunition onload in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Lake Fultz)

**March:** Navy Reserve Headquarters Unit welcomed Capt. James T. Rosenbach. Rosenbach assumed command from Capt. Andrea Phelps who has served as commander of MSCPAC HQ Unit since December 2018. Rosenbach joined the MSCPAC HQ team following a position as the Deputy Commander, MSCPAC/Task Force 33. Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Richard E. Byrd participated in the Navy's first at-sea helicopter transfer of an F135 engine-power module load simulator off the coast of San Diego. During the event, two helicopters transported a load simulator, measured to match the weight of an F135 engine power module, from Richard E. Byrd to Carl Vinson's flight deck. This was significant because it provided proof-of-concept that the Navy's deployed aircraft carriers will be able to receive critical parts to successfully maintain the F-35C at sea.

Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Yukon returned to San Diego following a deployment in support of the Nimitz. Yukon deployed for 302 days, with 261 days at sea. While underway, the oiler conducted 86 replenishments-at-sea, delivering nearly 16 million gallons of diesel ship fuel, 11 million gallons of aviation fuel, and 2,673 pallets of frozen food, dry goods, equipment and mail. Following training in 3rd Fleet, Yukon and the Nimitz CSG operated in 5th Fleet. Yukon participated in maritime exercise Malabar 2020 alongside Indian, Australian and Japanese ships.



Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Barry (DDG 52) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with the Henry J. Kaiser-class dry cargo ship USNS Yukon (T-AO 202) during exercise Malabar 21. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Justin Stack)



**April:** Hospital ship USNS Mercy conducted dynamic interface testing operations off the coast of Southern California. The operations tested variants of the V-22 Osprey and MH-60 Seahawk conducting take-offs and landings aboard the ship's recently improved flight deck. The testing took place following a seven-month maintenance period where the flight deck was expanded and reinforced to accommodate the size, weight and heat of larger aircraft, allowing the ship to receive patients and supplies through a variety of aviation platforms.

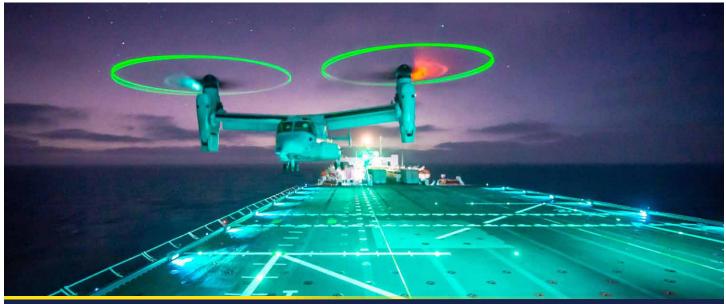
**May:** The Navy commissioned expeditionary sea base USS Miguel Keith at a ceremony at Naval Air Station North Island, California. Guadalupe recently completed support for joint training exercise Northern Edge in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex. During the month-long exercise Guadalupe provided logistics services to the Theodore Roosevelt CSG and the Makin Island ARG participating in Northern Edge, delivering 587 pallets of food and provisions, as well as over 3.5 million gallons of diesel ship fuel and 1.7 million gallons of aviation fuel via 16 replenishments-at-sea.

Crew members of dry cargo and ammunition ships Yukon and USNS Matthew Perry were awarded the Navy's Civilian Service Achievement Medal for their outstanding service during their deployment supporting the Nimitz CSG. Chartered motor tanker MT Empire State conducted five at-sea events with Matthew Perry, dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Washington Chambers and fleet oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser, transferring nearly 4 million gallons of diesel ship fuel.

**June:** Twelve Navy reservists from the MSCHQ and MSC Far East participated in two weeks of simulated, contingency scenarios during the table top exercise Pacific Sentry. The exercise focused on a simulated conflict scenario, with MSC coordinating combat logistics services to Navy forces in the Indo-Pacific region.

**July:** The Navy christened fleet oiler USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205) during a ceremony at the General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard in San Diego. The 746-foot ship is the first of the new John Lewis-class of oilers and honors Rep. John Lewis, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and civil rights activist. MSC Commander Rear Adm. Mike Wettlaufer presented Mercy crewmembers with the Civilian Armed Forces Service Medal for their work during the ship's deployment to Los Angeles to support local pandemic relief efforts.

**August:** Yukon and Washington Chambers supported the Pacific portion of the Navy's Large Scale Exercise (LSE) 2021. The ships conducted a combined 19 underway replenishments, delivering 488 pallets of dry food, parts and equipment, and fuel variants to Navy ships exercising in the region. Navy reservists from the MSCHQ and MSC Far East scheduled and coordinated logistics services for Yukon and Washington Chambers. LSE 2021 was a globally integrated exercise designed to test advanced warfare concepts across the full-range of maritime and amphibious operations under Distributed Maritime Operations. Yukon received the annual Capt. David M. Cook award for food service excellence in the medium afloat category.



An MV-22B Osprey assigned to Air Test and Evaluation (HX) Squadron 21 of Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland, lands aboard Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy's (T-AH 19) flight deck. Mercy is underway off the coast of Southern California completing Dynamic Interface Testing, where the ship's aviation facilities will be evaluated for compatibility with the V-22 Osprey and MH-60 Seahawk, and establish launch and recovery windows in adverse weather conditions. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jake Greenberg)

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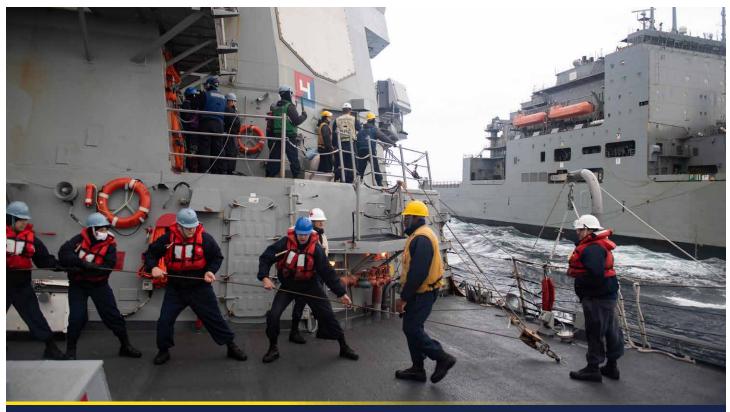
Military Sealift Command Europe & Africa Naples, Italy

**Military Sealift Command Europe and Africa (MSCEURAF)** directs ships that support U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Transportation Command. The MSCEURAF staff also supports Commander, Task Force 63 (CTF 63) under U.S. 6th Fleet. MSCEURAF supports ships deployed to or transiting through the region to conduct combat logistics, theater security cooperation, oceanographic survey, rescue and salvage, maritime prepositioning and sealift operations.

