

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Sterett (DDG 104) comes alongside the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Lily Gebauer)



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Commander's Perspective

Rear Adm. Philip E. Sobeck, USN

I am both humbled and honored to serve as the 29th Commander of Military Sealift Command, and very appreciative of the work the entire MSC team accomplished during the previous year. And I am grateful to Rear Adm. Mike Wettlaufer and his wife Tina for their leadership over the past four years, and throughout his 38-year career, as he oriented the command to think and operate as a warfighting organization, delivering capabilities and solutions to the Joint Force.

As the maritime logistics provider for the Department of Defense, Military Sealift Command delivers agile, persistent, and innovative logistics solutions to the Navy and Joint Force, generating effects across the spectrum of military operations in strategic competition, crisis and conflict.

Directly supporting Navy Fleet Commanders and as the Naval Component of United States Transportation Command, we crew, train, equip, and operate over 140 government and commercially-owned and chartered vessels for the Department of Defense and other agencies. The MSC fleet ranges from naval auxiliaries to special mission, support and cargo vessels.

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

- **MISSION ASSURANCE (Range and Depth):**

Man, train, and equip the MSC Fleet to enable mission execution from competition through escalation to armed conflict.

- **WARFIGHTING EFFECTIVENESS (Scale and Pace):**

Develop, resource, and integrate workforce, capabilities and force structure to execute mission at scale and pace required in combat.

- **WORKFORCE RESILIENCY AND SAFETY (Organizational Trust and Alignment):**

Sustain the high standards of professionalism and safety while promoting a diverse and talented workforce.

- **DRIVE DECISION ADVANTAGE (Data Driven, Speed (Tempo) Delivered):**

Develop and sustain data analytics and information sharing that enables enterprise-wide collaboration and agile decision making.



Rear Adm. Philip E. Sobeck, USN

The environment in which we operate poses many risks – in the unforgiving danger of life at sea, in the complexity of operations by our people and platforms, and in adversaries who seek to challenge our Navy and our Nation. Here are a few highlights of the work the MSC team completed around the globe in support of the Navy and Joint Force over the past year:

- Sealift missions resupplied McMurdo Station in Antarctica and Pituffik Space Base, Greenland, and conducted the strategic movement of U.S. Army equipment around the Pacific during Operation Pathways.
- Combat logistics force ships supported the training and deployment of carrier and expeditionary strikes groups enabling the Navy's forward presence mission.
- Fleet support ships conducted important towing and salvage operations, USNS Comfort and the Military Treatment Facility team completed the 12th iteration of Continuing Promise, and expeditionary fast transports provided training and mission support to every geographic Combatant Command.
- The contracting team executed critical, time-sensitive contracts enabling tanker support for the Red Hill defueling and enhanced fuel movement in the Indo-Pacific.
- We accepted delivery of three new ships, fleet oiler USNS Harvey Milk, expeditionary fast transport USNS Apalachicola, expeditionary seabase USS John L. Canley, and christened the lead ship in our new towing, salvage and rescue class, USNS Navajo.

The MSC team continued to innovate and seek solutions to maritime logistics challenges, pressing forward with CONSOL tanker operations, demonstrating an expeditionary vertical launch system capability, testing unmanned aerial systems to deliver payloads, and deploying Navy Reserve Corps Officers or TACADS aboard both government-owned and commercially-owned vessels on charter.

We will continue to maintain the high standards of day-to-day excellence, and stay committed to being the leading provider of maritime logistics and warfighting effectiveness in support of current, and future national security objectives. In everything we do, we will continually assess our ships, shipmates, and ourselves; plan with a purpose; and execute to fight and win.

I am proud of our entire team, civil service and contract mariners, civil service and uniformed members alike, and the work we accomplished together. The photographs and summaries in this publication highlight the skilled and professional work performed by MSC and our partners over the past year.

United We Sail so that Together We Deliver!

Rear Adm. Philip E. Sobeck, USN
Commander, Military Sealift Command

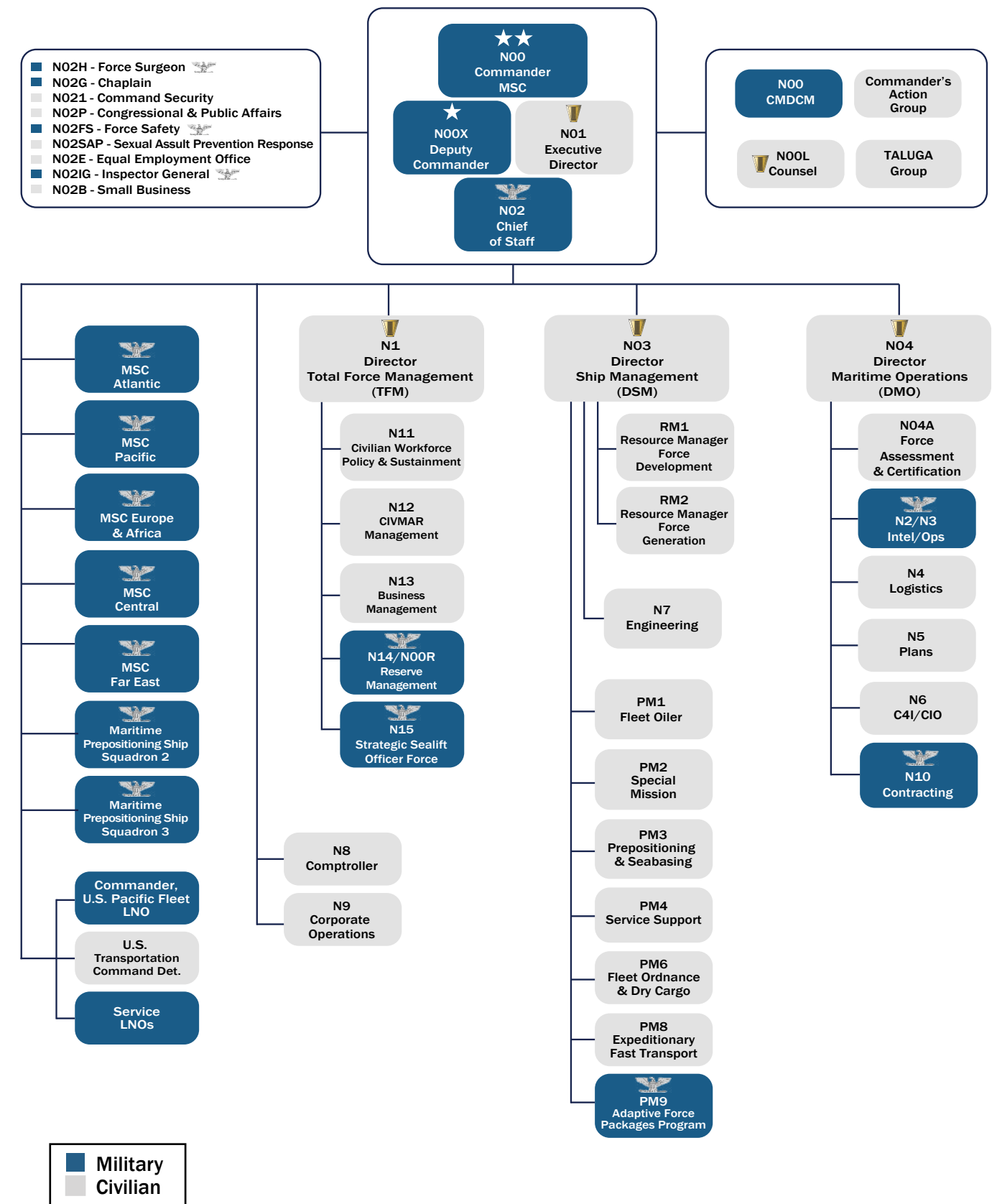


Rear Adm. Michael A. Wettlaufer, USN

Chain of Command



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. 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.



MSC Reserves

The Navy Reserve mission for MSC is to provide cargo afloat rig teams (CART), expeditionary port units (EPUs), headquarters (HQ) support units, and Tactical Advisors for operations which require additional manpower not normally required during sustained peacetime operations. The Navy Reserve is MSC's workforce solution for surge mission sets. In FY 2023, MSC maintained 956 selected reservists and 29 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 five CART units providing 12 rig teams.

EPUs – Provide liaison and ship husbandry support for forward-deployed port operations. MSC has 13 EPUs aligned under MSC's five area commanders.

HQ support units – Provide trained watch standers and staff support personnel to augment MSC HQ, U.S. Transportation Command MSC Detachment at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and the five area command staffs. MSC has eight HQ support units. The HQ logistics support unit provides direct support to operational logistics and fleet sustainment.

Additionally, one team supports the Inactive Ready Reserve Strategic Sealift Officer (SSO) community of 2,300 officers. The SSO force, all with U.S. Coast Guard Deck and Engine Licenses, provided substantial support to CLF and contract ships, Area Commands, MSCHQ Battle Watch, Engineering, and other divisions over the year.

During FY 2023, Navy Reserve CART members provided 821 total mission days underway replenishment support to CLF ship in support of Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX 23) on the USNS Joshua Humphreys (T-AO 188), USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7), USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), and USNS Supply (T-AOE 6). During the year, MSC Reserve members supported the following exercises and activities: Turbo Activation, Turbo Challenge, Turbo Distribution, Cobra Gold, Defender Pacific, Large Scale Exercise, Tuscan Trident, COMPTUEX, multiple Tactical Advisor missions, and support to all five area commands and headquarters.