### **Operations**

During FY 2021, MSCEURAF oversaw operations of 40 ships in the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command areas of responsibility. Ships from MSCEURAF participated in 12 exercises in support of U.S. Navy, Department of Defense and NATO allies and partners throughout Europe and Africa. Combat Logistics Force (CLF) ships delivered 4,200 pallets and transferred more than 600,000 barrels of fuel to U.S. Navy, allied partners and to various fuel-bunkering locations throughout Europe.

**October 2020:** Expeditionary sea base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams joined NATO allies and partner nation for French-led Grand African Navy's Exercise for Maritime Operations in the Gulf of Guinea. More than 30 ships and aircraft from 14 nations participated in the exercise, which included scenarios on combating illegal fishing, piracy, drug trafficking and pollution, as well as rescue at sea. Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Medgar Evers supported exercise Joint Warrior in the North Sea completing a replenishment-at-sea with French frigate FS Latouche-Treville (D646). Upon completion, the ship conducted helicopter deck landing qualifications with U.S. Air Force 352nd Special Operations Wing. Fleet oiler USNS Laramie supported CTF-65 ships in transit to the Barents Sea and provided refueling support to ships from France and Norway. Expeditionary fast transport USNS Carson City conducted operations in the Black Sea including a port stop in Constanta, Romania.



Sailors assigned to Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ross (DDG 71) heave a line from Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13) during a replenishment- at- sea while participating in Exercise Joint Warrior 20-2. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Christine Montgomery)



**November:** Expeditionary fast transport USNS Yuma completed the first-ever ship-class refueling between U.S. and Italian navies, at Naval Support Activity Gaeta, Italy. Availability of a port that has capabilities for refueling and maintenance in the vicinity of U.S. 6th Fleet headquarters, opens opportunities for local access.

Commander, Military Sealift Command Europe and Africa and Commander, Task Force 63 Capt. Frank Okata presented the crew of Yuma the MSC Maritime "E" Award. The award recognizes those vessels that perform at the highest levels of operational readiness, performance, efficiency, and safety standards. Yuma conducted missions in the Mediterranean and Black Seas, and participated in exercises such



U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command USNS Laramie (T-AO 203) completes a refueling-at-sea with French Navy amphibious assault ship Dixmude (L9015) in the Atlantic Ocean. (U.S. Navy photo by Thomas Epps)

as Austere Challenge, Neptune Falcon, Agile Spirit and Sea Breeze. Fleet oiler USNS Laramie provided logistics support to destroyer USS Ross (DDG-71) with stops for provisions in Tromso, Norway, prior to stops in Rota, Spain, and exercises with U.S. Africa Command. Expeditionary fast transport USNS Trenton conducted Scan Eagle familiarization flights and training while Yuma conducted deck landing qualifications in support of helicopters from U.S. Air Force 56th Rescue Squadron.

**December:** Laramie completed a refueling-at-sea with France's Mistral-class amphibious assault ship Dixmude (L9015) in the Atlantic Ocean. Refueling-at-sea with U.S. allies and partners not only fosters relations between the two nations, but also increases crew proficiencies on different refueling setups.

**January 2021:** Trenton and Tunisian Navy partners conducted joint maritime security operations and border protection training. The series of naval exercises with the Tunisian Navy focused on developing both nations' ability to conduct maritime security operations in the Mediterranean, and further enhanced operations between U.S. and Tunisian forces in support of shared security goals.

Sailors, mariners and Navy leadership celebrated 6th Fleet command ship USS Mount Whitney 50th anniversary of the ship's commissioning with a ceremony in Gaeta, Italy. Staff and guests recalled the storied history and distinguished role Mount Whitney has played in key operations and exercises around the world. Medgar Evers operated in the North Sea in support of exercise Joint Warrior then returned to operations in the Mediterranean Sea after a brief port visit in Rota, Spain.



U.S. Sixth Fleet command and control ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) in port during the ship's 50th anniversary celebration in Gaeta, Italy. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Justin Stumberg)





A stevedore at the Port of Jacksonville, Florida, drives a military vehicle onto the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command's USNS Bob Hope (T-AKR 300). The vessel is bound for DEFENDER-Europe 21 linked exercise, Immediate Response. (U.S. Army photo by Kimberly Spinner)

**February:** Fast combat support ship USNS Supply supported the Carrier Strike Group (CSG) comprised of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), USS Mitscher (DDG 57), USS Monterey (CG 61) and USS Hudner (DDG 116), conducting underway replenishments delivering 1.4 million gallons of jet fuel and nearly 500 pallets of cargo and food. Hershel "Woody" Williams hosted a distinguished visitors' event in Mombasa, Kenya, supporting partner nation engagement activities. Expeditionary fast transport USNS Carson City completed a port visit in Port Sudan, Sudan, the first visit by a U.S. ship in over 20 years. Commodore Okata met with port officials and the Sudanese Naval Base Commander upon the ship's arrival.

**March:** MSCEURAF staff and CLF ships continued to support Dwight D. Eisenhower CSG with port visits to Rota, Spain, Augusta Bay, Sicily, and Souda Bay, Greece, prior to their departure to the U.S. 5th Fleet. Supply conducted 15 replenishments-at-sea providing 2.1 million gallons of diesel ship fuel, 2.5 million gallons of aviation fuel, and transferred over 1,200 pallets of mail, cargo and food.

Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS William McLean made its first visit to the newly established logistics hub in Crombie, United Kingdom, delivering cargo and equipment in preparation for Far North operations and repositioning of ammunition.

Vehicle carrier ARC Endurance, carrying 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, equipment, helicopters, and vehicles, arrived at the Port of Dunkirk, France, in support of rotational deployments for Atlantic Resolve.

**April:** Demonstrating the flexibility of MSC to deliver logistics support to our NATO partners, William McLean departed Rota, Spain, to support the French amphibious assault ship French amphibious assault ship FS Dixmude (L9015) enabling her to sustain operations off the coast of Morocco.

**May:** William McLean and Supply played critical roles in exercises Formidable Shield and Steadfast Defender providing support to 26 NATO and partner nation participants spanning the coast of Portugal to the Hebrides Islands, Scotland. This allowed all participants and ships to remain at sea in the ongoing pandemic environment.

MSCEURAF coordinated support for exercise Joint Logistics Over the Shore. Surge sealift ship USNS Bob Hope, activated from Bremerton, Washington, transited 11,632 miles to Durres, Albania, carrying 719 pieces of equipment for the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team for forward movement in support of DEFENDER-Europe 2021.

**June:** William McLean completed replenishment-at-sea events, detached from Formidable Shield exercise in the UK, and made port visits to Rota, Spain, and Souda Bay, Greece, in support of the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) enroute to 5th Fleet.



Supply transited east to support exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS), the premier maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Region. At the same time, William McLean completed refueling events with seven NATO units and destroyer USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51). USS Hershel "Woody" Williams completed African Lion Maritime Training Exercise off the coast of Morocco.

**July:** Supply completed the BALTOPS exercise and began to transit back home to the East Coast. Fast combat support ship USNS Arctic returned to the Mediterranean Sea after completing its 5th Fleet deployment with the USS Eisenhower CSG. Artic then transferred supplies to the UK oiler RFA Tidespring (A136) for deployment to 5th Fleet. Hershel "Woody" Williams deployed to Africa for its second circumnavigation transit of the continent. During the deployment, the ship and crew participated in numerous training events, exercises and key leadership engagement programs with partner nations.

**August:** Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Robert E. Peary arrived at El Ferrol, Spain, to onload provisions prior to a brief stop in Loch Striven, U.K., to onload fuel. Yuma departed from Souda Bay, Greece, to Rota, Spain, positioning as fast intra-theater transporter to support Operation Allies Refuge. The ship coordinated with CTF-68 Civil Engineer detachment for the mobilization of heavy equipment allowing for the construction of temporary housing for Afghan refugees.

**September:** While underway in the North Sea, Robert E. Peary completed a replenishment-at-sea with Queen Elizabethclass aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales (R09) demonstrating interoperability with a new class of carriers. Yuma supported Operation Allies Refuge by transferring supplies and equipment from the Naval Construction Battalion detachment in Rota, Spain, to Augusta Bay, Italy. Additionally, Trenton provided over 1,800 hours of support as military detachment Sailors conducted biometrics screening for refugees.



Guided-missile destroyer USS Laboon (DDG 58) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with the Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8) in the Arabian Sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jeremy R. Boan)





# Military Sealift Command Central Manama, Bahrain

**Military Sealift Command Central (MSCCENT)** represents MSC interests in the Central Command area of responsibility (AOR) including the Arabian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, Horn of Africa, Gulf of Aden, and the Red Sea. Commander, MSCCENT is dual-hatted as Commander, Logistics Forces U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and exercises tactical command of U.S. 5th Fleet air and sea logistics assets.

MSCCENT provides special mission support and maritime services to meet U.S. Central Command requirements. Specifically, Commander, Task Force (CTF) 53 provides reliable and efficient at-sea combat logistics to ensure free flow of commerce through nearly 2.5 million square miles of water area and three major maritime chokepoints.

### **Operations**

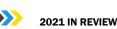
During fiscal year 2021, Combat Logistics Force (CLF) vessels conducted 427 replenishment events delivering 44,408 pallets of stores, supplies, ammunition, and 144.5 million gallons of fuel directly to U.S. Navy and partner nation ships and distribution depots across the region.

**October 2020:** Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry conducted replenishments-at-sea with the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group (CSG).

**November:** Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Wally Schirra supported the Nimitz CSG with underway replenishments while the CSG conducted maritime security operations. Wally Schirra and the CSG worked with regional and coalition partners to support Operation Freedom Sentinel as part of the NATO-led Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan.



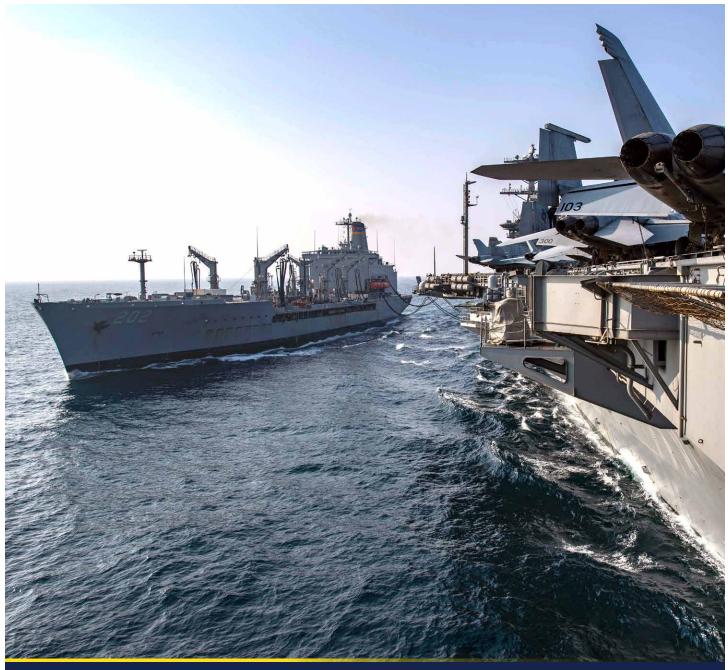
Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) collect pallets of supplies during a replenishment-at-sea with the Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8) in the Bab al-Mandeb Strait. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Louis Thompson Staats IV)



**December:** Fleet oiler USNS Yukon and Matthew Perry continued operations with the Nimitz CSG, enhancing combat readiness and interoperability among U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's combined task forces. Yukon and Matthew Perry delivered approximately 1,300 pallets of food, parts and equipment, as well as 750,000 gallons of jet fuel and over 461,000 gallons of diesel fuel to the CSG.