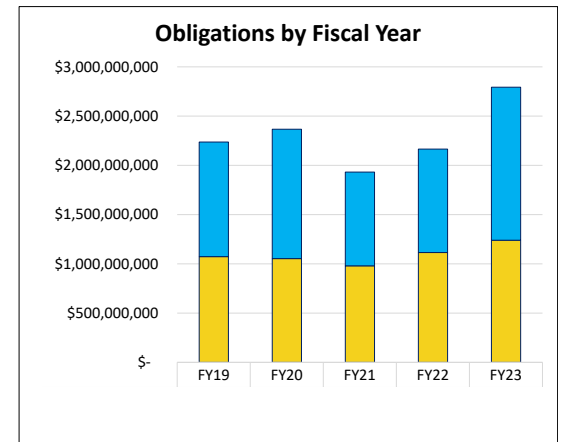
Small Business Program

FY 2023 MSC Small Business Facts

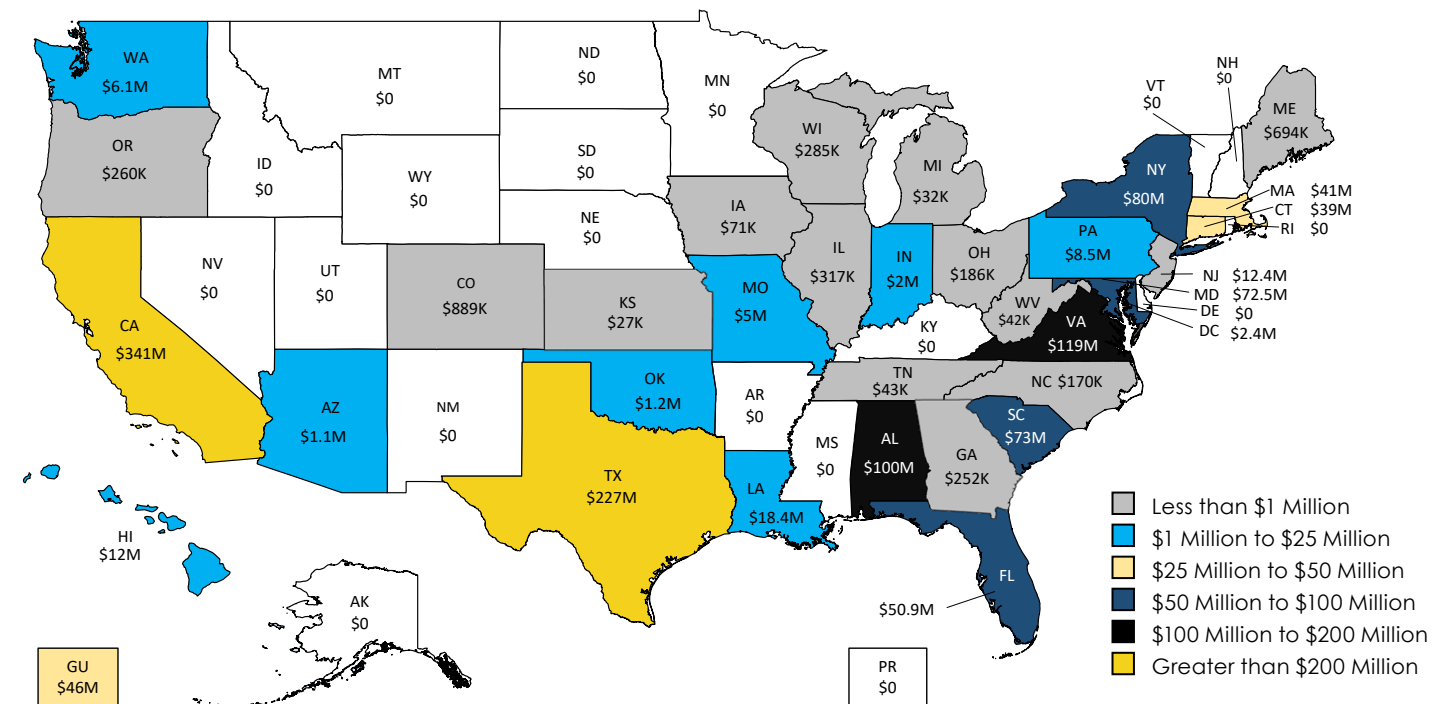
- MSC obligated 44.38% of dollars to small businesses
- MSC awarded contracts to 230 small businesses
 - 147 other-than-small business + 230 small business = 377 total businesses
- 57 vendors received their first award with MSC that had not received an award in the prior five fiscal years
- These 57 small business vendors accounted for \$68.2M in awards with MSC and includes:
 - \$15.6M to Small Disadvantaged Businesses
 - \$15.3M to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
 - \$1.1M to Women-Owned Small Businesses
 - \$9K to Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone)

FY 2023 Top Small Business NAICS

- North American Industry Classification System**
- 483111 - Deep Sea Freight Transportation
 - 336611 - Ship Building and Repairing
 - 541330 - Engineering Services
 - 481212 - Nonscheduled Chartered Freight Air Transportation
 - 541513 - Computer Facilities Management Services
 - 721110 - Hotels (Except Casino Hotels) and Motels
 - 488330 - Navigational Services to Shipping
 - 483112 - Deep Sea Passenger Transportation
 - 611519 - Other Technical and Trade Schools
 - 561599 - All Other Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services



FY23 Small Business Achievements Map



Data Source: Non-validated SAM.gov awarding data for Military Sealift Command for period of Oct. 01, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023.

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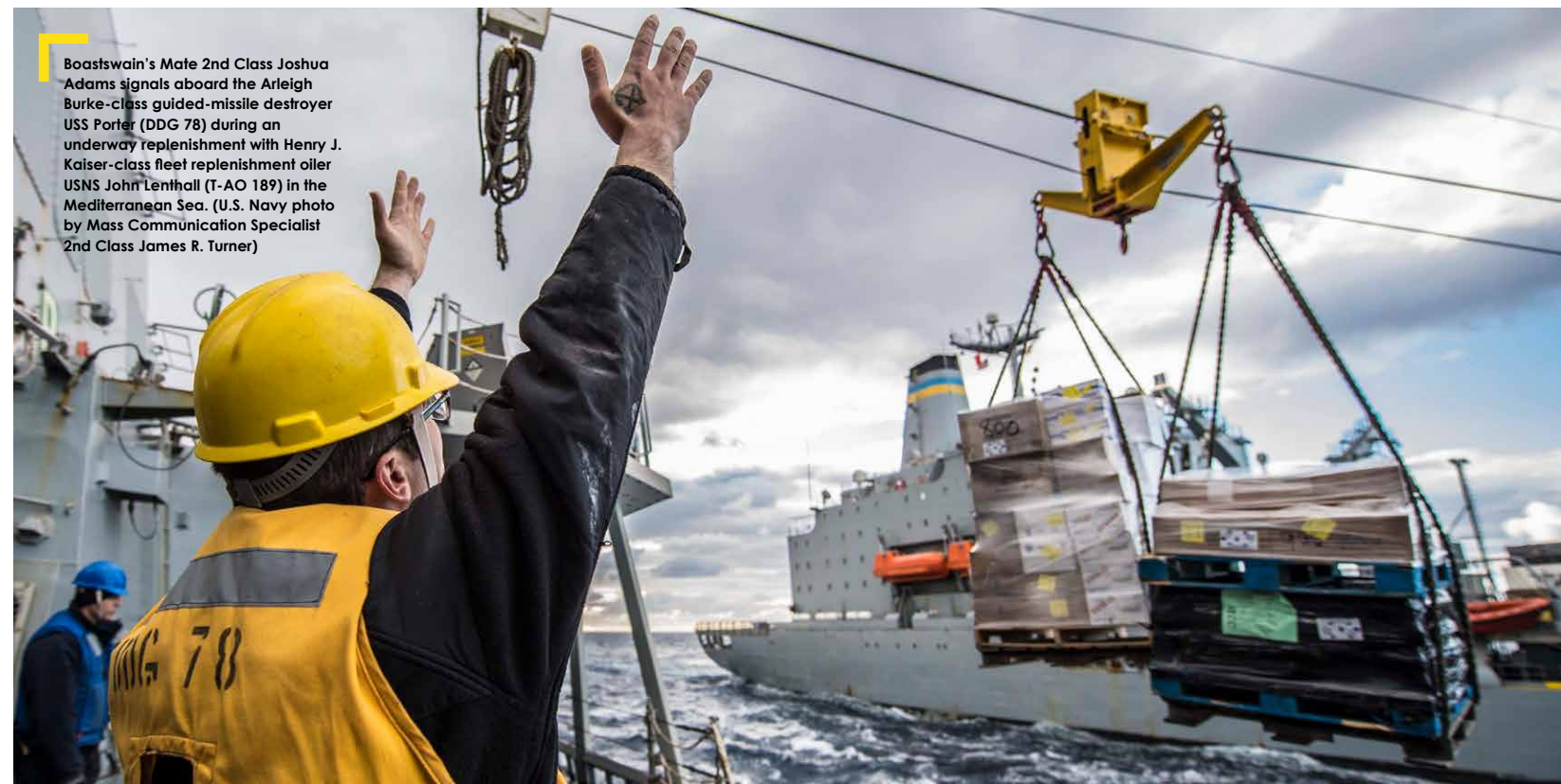
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Combat Logistics Force

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 essential when combatants cannot 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 capable of integrating rotary wing aircraft operations.



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Joshua Adams signals aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78) during an underway replenishment with Henry J. Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall (T-AO 189) in the Mediterranean Sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class James R. Turner)

Fleet Replenishment Oilers

In FY 2023, Military Sealift Command operated 14 fleet replenishment oilers of the T-AO 187 Henry J. Kaiser class. With six 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. The oilers participated in Fleet exercises and contingency support, providing a variety of fuels for ship propulsion, aircraft operations, and power generation. The T-AO fleet routinely provided provisions, water, and other dry cargo as fleet freight for transfer to customers via underway or vertical replenishment. Three fleet oilers were built with double hulls designed to meet the Oil Protection Act of 1990 requirements: USNS Patuxent, USNS Laramie, and USNS Rappahannock.

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FLEET REPLENISHMENT OILERS

- USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187)
- USNS Joshua Humphreys (T-AO 188)
- USNS John Lenthall (T-AO 189)
- USNS John Ericsson (T-AO 194)
- USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195)
- USNS Kanawha (T-AO 196)
- 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)
- USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205)
- USNS Harvey Milk (T-AO 206)



The world's largest aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford steams alongside USNS Laramie (T-AO-203) during a fueling-at-sea in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jacob Mattingly)

Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Earl Warren (T-AO 207), slides into the water during the christening ceremony at General Dynamic NASSCO, San Diego.