**January 2021:** Yukon continued to support the Nimitz CSG in the North Arabian Sea. Yukon's work greatly enhanced combat readiness and interoperability among U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's combined task forces. During the month of January, Yukon delivered 1,020 pallets of food, parts and equipment, as well as 500,000 gallons of jet fuel and over 500,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

**February:** Fleet oiler USNS Patuxent arrived in 5th Fleet, relieving fleet oiler USNS Leroy Grumman. Patuxent quickly began working to support Navy and coalition warships operating in 5th Fleet, delivering 448 pallets of food, parts and equipment, as well 1.2 million gallons of fuel to ships during the first month on station.



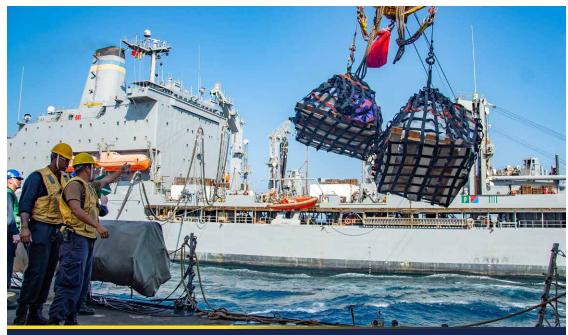
The Henry J. Kaiser-class underway replenishment oiler, USNS Yukon (T-AO 202), steams alongside aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) during a replenishment-atsea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Charles DeParlier)

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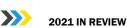
Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) deployed to 5th Fleet in support of maritime security operations designed to reassure allies and partners, and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region. During operations, the ARG received replenishments-at-sea from Patuxent, Wally Schirra and fleet oiler USNS Big Horn, totaling 1,200 pallets of food, parts and equipment, as well 1.3 million gallons of fuel.



Sailors aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) send pallets to fleet replenishment oiler USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195) during a replenishment-at-sea in the Arabian Sea, Jan. 19. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Louis Thompson Staats IV)



Sailors from the amphibious transport dock ship USS Somerset (LPD 25) observe a vertical replenishment-at-sea between the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8) and the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Big Horn (T-AO 198) during an underway replenishment between Somerset and Big Horn. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Heath Zeigler)



**April:** Expeditionary fast transport USNS Choctaw County commenced regular overhaul in Bahrain. Maintenance work included general repairs and cleaning, testing, permit updates and painting.

**May:** Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Cesar Chavez returned to the U.S. Central Command AOR, providing at-sea replenishments and support to U.S. and coalition ships.

**June:** Fleet ocean tug USNS Catawba, operating out of Bahrain, conducted various diving, salvage, and equipment and personnel transport missions in 5th Fleet.

July: Capt. Michael H. Toth relieved Capt. Michael B. O'Driscoll as Commander, Logistics Forces, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command; Commander, Military Sealift Command Central; and Commander Task Force 53. Rear Adm. Sean Bailey, deputy commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and U.S. 5th Fleet presided over the change of command ceremony.

**August:** Choctaw County completed a regular overhaul in Bahrain. Choctaw County provides fast transport options for both personnel and cargo within theater.



An SA 330 Puma helicopter attached to Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Cesar Chavez (T-AKE 14) transfers cargo to expeditionary sea base USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3) during a replenishment-at-sea in the Arabian Gulf. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Dawson Roth)

**September:** Choctaw County arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, to participate in U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's first-ever Central Partnership Station mission. The mission provided humanitarian aid to Lebanon and fostered interoperability and the military-to-military relationship between the U.S. Navy and Lebanese Armed Forces.



Central Partnership Station (CPS) conference attendees pose for a photo aboard the Military Sealift Command Expeditionary Fast Transport vessel USNS Choctaw County (T-EPF 2) at Beirut Naval Base, Lebanon. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Anita Chebahtah)





**Military Sealift Command Far East (MSCFE)**, commanded by Capt. Samuel F. de Castro, exercises administrative control over MSCFE ships that support U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Transportation Command and U.S. Navy 7th Fleet. MSCFE is co-located with Commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific, and Task Force 73 at Sembawang Wharves in Singapore. MSCFE ensures that approximately 50 ships operating in the Indo-Pacific Region are manned, trained and equipped to deliver essential supplies, fuel, cargo, and equipment to warfighters, conducting unique missions at sea and on shore. Ships which make up Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron (MPSRON) 2, commanded by Capt. Joel Stewart, and MPSRON 3, commanded by Capt. John Bub, ensure essential equipment and supplies are strategically prepositioned to facilitate rapid availability of these items to U.S. forces deployed throughout the Indo-Pacific Region. While conducting missions, MSC units and personnel routinely operate and interact with international partners and allies across the region.

### **Operations**

**October 2020:** Fleet oiler USNS Tippecanoe launched 72 hours of underway replenishments alongside HMCS Winnipeg (FFH 338), a Halifax-class frigate in the Royal Canadian Navy as well as delivered fuel to Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force ships: JS Shiranui (DD 120), JS Makinami (DD 112), JS Yamagiri (DD 152), and IS Mashu (AOE 425). Tippecanoe also resupplied aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) and two Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruisers, USS Antietam (CG-54) and USS Shiloh (CG-67).

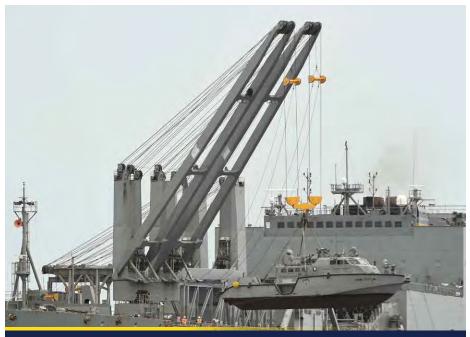
MSCFE chaplain launched command Deliverables, a program aimed at enhancing individual resilience of civil service and contract mariners. The Deliverables program was tailored to meet the unique needs of merchant mariners, however the program is available to active duty service members, reservists, and family members.

**November:** Tippecanoe joined ships from Japan and Canada for exercise Keen Sword. The oiler conducted 21 underway replenishments during the 10-day exercise. The exercise provides the Japan Self-Defense Force and U.S. military opportunities to train together across various mission areas.