The Navy accepted delivery of USNS Harvey Milk in July, the second ship of a new class of fleet replenishment oiler. In addition, the Navy christened the third vessel of the class, USNS Earl Warren (T-AO 207), in a ceremony in San Diego, in January.

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. T-AO 205-class ships will begin supporting fleet operations in 2024.



Civil Service Mariner Gil Fernandez, boatswain mate with fleet replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202), right, explains elements of the refueling station aboard Yukon to a Philippine Navy Sailor during a familiarization tour, in preparation for upcoming Maritime Training Activity Sama Sama 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Grady Fontana/Released)

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. These multi-product ships afford delivery capability to provide food, fuel, spare parts, ammunition and potable water to the U.S. Navy and our allies.

During FY 2023, 12 T-AKE-class ships were operational within the CLF. Three ships were Atlantic-based and supported CTG 80.83 and CTF 63 in the U.S. 2nd, 4th, and 6th Fleet areas. USNS Medgar Evers conducted a deployment to 6th Fleet in support of USS Gerald R Ford (CVN 78) CSG, USS Bataan (LHD 5) ARG, and NATO forces. USNS William McLean supported multiple carrier and expeditionary strike group exercises and ordnance transfers for CTF 80 off the East Coast.

Nine ships were Pacific-based with two of those ships, USNS Alan Shepard and USNS Amelia Earhart forward-deployed to 5th Fleet. The other seven T-AKEs operated in support of the 3rd, 7th, or 5th Fleets. One Pacific-based ship, USNS Washington Chambers, deployed from 3rd Fleet to C7E, in support of the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) CSG.

Several unique missions highlighted the flexibility and responsiveness of the Combat Logistics Force T-AKE's, to include USNS William McLean performing an MK 41 Vertical Launch System (VLS) re-arm demonstration with USS Porter (DDG 78), pierside Naval Station Norfolk. Additionally, USNS Matthew Perry successfully completed a voyage repair period at Larsen & Toubro Ltd.'s repair facility in Chennai, India, realizing the Navy's vision to broaden the scope of ship maintenance and repair work in the Indo-Pacific region.

Fast Combat Support Ships

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 Supply completed a drydocking Regular Overhaul and also supported carrier and expeditionary strike group exercises for CTF 80 off the East Coast. USNS Arctic conducted a 6th Fleet deployment supporting the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) CSG and completed a Mid-Term Availability.

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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 5)
- USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6)
- USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7)
- USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8)
- USNS Matthew Perry (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)

MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopters, attached to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5, deliver supplies from the Supply-class fast combat support ship USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8) to the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) during a vertical replenishment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Christline Montgomery)

Commercial Helicopter Program

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

Three Pacific detachments (Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie) are forward-deployed out of Guam, providing services to 7th Fleet ships.

Detachment Alpha began FY 2023 aboard USNS Amelia Earhart, but quickly cross-decked to USNS Charles Drew in early October. In May, they embarked USNS Carl Brashear for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Detachment Bravo started FY 2023 aboard Carl Brashear. They cross-decked to USNS Cesar Chavez in January and remained aboard through April, before moving ashore to Guam, in mid-June. In August, they embarked aboard Charles Drew for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Detachment Charlie began the fiscal year ashore Guam. They embarked aboard USNS Washington Chambers in December. At the beginning of June they rotated back ashore to Guam until mid-July, embarking the USNS Matthew Perry for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The NAVCENT Detachment supports 5th and 6th Fleet operations. They began the fiscal year aboard Matthew Perry before cross-decking to Amelia Earhart in March where they spent the remainder of the fiscal year.

FY 2023 COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

Flight Hours
Mission: 680
Training: 163
Flight Check: 26
Total: 869

Logistic Totals
Cargo: 7,760 Tons
Mail: 152 Tons
Pallets: 12,563
Passengers: 102

A Super Puma (EC-225) helicopter delivers cargo on the flight deck of U.S. Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), during a vertical replenishment with the dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE 10), in the Philippine Sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Oswald Felix Jr.)



Special Mission

The Special Mission Program managed various 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 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 and specialized shipboard tasks.

Submarine Support Ships

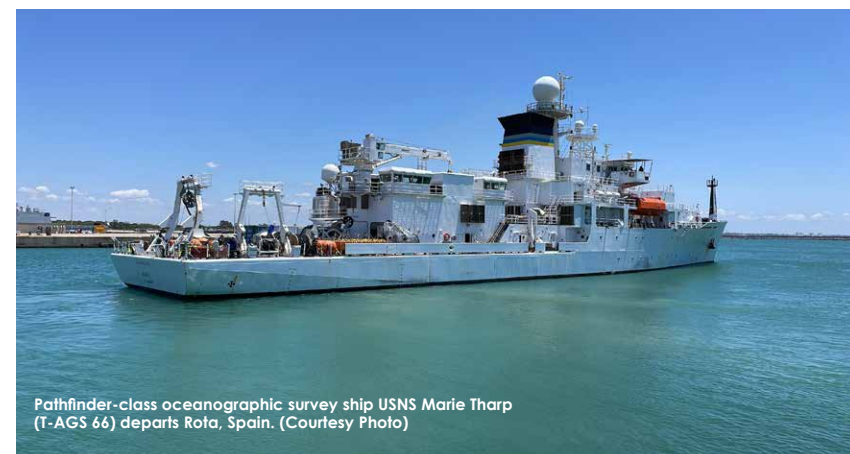
MSC operated USNS Black Powder, USNS Westwind, USNS Eagleview, and USNS Arrowhead in support of the U.S. and United Kingdom ballistic missile submarine force, providing transit protection, and open ocean passenger and supplies transfer services. The ships also served as vessels of opportunity if needed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

Oceanographic Survey Ships

MSC's six oceanographic survey ships – USNS Pathfinder, USNS Bowditch, USNS Henson, USNS Bruce C. Heezen, USNS Mary Sears, and USNS Marie Tharp – used precise, multi-beam, wide-angle, hydrographic sonar systems to collect water depth measurements and other related data. The information produces 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. Construction continued on a new oceanographic survey ship, USNS Robert Ballard (T-AGS 67).



The Pathfinder-class oceanographic survey ship USNS Bruce C. Heezen (T-AGS 64) arrived in Monaco City, Monaco, for a scheduled port visit to participate in the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) Assembly 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt.Cmdr. Bobby Dixon)



Pathfinder-class oceanographic survey ship USNS Marie Tharp (T-AGS 66) departs Rota, Spain. (Courtesy Photo)

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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 Marie Tharp (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 (SURTASS-E)
HOS Red Dawn (SURTASS-E)

Missile Range Instrumentation Ship

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

Ocean Surveillance Ships

In the Western Pacific, five ocean surveillance ships, USNS Effective, USNS Loyal, USNS Impeccable, USNS Victorious, and USNS Able continued to support U.S. 7th Fleet. Charter ship HOS Red Rock provided expeditionary ocean surveillance capability to U.S. 2nd and 6th Fleets. HOS Red Dawn provided additional expeditionary ocean surveillance capability.

Missile Range Instrumentation Ships

Missile range instrumentation ship USNS Howard O. Lorenzen served as a seaborne platform for radar systems, collecting data on ballistic missile launches.

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 Global Sentinel are cable-laying/repair ships, installing and maintaining critical national infrastructure in support of combatant and Fleet commanders around the globe.

Sea-based X-band Radar

The Sea-based X-band Radar provides support for the Missile Defense Agency. Resupply of the vessel allows continuous operations by transporting people, food, fuel, and cargo to and from SBX to support the mission. SBX is an element of the Ballistic Missile Defense System and operates primarily in the Northern Pacific region.



The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) hosted a tour of the Sea-Based X-band Radar (SBX) on Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. (U.S. Navy photo by Joanne Hayag)

Prepositioning and Seabasing

Military Sealift Command operates, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force prepositioning vessels and seabasing ships from strategic locations worldwide.

Maritime Prepositioning Force

The prepositioning ships are loaded with early-arriving combat and sustainment supplies and equipment supporting the full range of operations during strategic competition, crisis, and conflict. Each ship is assigned to Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) squadrons forward-based in the Indian and Western Pacific oceans.

Maritime Prepositioning Ships (MPS), assigned to one of two forward-deployed squadrons, carry a 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 outfitings provide unique capabilities to deliver rolling stock, ammunition, supplies, bulk fuel, and water. Vehicles and supplies can be discharged pier-side, in-stream, ship-to-ship, or by air. Dry cargo and ammunition ships, Large, Medium Speed, Roll-On/Roll-Off ships (LMSRs), provide Combatant Commanders seabasing-enabled capabilities for selective discharge and replenishment operations.

MPF vessels supported exercises worldwide in 2023. USNS PFC Dewayne T. Williams and USNS Dahl supported exercise Balikatan in the Philippines.

Five of the MPF vessels were put into a reduced operating status during FY 2023.



U.S. Marines and Filipino contractors offload equipment from USNS Dahl (T-AKR 312) in preparation for Balikatan 23 at the Port of Subic Bay, Philippines. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph E. DeMarcus)

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PREPOSITIONING & SEABASING

Maritime Prepositioning

Squadron Two (Diego Garcia)

USNS Seay (T-AKR 302)
USNS Sisler (T-AKR 311)
USNS PFC Dewayne T. Williams (T-AK 3009)

Squadron Three (Guam and Saipan)

USNS Dahl (T-AKR 312)
USNS SGT William R. Button (T-AK 3012)

Reduced Operating Status (West Coast)

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

Reduced Operating Status (East Coast)

USNS 1ST LT Baldomero Lopez (T-AK 3010)
USNS 1ST LT Jack Lummus (T-AK 3011)
USNS Piliiaau (T-AKR 304)
USNS 2ND LT John P. Bobo (T-AK 3008)
USNS GYSGT Fred W. Stockham (T-AK 3017)

Army Prepositioned Stocks

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

USNS Watson (T-AKR 310)
USNS Red Cloud (T-AKR 313)
USNS Charlton (T-AKR 314)
USNS Watkins (T-AKR 315)
USNS Pomeroy (T-AKR 316)
USNS Soderman (T-AKR 317)

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)

Expeditionary Sea Base

USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3)
USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4)
USS Miguel Keith (ESB 5)
USS John L. Canley (ESB 6)

Expeditionary Transfer Dock

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

Offshore Petroleum Distribution System

USNS VADM K.R. Wheeler and USNS Fast Tempo, which together comprise an offshore petroleum distribution system (OPDS), remained in ROS-10 in Seattle, Washington. Leveraging commercial technology from the offshore oil production and transportation industry, VADM K.R. Wheeler and Fast Tempo remain ready to pump fuel to beach distribution facilities from up to 8 miles offshore.

Army Prepositioned Stocks

Six Watson-class LMSRs and two container ships supported the Army Prepositioned Stocks program in FY 2023. USNS Red Cloud exchanged missions with USNS Watkins. The prepositioning equipment aboard Red Cloud was refurbished and returned to the Far East on Watkins. After the mission and gear exchange, Red Cloud underwent a regulatory overhaul. USNS Watson returned to the continental United States (CONUS) for cargo discharge and a regulatory overhaul. Following the overhaul, Watson loaded prepositioning equipment and returned to Diego Garcia. After completing a regulatory overhaul in March USNS Pomeroy loaded Army prepositioning equipment and deployed to South Korea. USNS Soderman remained on station in Diego Garcia.



A U.S. Army vehicle, assigned to Army Field Support Battalion-Charleston, is loaded onto the USNS Pomeroy (T-AKR 316) at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Caleb Parker)

Army Container Ships

Container ships MV SSG Edward A. Carter Jr. and MV LTC John U. D. Page also remained on station within the Pacific region throughout FY 2023.

Air Force Container Ships

Container ships MV MAJ Bernard F. Fisher and MV CAPT David I. Lyon remained on station in the Western Pacific throughout FY 2023 and supported U.S. Air Force munitions requirements.

Expeditionary Sea Base

The 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.

U.S. Marines assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 364 (VMM-364), prepare to take off from the USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3) in the Red Sea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Irvin)



U.S. Army Soldiers from Task Force Saberwolf, consisting of Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment and 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, conduct a ship-to-shore air assault from the USS Miguel Keith (ESB 5) to train for amphibious expeditionary operations in a littoral environment during Balikatan 23 of the coast of the Philippines. (U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Alex Choy)



Designated as a Forward-Deployed Naval Force ship, ESBs operate worldwide. Lewis B. Puller is homeported in Bahrain and supports U.S. 5th Fleet. USS Hershel "Woody" Williams is homeported in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, supporting 6th Fleet. USS Miguel Keith, is homeported in Saipan and supports 7th Fleet. The Navy accepted delivery of the fourth ESB, the future USS John L. Canley (ESB 6) in March. Follow on ships of the class, USS Robert E. Simanek (ESB 7) and USS Hector Cafferata, Jr., (ESB 8) are under construction.

Expeditionary Transfer Dock

Expeditionary Transfer Docks (ESD) are designed to be a semi-submersible, 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 when ports are unavailable. The primary means of resupplying expeditionary forces ashore is by providing the bridge between LMSR ships and Landing Craft Air Cushion loading lanes.

USNS Montford Point and USNS John Glenn remained in a reduced operating status on the East and West Coasts, respectively.

Military Sealift Command Expeditionary Transfer Dock vessel USNS Montford Point (T-ESD 1) transits through the Panama Canal on a trip from Portland, Oregon, to Norfolk, Virginia. Montford Point is the first MSC ship to transit the canal's newest locks. (U.S. Navy photo)



Fleet Support

Rescue and Salvage Ships

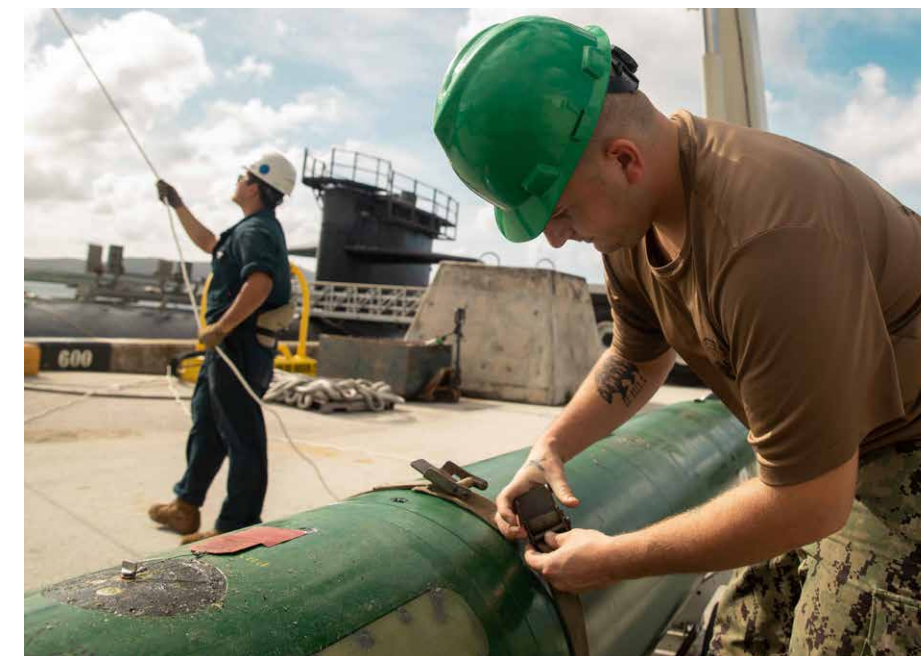
Rescue and salvage ships, with embarked Navy dive teams, performed their primary functions and provided the additional towing capability for the Navy. Rescue and salvage ships supported aircraft recovery, dive and salvage training, and towing operations. USNS Grasp supported numerous diving, explosive ordnance disposal, and Naval Special Warfare training missions in the Pacific. The Navy christened the first-in-class multi-purpose platform for towing, salvage and rescue, USNS Navajo (T-ATS 6), in a ceremony in Houma, Louisiana, in August.

Fleet Ocean Tugs

Fleet ocean tug USNS Catawba provided towing, salvage, unit training, submarine sea trials and rescue support, and diving and recompression-system support. Catawba provided U.S. 5th Fleet with an on-call emergency towing and salvage capability. The ship supported multiple mine countermeasure events, autonomous underwater vehicle mission support, and dive and salvage training.



Mine countermeasures ship USS Gladiator (MCM 11), left, and fleet ocean tug USNS Catawba (T-ATF 168) conduct damage assessment and ship recovery training in the Arabian Gulf. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Naomi Johnson)



Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Johnathan Divietro, assigned to the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), helps remove a Mark 48 torpedo from the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Key West (SSN 722) in Apra Harbor, Naval Base Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Luke Wilson)

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FLEET SUPPORT

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

Fleet Ocean Tugs
 USNS Catawba (T-ATF 168)
 MV Gary Chouest

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

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

Submarine and Special Warfare Support Ships
 MV HOS Dominator
 MV Kellie Chouest
 PTV Malama

Command Ship
 USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20)

Fleet Experimentation
 OSV Ocean Valor
 OSV HOS Resolution

Submarine Tenders

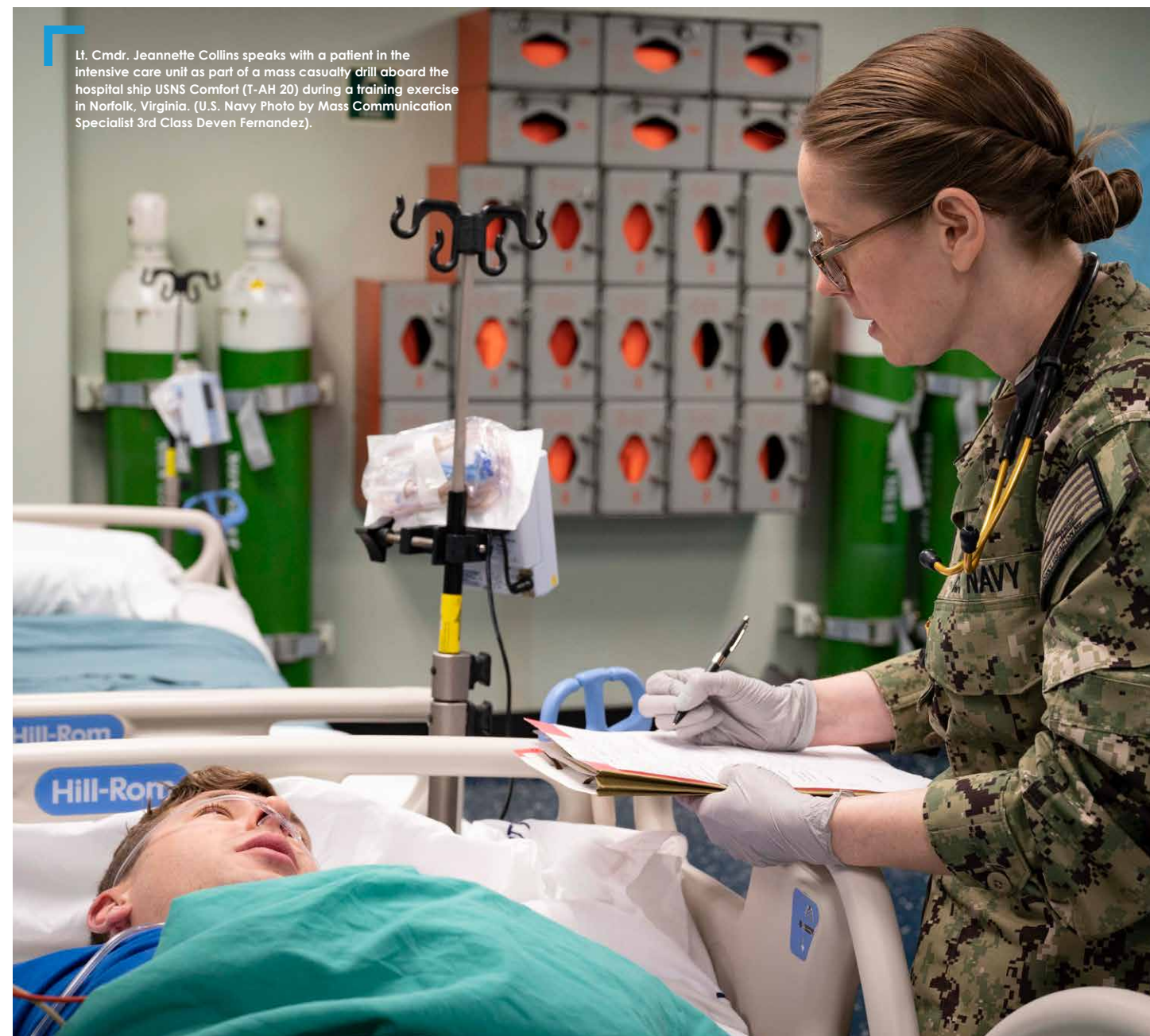
Two submarine tenders provided sustained, forward-based support to assigned submarines at anchor or pier side. USS Emory S. Land and USS Frank Cable provided forward area repair and service facilities for Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific. Tenders operate with hybrid crews of civil service mariners and Sailors. Mariners perform navigation, deck, engineering, communications, supply, and galley duties, while Sailors provide 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.