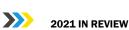
Expeditionary fast transport USNS Millinocket took part in the annual Cooperation and Readiness Afloat Training exercise, known as CARAT, Bangladesh. The exercise aims to promote regional security cooperation, maintain and strengthen maritime partnerships and enhance interoperability. Millinocket and Bangladesh crews worked through numerous events, focusing on tactical maneuvering in a variety of situations.

**December:** The crew of container ship MV CAPT David I. Lyon held its annual ceremony remembering the ship's namesake on the anniversary of his death. Lyon, a U.S. Air Force logistics readiness officer, was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013.

**January 2021:** Army prepositioning ship USNS Soderman onloaded an MK VI patrol boat in Apra Harbor, Guam, demonstrating its capability to provide necessary equipment to forward-deployed forces.



Sailors deployed from the Navy Expeditionary Logistics capability of Task Force 75 operate a twin crane to lift on a Mark VI patrol boat aboard the Military Sealift Command's large, medium-speed rollon/roll-off ship USNS Soderman (T-AKR 317) in Apra Harbor, Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Travis Simmons)





While steaming in a formation near Guam, USNS Montford Point employs their hose, a pre-planned response, which it might use during convoy operations. Pictured from left are: a Coastal Riverine Group 1's mark VI boat, USNS Montford Point (T-ESD 1), U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Myrtle Hazard (WPC-1139), USNS Red Cloud (T-AKR 313), USNS Watkins (T-AKR 315), and in the air, an MH-60R from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Nathaniel Ventura)

**February:** Prepositioning ship USNS Pililaau participated in exercise Fury. The exercise allows Marines, MSCFE assets, and Task Force 75 detachments to enhance proficiency and support force integration readiness, increasing employment flexibility and the capability to respond rapidly to a disaster relief or contingency operation.

**March:** Ship Support Unit Japan, Yokohama North Dock, and civilian personnel gathered on the 10th anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake to remember the thousands who died during the disaster.

**April:** Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron 3, Coastal Riverine Group 1, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam refined their operational skills

during joint service training near Guam. The multi-group sail exercises consisted of close-quarter turns, evasion tactics, and formation steaming. Participating units, including MPSRON 3's cargo and prepositioning ships USNS Bobo, USNS Montford Point, USNS Watkins, and USNS Red Cloud also practiced night-time signal communications and convoy operations.

**May:** Ship Support Unit Guam teamed up with the governor's office and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam to observe National Maritime Day. Guam Gov. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Joshua F. Tenorio held a virtual proclamation signing ceremony. Representatives attended an at-sea wreath-laying ceremony aboard U.S. Coast Guard cutter Myrtle Hazard (WPC 1139) as a tribute to those mariners who lost their lives supporting the Department of Defense and MSCFE.

**June:** Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Amelia Earhart conducted replenishments-at-sea with exercise Pacific Griffin participants. The bilateral exercise between the United States and Republic of Singapore Navies included subject-matter-expert exchanges, air-defense exercises, surface-to-air missile exercises, division tactics, fleet maneuvers, anti-submarine warfare tracking exercises, and a surface action group exercise.

As part of exercise Orient Shield, surge sealift ship USNS Fisher delivered more than 150 pieces of equipment, including aircraft and ground vehicles, to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. This exercise, the largest annual bilateral field training exercise in Japan between the U.S. Army and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, focused on multi-domain operations.

**July:** Expeditionary fast transport USNS City of Bismarck arrived in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines, as part of Pacific Partnership 21. Fleet oiler USNS Rappahannock and dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Alan Shepard participated in Exercise Talisman Sabre, a large-scale, bilateral military exercise between Australia and the United States, off the northeast coast of Australia. During the at-sea portion, partner nations trained together, practicing how to operate with and sustain each other in a contested maritime environment. Rappahannock and Alan Shepard worked closely with the Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Brisbane (DDG 41), HMAS Parramatta (FFH 154), and HMAS Ballarat (FFH 155). Events consisted of close-quarter turns, evasion tactics, formation steaming, and emergency breakaway procedures.

Fisher supported exercise Forager, a U.S. Army Pacific exercise designed to test and refine the Army's ability to flow landpower forces into the theater, execute command and control of those forces, and effectively employ them in support of allies, partners and national security objectives in the Indo-Pacific Region.

U.S. Maritime Administration sealift ship MV Cape Henry arrived at Toong Pronge Port, Kingdom of Thailand, to deliver cargo and equipment in support of Exercise Cobra Gold in Chon Buri Province, Thailand. Cobra Gold builds on the longstanding friendship between the U.S. and Thailand and promotes regional peace and security.



**August:** Vehicle carrier ship MV Green Bay supported exercise Garuda Shield, a two-week joint exercise between the U.S. Army and Indonesian National Armed Forces. The joint exercise enhances the jungle warfare ability of both the U.S. and Indonesian armies.

Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry resupplied USS America (LHA 6) and USS New Orleans (LPD 18) as part of Large Scale Exercise (LSE) 21. LSE helps refine the synchronization of maritime operations across multiple fleets in support of the joint force.

Maritime prepositioning ship USNS Dahl took part in exercise Freedom Banner, an annual maritime prepositioning force exercise on the Islands of Guam and Tinian. The prepositioning and seabasing ship supported Marine Corps units from U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific. During Freedom Banner, the Marine Corps exercised its ability to rapidly deploy forces and equipment from maritime prepositioning ships.

MSC Office Korea's reserve unit supported MSC, Navy, combined, and joint counterparts in Korea during a busy training period. During their active-duty-for training and annual training periods, the reservists applied lessons learned during the MSCFE Center of Excellence course to their on-station logistics coordination activities.

**September:** Pililaau took part in exercise Malabar, an annual maritime exercise that enhances planning, training, and employment of advance warfare tactics between the Royal Australian, Indian, and U.S. Navies, and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force. Pililaau supported units from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, and Naval Special Warfare Command during the exercise.