Hospital Ships

Military Sealift Command operates two hospital ships, USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort. Both ships are converted San Clemente-class oil tankers. Hospital ships 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 complete hospital services to support U.S. disaster relief and humanitarian operations worldwide.

When at full operating status, 1,200 military and medical personnel and 70 civil service mariners operate the ship and 1,000-bed medical facility. The ship has 12 fully equipped operating rooms and provides 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.

During FY 2023, Mercy deployed to Oceania and the Western Pacific for the 17th iteration of Pacific Partnership with mission stops in Vietnam, Palau, the Philippines, and Solomon Islands, while Comfort completed the 12th Continuing Promise mission with stops in Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Dominican Republic, and Haiti.



Lt. Cmdr. Jeannette Collins speaks with a patient in the intensive care unit as part of a mass casualty drill aboard the hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) during a training exercise in Norfolk, Virginia. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Deven Fernandez)

Submarine and Special Warfare Support Ships

MV Malama provided passenger transfer services and logistic support in the open ocean to U.S. Pacific Fleet submarines. MV HOS Dominator delivered submarine rescue training and exercise support for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and partner nations. Other vessel charters supported U.S. Special Operations Command requirements worldwide.

Command Ship

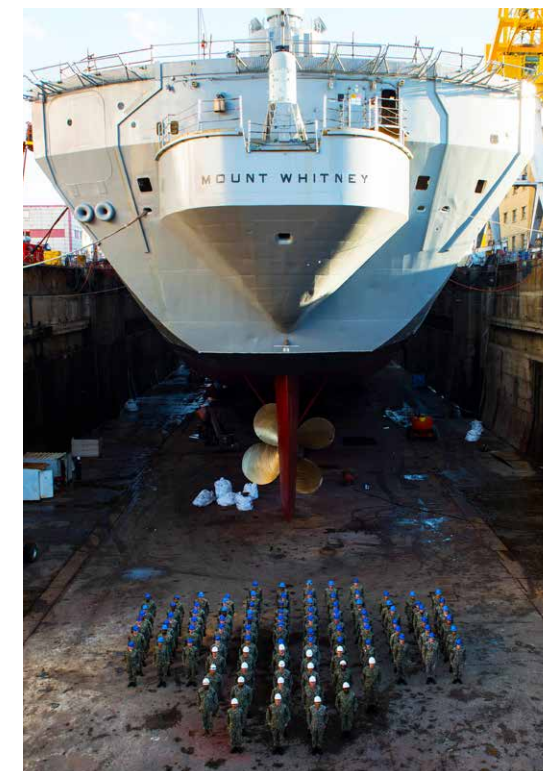
USS Mount Whitney supported Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet as a joint task force command ship, serving as a command and control platform for embarked commanders from NATO and naval components. In FY 2023, the ship participated in multiple U.S. and NATO exercises and conducted port visits throughout Europe. Mount Whitney operated with a hybrid crew of U.S. government civil service mariners and uniformed military personnel under the leadership of a Navy captain.

Harbor Tug Charters

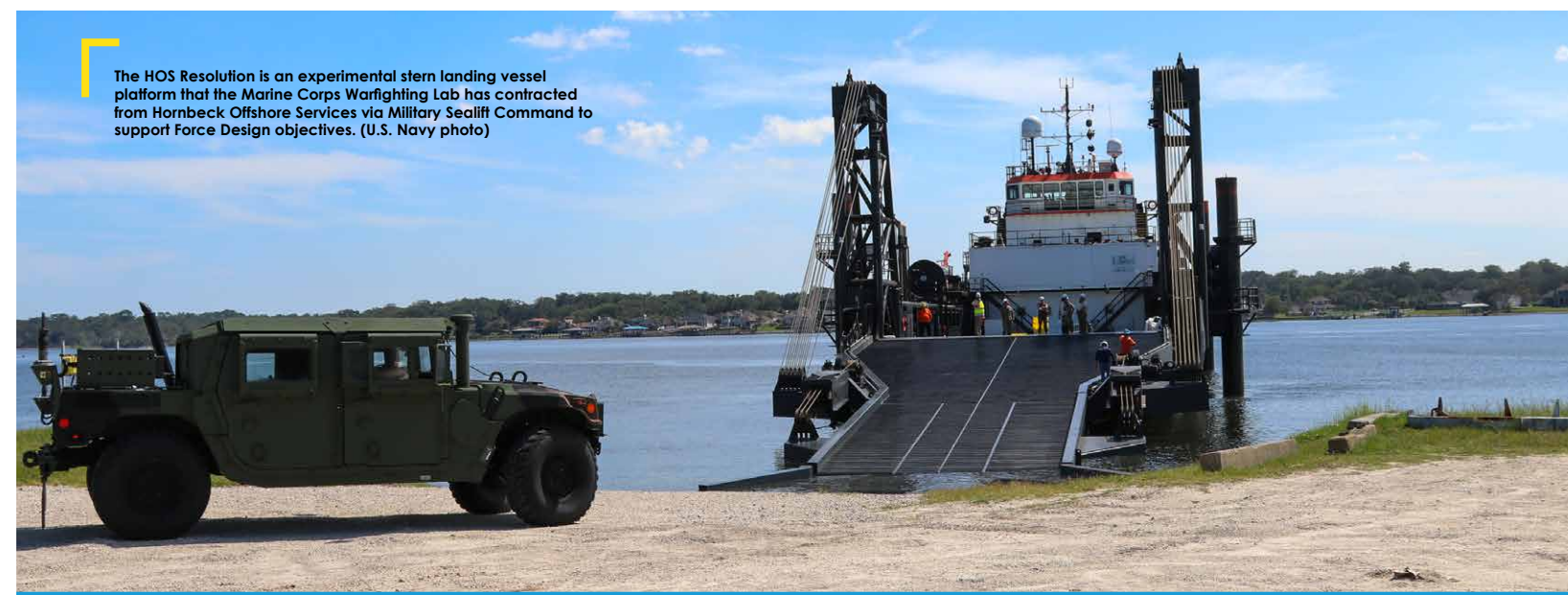
Seven harbor tugboat time charters and 10 harbor tugboat services contracts supported vessel movements and hurricane response requirements for Commander, Navy Installations Command at multiple CONUS locations and in Guam and Hawaii. The harbor tugboat services contracts transitioned to Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command in April 2023.

Fleet Experimentation

Chartered offshore support vessels supported capability development activities for advanced mobile logistics concepts and the Next Generation Logistics Ship development. Charter ship HOS Resolution served as a stern landing vessel to support U.S. Marine Corps mobility test and evaluation requirements.



Sailors pose for a group photo in front of the Blue Ridge-class command and control ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20). (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Mario Coto)



The HOS Resolution is an experimental stern landing vessel platform that the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab has contracted from Hornbeck Offshore Services via Military Sealift Command to support Force Design objectives. (U.S. Navy photo)

Charter Support

Charter contracts were developed, awarded, and administered to fill multiple spot charter requirements in FY 2023. These charters supported various Department of Defense sponsors for required training and exercise support, government asset towing, and various maintenance and experimentation support needs.

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 reconfigured to carry containerized and dry cargo in addition to 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 to support mission sponsor requirements. MSC has accepted delivery of 13 of the planned 16 EPFs. In addition, three Expeditionary Medical Ships (EMS) are planned to join the fleet in future years.

EPFs are deployed worldwide, meeting combatant command requirements to include intra-theatre transportation, participating in multi-service and joint exercises, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) missions, fleet experimentation, and contributing to military services' readiness.

Norfolk, Virginia, is home to two EPFs, USNS Burlington and USNS Newport. Burlington supported U.S. 4th Fleet completing two deployments that included exercises UNITAS, and Continuing Promise with stops in Panama, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Grenada with a focus on medical engagements, HA/DR training, women's peace and security, community outreach and Fleet Experimentation Exercises.

Introduced to the fleet in August 2022, Newport completed post-delivery tests and trials. The ship and its crew supported U.S. 2nd Fleet and MSC Atlantic conducting Deck Landing Qualifications, New York and Port Everglades Fleet Weeks, as well as type-rate training to qualify civil service mariners for service aboard the vessel class.

Three EPFs serve in the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command area. USNS Yuma, USNS Trenton, and USNS Carson City conducted joint service, intra-theatre lifts, participated in exercise African Lion, and provided maritime support capabilities. In addition, the Yuma provided humanitarian aid support on the Greek Island of Rhodes in July.

The Far East region remains home to three EPFs, supporting missions and exercises for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and U.S. 7th Fleet. USNS Millinocket, USNS Brunswick, and USNS Puerto Rico supported exercises Talisman Sabre, Balikatan, Keen Sword, Kamandag, missions for III Marine Expeditionary Force, and various regional security cooperation activities.

Brunswick conducted a humanitarian assistance mission in support of U.S. 5th Fleet. The EPF moved 300 evacuees from the Port of Sudan on the Red Sea to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in support of the Department of State's efforts to evacuate and assist U.S. citizens and other civilians during civil war in Sudan.



U.S. citizens and others who have requested departure from Sudan board the Military Sealift Command expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Brunswick (T-EPF 6) while it moors in Port Sudan, April 30, 2023. Brunswick made two trips from Port Sudan while supporting the Department of State's efforts to evacuate U.S. citizens and others who requested departure from Sudan. (AFRICOM Photo)

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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)
- USNS Apalachicola (T-EPF 13)

High-Speed Transport

- USNS Guam (HST 1)
- Formerly MV Alakai (HST 2)



Expeditionary fast transport vessel, USNS Carson City (T-EPF 7), performed a cargo movement operation while in port Souda Bay, Greece. The ship's hybrid crew consists of military personnel and MSC civil service mariners (CIVMARS). From the left, AB (Able Seaman) Forrest Stairs and Cmdr. Glenn Kron, Carson City's officer in charge. (U.S. Navy photo by HMC Rocky Booc)

Operating in support of the U.S. 3rd Fleet, USNS City of Bismarck is hubbed out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship participated in Force Design Integration Exercise (FDIE) with the 3rd Marine Division.

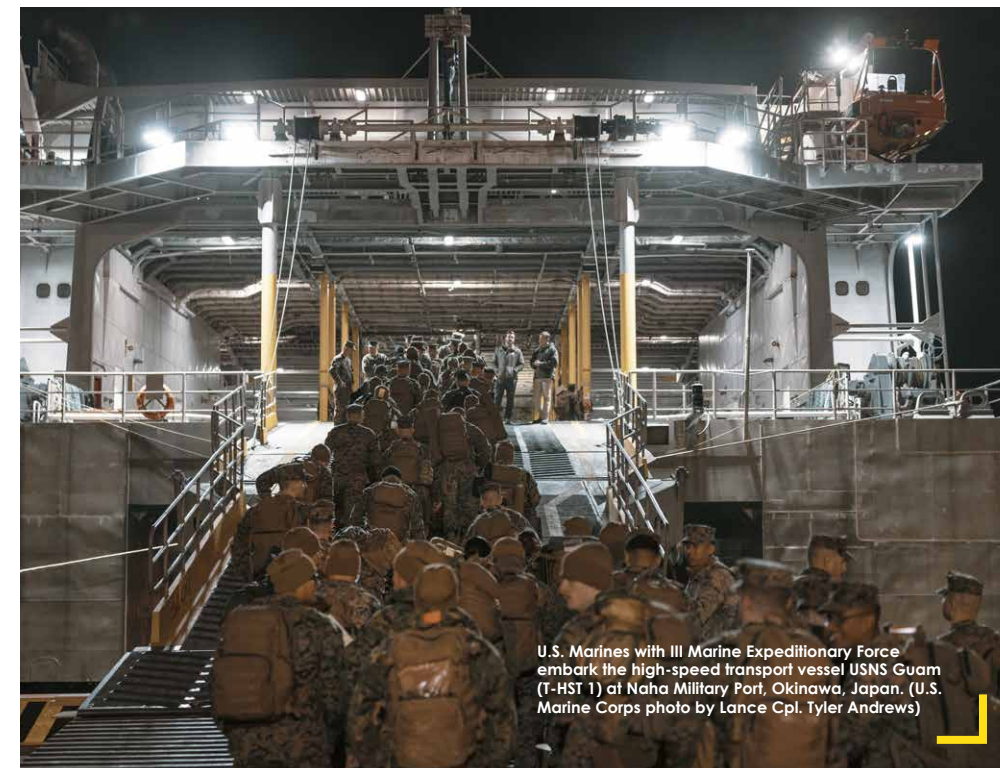
USNS Spearhead, USNS Fall River and USNS Choctaw County are in a reduced operating status with layberth locations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The three ships are crewed for basic maintenance and security functions.

The Navy accepted delivery of USNS Apalachicola in February.

The newest Expeditionary Fast Transport vessel, USNS Cody (T-EPF 14), launched at Austal USA's shipyard in March. Cody is the first Flight II EPF which provides a Role 2E (expanded) medical capability. Future-named EPFs include USNS Point Loma (T-EPF 15), and Expeditionary Medical Ships, USNS Bethesda (T-EMS 1) and USNS Balboa (T-EMS 2).

High-Speed Transports

USNS Guam 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 Bar Harbor, Maine, and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.



U.S. Marines with III Marine Expeditionary Force embark the high-speed transport vessel USNS Guam (T-HST 1) at Naha Military Port, Okinawa, Japan. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Tyler Andrews)

Dry Cargo Operations

During FY 2023, the Dry Cargo Operations office chartered various commercial dry cargo vessels to move rolling stock, rotary wing aircraft, ordnance, and supplies for sustainment, operations, exercises, and unit rotations. MSC chartered or activated ships supported 54 missions delivering over 1.4 million measurement tons of cargo supporting worldwide operations.

The Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise relied on MSC to deliver ammunition cargo through numerous dedicated missions sailing from Military Ocean Terminals in Concord, California, and Sunny Point, North Carolina, to destinations worldwide. A mixture of commercial and organic vessels supported ammunition sustainment missions servicing worldwide inventory.

For the 10th consecutive year, MSC supported the U.S. Army's Pacific Pathways program of expanded engagement in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command region. Pacific Pathways encompassed multiple exercises with MSC providing ocean transportation and forward staging via the activation of U.S. Maritime Administration Ready Reserve Force vessels MV Cape Henry, MV Cape Rise, MV Fisher, and MV Bob Hope. These vessels supported exercises in multiple Far East ports delivering cargo, enabling the Army to maintain equipment aboard the ships between missions, and executing command and control functions.

The Dry Cargo team continued to execute sustainment missions to facilities in the Bahamas, Channel Islands off the coast of California, and Diego Garcia. Pituffik Space Base in Greenland was provided sustainment cargo by MV Ocean Giant during Pacer Goose 23. MV Ocean Gladiator and MV Ocean Giant participated in Operation Deep Freeze, the annual resupply mission to McMurdo Station in Antarctica, supporting the National Science Foundation. The operating environments for these missions required ice-capable cargo vessels meeting special requirements for operations in Polar Regions.

Heavy lift subject matter experts facilitated the movement of two decommissioned U.S. Navy patrol craft from Bahrain to Manila, Philippines, as part of U.S. Navy foreign military sales program. This float-on, float-off cargo was transported by the heavy lift ship Rolldock Sun with coordination and support from Naval Sea Systems Command.

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. These augments to the commercial crew provided onboard liaison for MSC's area commanders, coordinating vessel movements and communications in contested maritime environments.



DRY CARGO SHIP

SLNC STAR (T-AK 5603)

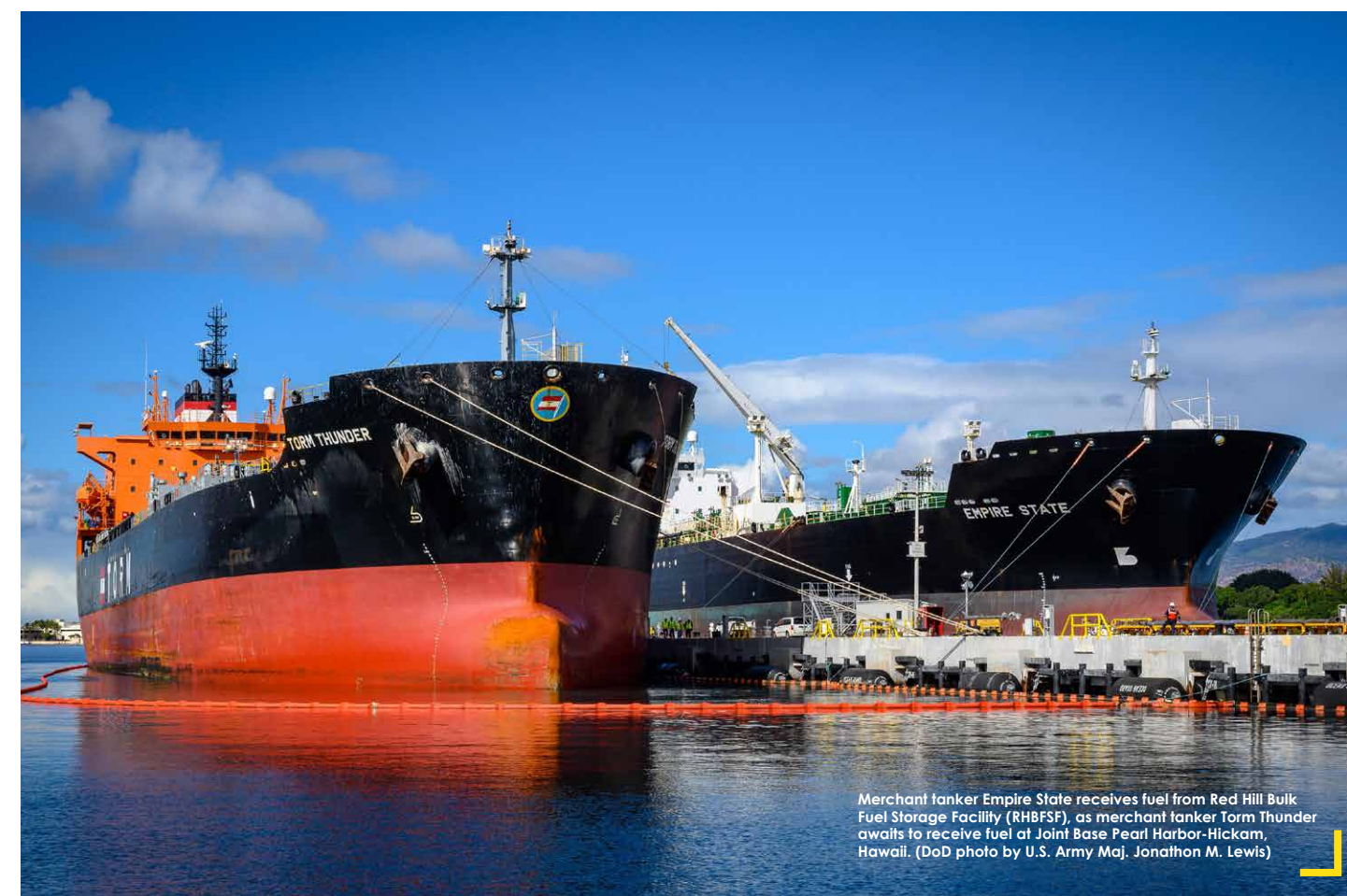
Tanker Office

In FY 2023, Military Sealift Command tankers transported 23 million barrels (548.6 billion gallons) of Department of Defense petroleum products during 182 voyages in support of Defense Logistics Agency-Energy. U.S.-flagged tankers carried more than 17.5 million barrels, or 76% of the cargo.