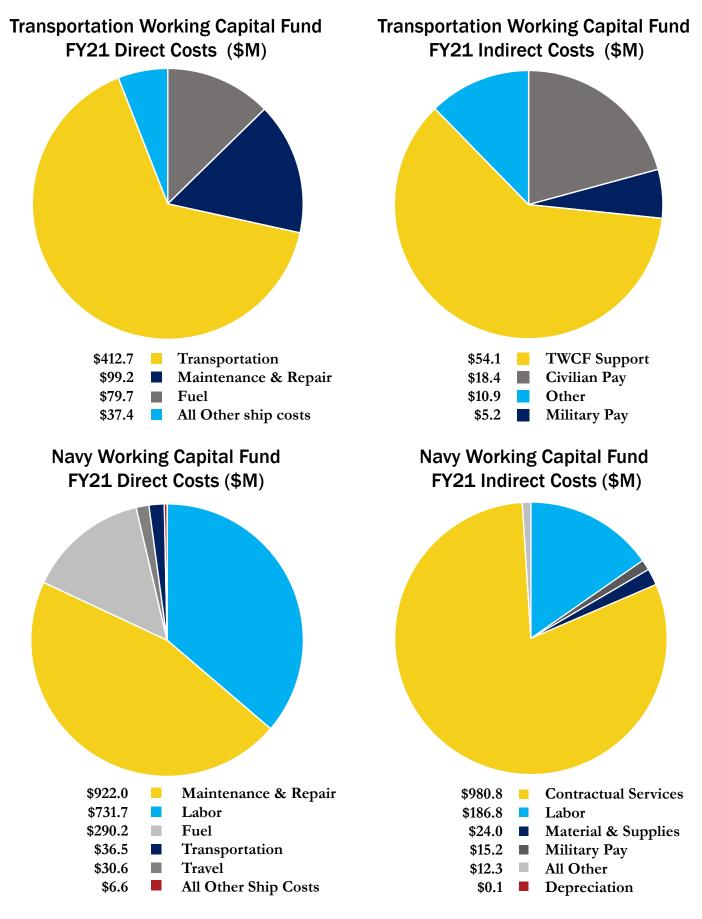
Alan Shepard helped test the capabilities of the Navy's next-generation Sub-Sonic Aerial Target (SSAT). The SSAT, used for fleet training, replicates modern subsonic anti-ship cruise missile threats launched from air, land, surface, and subsurface to test the effectiveness of shipboard air defense systems. Alan Shepard was selected as the first vessel in the Combat Logistics Force operating in the Western Pacific to help test the new capability.

Expeditionary fast transport USNS Brunswick took part in exercise Noble Jaguar, which included units from III Marine Expeditionary Force and U.S. 7th Fleet. Marines and other members of the U.S. military routinely embark on ships like Brunswick to transport cargo, equipment, and personnel expeditiously throughout the region. Expeditionary fast transport ships provide warfighters flexibility as the ship's storage capacity can be tailored to meet mission objectives.



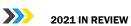
Military Sealift Command's prepositioning ship, USNS Pililaau (T-AKR 304), takes part in exercise Malabar. (U.S. Navy photo by Capt. Tom Pearse-Drance)

### **Expenses & Costs**



## **Mission Highlights**

Operation	MSC Ships	Location	Dates	Purpose
Afloat Maintenance Platform	USNS Burlington	Caribbean and Central America	Oct - Dec 20	At-sea maintenance platform supporting LCS deployment
Atlantic Resolve unit rotation	ARC Endurance	Ports in U.S. and Europe	March - Jul 21	Rotation of U.S. Army aviation and combat units to and from U.S. and Europe
Consolidated Cargo Operations	USNS Matthew Perry USNS Washington Chambers USNS Henry J. Kaiser MT Empire State	Pacific Ocean	July 21	Transfer of fuel at sea from a tanker to combat logistics force ships
Dead-ship Tow	USNS Apache	Atlantic Ocean	April 21	At-sea tow of a decommissioned dock landing ship from Mayport, Florida, to Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility, Philadelphia
Dynamic Interface Testing	USNS Mercy	Pacific Ocean	April 21	Testing for V-22 variants and MH-60 Seahawk landing and take-off from new flight deck
EPF refueling at NSA	USNS Yuma	Gaeta, Italy	Nov 20	First refueling by an expeditionary fast transport at NSA Gaeta, Italy
Humanitarian Relief	USNS Burlington	Haiti	Aug 21	Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in Haiti
Movement of Prepositioned Stocks	MV Liberty Pride	Italy	Sept - Oct 20	Onload and forward transportation of MRAPs
Pacer Goose Sustainment	MV SLNC Magothy MT Maersk Perry	Thule Air Base, Greenland	July 21	Cargo and fuel resupply of Thule Air Base
Pacific Partnership	USNS City of Bismarck	Republic of the Philippines Republic of Palau	July - Aug 21	Annual humanitarian mission to work collectively with host and partner nations to enhance disaster response capabilities
Rescue-at-sea	USNS Patuxent	Gulf of Aden	June 21	Rescue of 15 mariners from vessel in distress
Salvage	HOS Dominator	Pacific Ocean	Sept 21	Scanning and salvage of downed helicopter
UAS logistics support mission	USNS Joshua Humphreys	Atlantic Ocean	July 21	Testing unmanned aerial system to move supplies from ship-to-ship at sea
Vertical Replenishment	USNS Richard E. Byrd	Pacific Ocean	March 21	Simulate transfer of F-35 engine module from supply ship to aircraft carrier



## **Excercise Participation**

Operation	MSC Ships	Location	Dates	Purpose
African Lion	USNS Trenton USS Hershel "Woody" Williams"	Mediterranean Sea	June 21	U.S. and partner nations training to promote security and stability in the region
Composite Training Unit Exercise	USNS Kanawha USNS Medgar Evers	Atlantic Ocean	Jan - Feb 21	Pre-deployment training in support of ships assigned to a carrier strike group
Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training	USNS Millinocket	Brunei	Oct 20	Bilateral exercise focusing on maritime security training
Defender - Europe	USNS Bob Hope USNS Yuma	Ports in U.S. and Europe	May 21	Annual large-scale, U.S. Army-led exercise to build readiness between U.S., NATO and partner militaries
Freedom Banner	USNS Dahl	Guam and Tinian	July - Aug 21	Annual maritime prepositioning force exercise
Grand African Navy's Exercise for Maritime Operations	USS Hershel "Woody" Williams	Gulf of Guinea	Oct 20	Ships and aircraft from 14 nations working together to improve maritime domain awareness
Joint Readiness Exercise	USNS Fisher	Port Arthur, Texas	Sept - Oct 20	Test U.S. Army's ability to rapidly deploy a brigade combat team
Joint Warrior	USNS Medgar Evers	Atlantic Ocean	Oct 20	Multi-national exercise focused on maritime security