The primary carriers were five long-term chartered U.S.-flagged medium range (MR) tankers: MT Empire State, MT Evergreen State, MT SLNC Goodwill, MT Stena Polaris, 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. The MSCFE area of responsibility required additional capability for deep draft vessel MT Maersk Michigan and shallow-draft vessels MT Pohang Pioneer and MT Haina Patriot supporting requirements in the Far East.

TANKERS

- MT Allied Pacific (T-AOT 5581)
- MT Badlands Trader (T-AOT 5582)
- MT Empire State (T-AOT 5193)
- MT Evergreen State (T-AOT 5205)
- MT Haina Patriot (T-AOT 5562)
- MT Overseas Mykonos (T-AOT 5439)
- MT Pohang Pioneer (T-AOT 5560)
- MT SLNC Pax (T-AOT 5356)
- MT SLNC Goodwill (T-AOT 5419)
- MT Stena Polaris (T-AOT 5563)
- MT Yosemite Trader (T-AOT 5532)



MT Stena Polaris, the tanker with an ice-strengthened hull, delivered 140,000 barrels of JP8 fuel to Pituffik Space Base, Greenland, during the annual resupply mission Operation Pacer Goose.

MSC fixed six long-term charters in support of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command future fuel requirements working within U.S. Transportation Command's role as Global Bulk Fuel Manager including: MT Badlands Trader, MT Overseas Mykonos, MT Allied Pacific, MT Pohang Pioneer and MT Haina Patriot.

Long-term charter MT Yosemite Trader served as an emergency standby tanker while JTF Red Hill was making preparations for defueling. During the defueling phase, MSC charter MT Empire State transferred the majority of fuel while MSC spot charters MT Torm Thunder, MT Stena Impeccable, MT Stena Imperative, MT Overseas Sun Coast and MT Torm Thor (all ships of the Tanker Security Program) carried the remaining amounts.



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COMBAT LOGISTICS FORCE

Fleet Replenishment Oiler



Length: 746 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 49,850 Tons

T-AO 205 USNS John Lewis
T-AO 206 USNS Harvey Milk
T-AO 207 USNS Earl Warren



Length: 678 Feet, Beam: 98 Feet
Displacement: 40,900 - 41,225 Tons

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

Dry Cargo/Ammunition



Length: 689 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 41,000 Tons

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

Fast Combat Support



Length: 754 Feet, Beam: 107 Feet
Displacement: 48,500 Tons

T-AOE 6 USNS Supply
T-AOE 8 USNS Arctic

SPECIAL MISSION

Missile Range Instrumentation



Length: 534 Feet, Beam: 89 Feet
Displacement: 12,642 Tons

T-AGM 25 USNS Howard O. Lorenzen

Ocean Surveillance



Length: 235 Feet, Beam: 94 Feet
Displacement: 3,384 Tons

T-AGOS 19 USNS Victorious
T-AGOS 20 USNS Able
T-AGOS 21 USNS Effective
T-AGOS 22 USNS Loyal



Length: 282 Feet, Beam: 96 Feet
Displacement: 5,370 Tons

T-AGOS 23 USNS Impeccable



Length: 292 Feet, Beam: 64 Feet
Displacement: 3,911 Tons

HOS Red Rock (SURTASS-E)
HOS Red Dawn (SURTASS-E)

Oceanographic Survey



Length: 329 - 353 Feet, Beam: 58 Feet
Displacement: 5,000 Tons

T-AGS 60 USNS Pathfinder
T-AGS 62 USNS Bowditch
T-AGS 63 USNS Henson
T-AGS 64 USNS Bruce C. Heezen
T-AGS 65 USNS Mary Sears
T-AGS 66 USNS Marie Tharp

Sea-Based X-Band Radar



Length: 389 Feet, Beam: 238 Feet
Displacement: 32,690 Tons

SBX-1 Sea-based X-band Radar

Navigation Test Support



Length: 442 Feet, Beam: 69 Feet
Displacement: 12,208 Tons

T-AGS 45 USNS Waters

Submarine Support



Length: 250 Feet, Beam: 54 Feet
Displacement: 2,850 Tons

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

PREPOSITIONING & SEABASING

Maritime Prepositioning Force LMSR, RO/RO, Expeditionary Transfer Dock



Length: 673 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 46,111 Tons

T-AK 3008 USNS 2ND LT John P. Bobo
T-AK 3009 USNS PFC Dwayne T. Williams
T-AK 3010 USNS 1ST LT Baldomero Lopez
T-AK 3011 USNS 1ST LT Jack Lummus
T-AK 3012 USNS SGT William R. Button



Length: 950 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 62,644 Tons

T-AKR 302 USNS Seay
T-AKR 304 USNS Pilliau
T-AKR 311 USNS Sisler
T-AKR 312 USNS Dahl



Length: 907 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 55,123 Tons

T-AK 3017 USNS GYSGT Fred W. Stockham



Length: 784 Feet, Beam: 164 Feet
Displacement: 77,388 Tons

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

Offshore Petroleum Distribution System



Length: 349 Feet, Beam: 70 Feet
Displacement: 6,492 Tons

T-AG 5001 USNS VADM K.R. Wheeler



Length: 160 Feet, Beam: 30 Feet
Displacement: 611 Tons

T-AG 4907 USNS Fast Tempo

Cable Laying/Repair



Length: 513 Feet, Beam: 73 Feet
Displacement: 15,174 Tons

T-ARC 7 USNS Zeus



Length: 478 Feet, Beam: 71 Feet
Displacement: 16,118 Tons

CS Global Sentinel

Army Prepositioned Stocks LMSR and Container



Length: 950 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 62,644 Tons

T-AKR 310 USNS Watson
T-AKR 313 USNS Red Cloud
T-AKR 314 USNS Chariton
T-AKR 315 USNS Watkins
T-AKR 316 USNS Pomeroy
T-AKR 317 USNS Soderman



Length: 844 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 66,079 Tons

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

Air Force Prepositioning Container



Length: 652 / 686 Feet, Beam: 106 / 99 Feet
Displacement: 48,012 / 52,878 Tons

T-AK 4396 MV MAJ Bernard F. Fisher
T-AK 5362 MV CAPT David I. Lyon

Expeditionary Sea Base



Length: 784 Feet, Beam: 164 Feet
Displacement: 106,664 Tons

ESB 3 USS Lewis B. Puller
ESB 4 USS Hershel "Woody" Williams
ESB 5 USS Miguel Keith
ESB 6 USS John L. Canley

Submarine and Special Warfare Support



Length: 240 Feet, Beam: 54 Feet
Displacement: 3,655 Tons

MV HOS Dominator



Length: 310 Feet, Beam: 52 Feet
Displacement: 3,183 Tons

MV Kellie Chouest



Length: 110 Feet, Beam: 22 Feet
Displacement: 600 Tons

PTV Malama

FLEET SUPPORT

Hospital



Length: 894 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 69,552 Tons

T-AH 19 USNS Mercy
T-AH 20 USNS Comfort

Rescue and Salvage



Length: 255 Feet, Beam: 51 Feet
Displacement: 3,336 Tons

T-ARS 51 USNS Grasp
T-ARS 52 USNS Salvor

Submarine Tender



Length: 644 Feet, Beam: 85 Feet
Displacement: 23,000 Tons

AS 39 USS Emory S. Land
AS 40 USS Frank Cable

Fleet Ocean Tug



Length: 226 Feet, Beam: 42 Feet
Displacement: 2,296 Tons

T-ATF 168 USNS Catawba



Length: 276 Feet, Beam: 60 Feet
Displacement: 4,065 Tons

MV Gary Chouest

Command



Length: 636 Feet, Beam: 108 Feet
Displacement: 15,000 Tons

LCC 20 USS Mount Whitney

Fleet Experimentation



Length: 261 Feet, Beam: 60 Feet
Displacement: 3,183 Tons

OSV Ocean Valor



Length: 250 Feet, Beam: 54 Feet
Displacement: 4,383 Tons

OSV HOS Resolution

Expeditionary Fast Transport



Length: 338 Feet, Beam: 94 Feet
Displacement: 2,460 Tons

T-EPF 1 USNS Spearhead
T-EPF 2 USNS Choctaw County
T-EPF 3 USNS Millinocket
T-EPF 4 USNS Fall River
T-EPF 5 USNS Trenton
T-EPF 6 USNS Brunswick
T-EPF 7 USNS Carson City
T-EPF 8 USNS Yuma
T-EPF 9 USNS City of Bismarck
T-EPF 10 USNS Burlington
T-EPF 11 USNS Puerto Rico
T-EPF 12 USNS Newport
T-EPF 13 USNS Apalachicola
T-EPF 14 USNS Cody

High-Speed Transport



Length: 373 / 379 Feet, Beam: 78 Feet
Displacement: 1,646 Tons

HST 1 USNS Guam
HST 2 Formerly MV Alakai

DRY CARGO & TANKERS

Dry Cargo



Length: 443 Feet, Beam: 59 Feet
Displacement: 9,295 Tons

T-AK 5603 SLNC Star

Tankers



Length: 590-601 Feet, Beam: 106 Feet
Displacement: 55,000-62,174 Tons

T-AOT 5193 MT Empire State
T-AOT 5205 MT Evergreen State
T-AOT 5419 MT SLNC Goodwill
T-AOT 5439 MT Overseas Mykonos
T-AOT 5532 MT Yosemite Trader
T-AOT 5581 MT Allied Pacific
T-AOT 5582 MT Badlands Trader



Length: 333-354 Feet, Beam: 52-64 Feet
Displacement: 9,160-9,989 Tons

T-AOT 5356 MT SLNC Pax
T-AOT 5562 MT Halna Patriot
T-AOT 5560 MT Pohang Pioneer



Length: 600 Feet, Beam: 131 Feet
Displacement: 65,200 Tons

T-AOT 5563 MT Stena Polaris



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND ATLANTIC Norfolk, Virginia

Military Sealift Command Atlantic (MSCLANT) 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 force (CLF), service support, expeditionary fast transport (EPF), and special mission ships for Commanders, Task Force 80 and 40 as well as strategic sealift ships for Combatant Commanders. Additionally, MSCLANT/Commander Task Group 80.83 deploys CLF support to U.S. 5th and 6th Fleets as independent deployers or in direct support for carrier and expeditionary strike groups deploying from CTF 80.