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Operation	MSC Ships	Location	Dates	Purpose
Keen Sword	USNS Tippecanoe	Japan	Nov 20	Joint-bilateral field training exercise to enhance Japan-U.S. combat readiness and interoperability
Large Scale Exercise	USNS Grasp USNS Yukon USNS Washington Chambers USS Mount Whitney USNS Matthew Perry USNS Arctic	Global exercise including component commands and numbered Fleets	Aug 21	A live, virtual, and constructive, globally-integrated exercise that spans multiple Fleets.
Malabar	USNS Pililaau	Philippine Sea	Aug 21	Annual maritime exercise including load and offload of equipment during roll-on/roll-off operations
Noble Jaguar	USNS Brunswick	Japan	Sept 21	Marine Corps units practicing embarkation and use of EPF as a part a networked and integrated joint force
Northern Edge	USNS Guadalupe	Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex	May 21	Logistics services provided to Carrier Strike Group and Amphibious Ready Group
Phoenix Express	USS Hershel "Woody" Williams	Tunisia	May 21	Multinational maritime exercise to increase regional cooperation
Sealift Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise	USNS Mendonca USNS Gilliland	Port Charleston, South Carolina Port Arthur, Texas	Aug 21	Train units for deployment readiness, including an onload and offload of a brigade-sized task force, using port facilities and ships
Talisman Sabre	USNS Rappahannock USNS Alan Shepard	Australia	July 21	Large-scale, bilateral exercise between U.S. and Australia



### Awards

Afloat Sailor of the Year HM1 Raymond Weeks (USNS Comfort)

**Shore Sailor of the Year** LS1 Ryan Julius (MPSRON 3)

**Reserve Sailor of the Year** GM1 Shawn Hajdysz (CART)

**Civilian of the Quarter** Senior: Frank Adams, N6 Junior: Alexandra Hiser, N10

### Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal



Kanama Bivins, N8 Jack Taylor, DMO Michael Morris, TFM

### **Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal**



Glenn Stafford, N8 Thomas Herold, N00L Beth Long, N8 Steven Parker, N10

### **Navy Civilian Service Commendation Medal**



Robert Farmer, N04T Roderick Nerney, N04T Stephen Comean, N04T Forrest Herndon, N04T Christopher Hudson, N04T David Hayes, N04T Rebecca Brow, N04T Terrance Coveney, N04T Andrew Conners, N04T Roy Pinedo, N04T Robert Torres, N04T Jack Begley, N04T Wayne Perry, N02P Christina Cortez, N10 Francis Sanders, N8

### Navy Civilian Service Achievement Medal



1 April 2020 - 10 February 2021 USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9) USNS Yukon (T-AO 202)

### **Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal**



March 2020 - June 2020 USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) USNS Comfort (T-AH 20)



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## Awards

### **Legion of Merit**



CAPT Hans Lynch, N02 CAPT Kathryn Elliott, N02H

### **Meritorious Service Medal**



CMDCM Peter Dyksterhouse, N00 CAPT William Palmer, N00R CDR Chuck Saner, N02FS CDR Carla Barry, N02FC CDR Patrick Burkett, N7 CDR Kenneth Findley, N10 LCDR Michael Swerda, N6

### Navy Commendation Award



LCDR William Christian, N00 LT Hosannah Rhodes, N4 ITC Ainsworth Rose, N6 IT1 Lisbeth Perdue, N6 LT Richard Ford, N00 LT Charlotte Roche, N1 YN1 Sebastian Hudson, N002 YNC Jenilie Luddley, N002 LT Chelsea Rowan, N10 HMCS Eric Elizee, N02H OSC Anthony Stocks, N3/5 LT Elizabeth Clubb, N3/5 AGC Daniel Hostie, N3/5

### **Navy Achievement Medal**



YN2 Alexia Spurgeon, N002 OS2 McGill, N3/5 IT1 Michelle Gonzalez, N6

### **Military Outstanding Volunteer Service**



IT1 Michelle Gonzalez, N6

### CY 2020 MSC Maritime Excellence Award



USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13) USNS Apache (T-ATF 172)

2021 Secretary of the Navy Energy Excellence Award

Afloat (Logistics) - USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13)

### 2021 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award

Afloat Environmental Award USS Frank Cable (AS-40)

#### 2020 Captain David M. Cook Food Service Excellence Awards

USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), small afloat USNS Yukon (T-AO 202), medium afloat USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4), large afloat USS Frank Cable (AS 40), hybrid afloat







#### Fleet Ocean Tug USNS Apache clinched MSC's Maritime "E" award for Excellence.

#### By LaShawn Sykes, Military Sealift Command Atlantic Public Affairs

One of the top honors presented annually by MSC is its Maritime "E" award, with pennant. The purpose of the award is to recognize those U.S. Naval Service Ships and Civil Service Mariners (CIVMARS) who demonstrated the highest degree of operational excellence during the prior calendar year. This award is similar in concept to the Navy's Type Command Battle Efficiency or the Battle 'E' award.

Winning the award is a positive validation for all of the hard work the crew has put in over the last few years, said Capt. Matthew Hoag, master of USNS Apache. "The key to repeating this year's success next year will require us to keep our guard up and put safety and mission excellence first and foremost as achievable goals."

Capt. Janice G. Smith, MSC Atlantic Commodore, Norfolk, Virginia, presented the "E" award on March 17 to several members of the Apache crew and the ship's master on the pier at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Fort Story, Virginia.

"MSC's 'E' award appropriately reflects the endless hours the Apache crew have spent, maintaining the highest degree of operational readiness. It is a true testament to the elite seamanship of the civil service mariners assigned to the vessel," Smith said.

In order to clinch the excellence award, the Apache crew developed a culture aboard the ship that instilled commitment to success and pride within all crewmembers, Hoag said. "I couldn't possibly be more proud of my crew. We are a diverse group of experienced CIVMARS who love our work and have mutual respect for each other."

Apache was nominated for outperforming all other T-ATFs in competitive-year 2020, by demonstrating day-to-day excellence in providing the highest degree of operational readiness, performance, efficiency, and safety standards.

Apache is the last of the Powhatan-class ocean tugs and the fifth ship in the Navy to bear the name. It is equipped with a 10-ton capacity crane and a bollard pull of at least 54 tons. Operated by MSC and crewed by 18 CIVMARS, the Apache was delivered to the U.S. Navy in 1981.

As the U.S. Navy's maritime transporter, MSC is tasked with specialty missions such as salvage, towing, and research. In order for MSC to conduct their specialty missions, they use many vessels including their Powhatan-class tug boats. One particular transport mission involving Apache in 2020 involved the recovery of a Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM) that sunk 15 years ago near the quay wall on JEBLC. With the help of Mobile Diving & Salvage Unit 2-5, the craft was successfully located and towed from Pier 59 to the end of the quay wall, Jun. 10.



Military Sealift Command awarded USNS Apache (T-ATF 172) the Maritime Award. (U.S. Navy photo by LaShawn Sykes)



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#### Dry Cargo and Ammunition Ship USNS Medgar Evers wins annual Maritime "E" Award for Excellence.

#### By LaShawn Sykes, Military Sealift Command Atlantic Public Affairs

The ship's consistent habit of training longer, working harder, and giving more than any other vessel in its class, gave the ship its winning competitive edge for fiscal year 2020.

In spite of last year's COVID-19 pandemic, Capt. Zachary J. Daniels, master of USNS Medgar Evers, said his Civil Service Mariners (CIVMARS) have done a brilliant job of navigating the crisis. By leaning on and supporting each other through the tough times, the crew has been able to maintain the highest level of quality service to the Navy's warfighters at sea, he said. "I couldn't be more proud! I see the hard work and dedication that goes into keeping the ship performing at the level it does, and it's a collective effort. The 'E' award is an external validation of the effort I see everyone putting in each and every day."

Capt. Janice G. Smith, MSC Atlantic Commodore, Norfolk, Virginia presented MSC's "E" Award to the master and several CIVMARS aboard the vessel on Naval Station Norfolk, March 16.

Earning MSC's "E" Award is a true testament to the elite seamanship of Medgar Evers' CIVMARS and their steadfast commitment to always lean forward, providing an unmatched level of service to the Navy's warfighters worldwide, Smith said. "The ship's tireless efforts in providing year-round quality replenishment services last year was done extraordinarily well, during an extraordinary time in our nation's history."

MSC's "E" Award is one of MSC's top honors presented to Combat Logistics Force ships. The award was created to recognize those vessels that perform at the highest level of operational readiness, performance, efficiency, and safety standards.

Medgar Evers is one of 14 Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo and ammunition ships of the United States Navy, named in honor of World War II veteran and civil rights activist Medgar Evers.



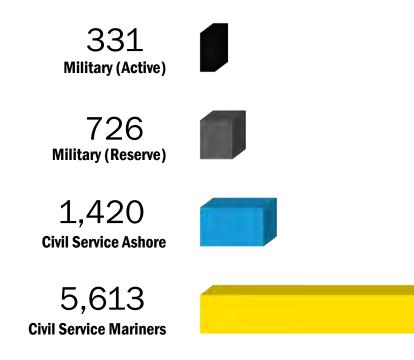
For the second year in a row, Military Sealift Command awarded USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13) the Maritime Excellence Award. (U.S. Navy photo by LaShawn Sykes)



## Personnel

### U.S. Government Workforce - 8,090

In addition to the U.S. Government workforce, approximately 1,400 commercial mariners operate government-owned or contractor-owned ships.





\* as of September 2021



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## **MSC Ship Inventory**

COMBAT LOGISTICS F	ORCE	31	<ul> <li>15 Fleet Replenishment Oiler</li> <li>14 Dry Cargo/Ammunition Ship</li> <li>2 Fast Combat Support Ship</li> </ul>
	SERVICE SUPPORT	15	<ul> <li>4 Fleet Ocean Tug</li> <li>3 Submarine and Special Warfare Support Ship</li> <li>2 Rescue and Salvage Ship</li> <li>2 Hospital Ship</li> <li>2 Submarine Tender</li> <li>1 Command Ship</li> <li>1 Offshore Supply Vessel</li> </ul>
FLEET	EXPEDITIONARY FAST TRANSPORT	14	12 Expeditionary Fast Transport 2 High-Speed Transport
SUPPORT AND SPECIAL MISSION	SPECIAL MISSION	23	<ul> <li>4 Submarine Support Ship</li> <li>6 Oceanographic Survey Ship</li> <li>6 Ocean Surveillance Ship</li> <li>2 Missile Range Instrumentation Ship</li> <li>1 Navigation Test Support Ship</li> <li>1 Sea-based X-band Radar Ship</li> <li>1 Sea-based X-band Radar Support Ship</li> <li>2 Cable Laying/Repair Ship</li> </ul>
PRE	EPOSITIONING & SEABASING	17	<ul> <li>14 Maritime Prepositioning Force</li> <li>5 Roll-on/Roll-off Container Ship</li> <li>5 Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-on/Roll-off Ship</li> <li>2 Expeditionary Transfer Dock</li> <li>1 Offshore Petroleum Distribution Ship</li> <li>1 Offshore Petroleum Distribution Support Ship</li> <li>3 Expeditionary Sea Base</li> </ul>
COMBATANT COMMAND SUPPORT		30	<ul> <li>14 Surge Sealift</li> <li>10 Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-on/Roll-off Ship</li> <li>4 Roll-on/Roll-off Container Ship</li> <li>5 Tankers</li> <li>2 Dry Cargo Ship</li> <li>7 Army Prepositioned Stocks</li> <li>5 Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-on/Roll-off Ship</li> <li>2 Container Ship</li> <li>2 Air Force Container Ship</li> </ul>
U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION READY RESERVE FORCE		41	<ul> <li>33 Roll-on/Roll-off Ship</li> <li>4 Auxiliary Crane Ship</li> <li>1 Heavy-lift Ship</li> <li>2 Aviation Maintenance Ship</li> <li>1 Tanker</li> </ul>

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