Operations

During FY 2023, 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 467 million pounds of cargo and delivered more than 177 million gallons of petroleum products and more than 121 million pounds net explosive weight of ordnance. MSCLANT CLF ships supported 12 deployments, 16 major fleet exercises, and seven fleet ordnance moves.

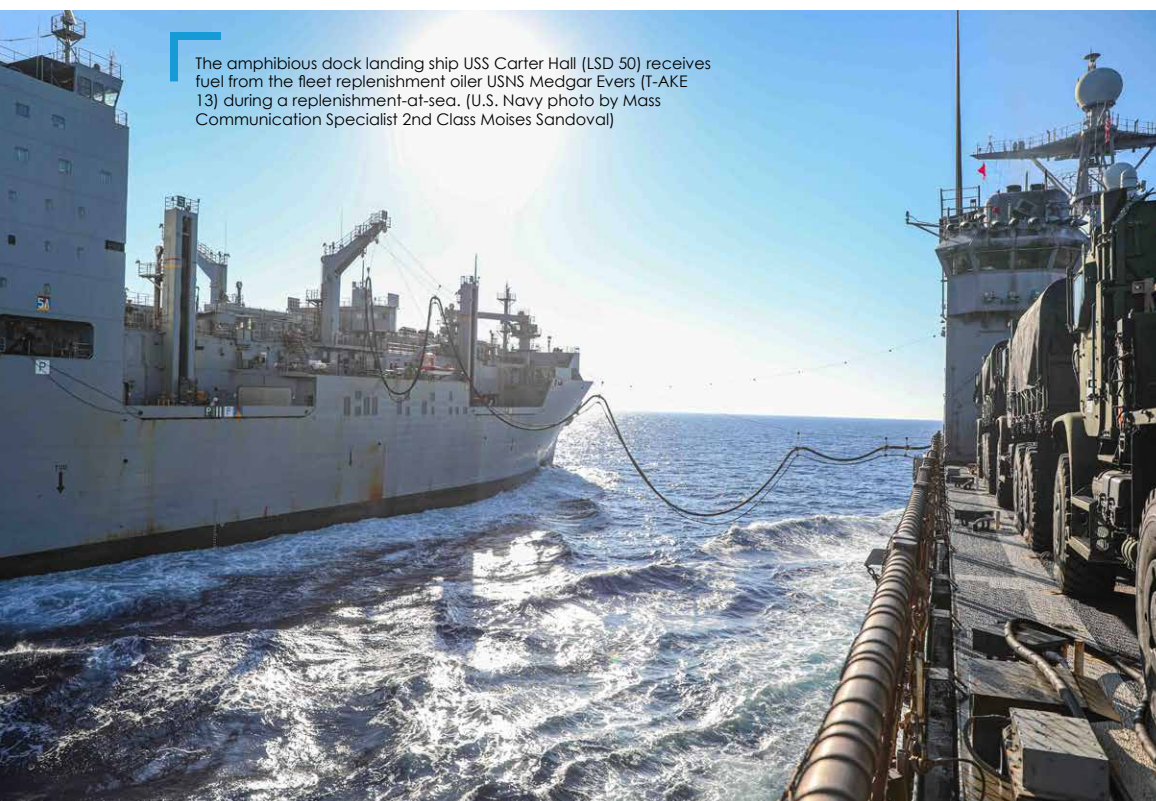
The MSCLANT Force Protection unit oversaw the execution of nine Panama Canal transits and loaded prepositioning ships with essential military cargo and ordnance. The teams conducted 24 onsite spot checks and executed 92 Directed In-port Security Plans (DISP) and 97 DISP renewals. The team also managed Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain capstone exercises for

MSCLANT afloat and ashore personnel with pre-planned responses to active shooter, emergency management events, and Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) events.

Collaborating with Norfolk's Fleet Logistics Center and Subsistence Prime Vendors, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of Naval Weapons Station Earle in New Jersey, MSCLANT Combat Logistics Office (CLO) facilitated 30 logistic events. This included the loading of 9,000 pallets of food, repair parts, and other materials, for MSC vessels performing replenishments-at-sea (RAS) for multiple fleet exercises and deployments. Additionally,

the CLO ensured the safe and efficient on/off loading of 9,161 lifts of ordnance, weighing more than 1.9 million pounds of NEW, and coordinated the transport of 18.8 million gallons of diesel marine and JP-5 aviation fuel.

Expeditionary Port Units (EPU) 103 and 102 merged to create EPULANT. This merger created multiple port teams with the capability to deploy globally in support of MSCLANT's mission requirements. EPULANT supported three major Army prepositioning cargo operations aboard large, medium speed roll-on/roll-off (LMSR) vessels: USNS Watkins in October, USNS Pomeroy in March, and USNS Red Cloud in April. Additionally, EPULANT provided watch standing support for USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) in March and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower's (CVN 69) COMPTUEX in July.



The amphibious dock landing ship USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) receives fuel from the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13) during a replenishment-at-sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Moises Sandoval)

October 2022

Fleet replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall and dry cargo and ordnance ship USNS Medgar Evers, resupplied Carrier Strike Group 12 (CSG) ships during Task Force Exercise 23-2 in the Atlantic Ocean. Both CLF ships supported Gerald R. Ford's exercise Silent Wolverine in the Eastern Atlantic Ocean. Expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Burlington returned to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek (JEBLC), Fort Story, Virginia, after a three-month deployment in U.S. 4th Fleet, where the vessel performed a series of Navy Fleet Experimentations and UAVs at-sea events. Hospital ship USNS Comfort deployed in support of U.S. Southern Command's Continuing Promise 2023 mission, a humanitarian assistance and goodwill mission in Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Dominican Republic, and Haiti.



Hospitalman Lauren Denise Taylor, from Houston, Texas, and Hospitalman Kristen Perry, from Los Angeles, California, assigned to the hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), take a baby's temperature during Continuing Promise at a medical site in Jeremie, Haiti. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Sophia Simons)

November

John Lenthall and Medgar Evers returned to Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk with Gerald R. Ford from U.S. 6th Fleet. Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Leroy Grumman also returned to NAVSTA Norfolk, after a five-month deployment to northern Europe, supporting the Navy's response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. While there, Leroy Grumman conducted 25 underway replenishments with nine U.S. Navy and allied surface combatant ships that required the delivery of 6.5 million gallons of fuel and the transfer of 807 pallets of vital stores and ordnance. Tug and supply vessel MV Gary Chouest towed three decommissioned cruisers from Norfolk, Virginia, to Philadelphia. Offshore supply ship HOS Rosebud supported Naval Special Warfare training in the Atlantic Ocean.

December

Comfort returned to NAVSTA Norfolk after completing the 12th iteration of Continuing Promise in Latin America and the Caribbean. The ship's mission aimed to increase medical readiness, strengthen partnerships, and enhance the combined capabilities of the U.S. Navy and partner nations to respond to public health emergencies

and humanitarian crises. Fleet ordnance and dry cargo vessel USNS William McLean returned to NAVSTA Norfolk after a six-month deployment in 6th Fleet, where the vessel executed 20 underway replenishments, delivered 2.27 million gallons of diesel marine fuel and JP-5 aviation fuel, and transferred 2,443 pallets of critical stores and ordnance. Leroy Grumman supported USS Bataan's (LHD-5) Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) exercise. Fleet ordnance and dry cargo ship USNS Robert E. Peary provided logistical services during exercise Black Widow, designed to increase the ability of anti-submarine warfare (ASW) air, surface, and undersea assets to operate in a high-intensity environment.

January 2023

John Lenthall deployed from NAVSTA Norfolk to serve as the replenishment oiler in support of Navy operations in 6th Fleet. LMSR vessel USNS Pililau transported 933 pieces of military cargo for the Army's Third Brigade Combat Team, Fourth Infantry Division in Fort Carson, Colorado.

February

Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Laramie supported the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) pre-deployment training and integration exercise that included: VBSS (visit, board, search, and seizure) raids, ship-to-shore movements, and flight operations. HOS Rosebud supported Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic with the recovery of debris off the coast of South Carolina from a Chinese spy balloon.



U.S. Navy shows sailors assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2, recovering a high-altitude surveillance balloon off the coast of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. (U.S. Navy photo)

March

Three CLF ships, USNS Joshua Humphreys, USNS Patuxent and William McLean, supported the Gerald R. Ford CSG four-week COMPTUEX, conducting at-sea logistics operations. The three CLF ships helped to increase the capacity to transfer critical supplies, food, ordnance, military cargo and equipment which allowed the CSG to maximize its combat readiness. Tug and supply vessel MV Gary Chouest towed a refurbished floating crane from Connecticut to NAVSTA Norfolk.

April

Patuxent supported Dwight D. Eisenhower's two-week Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training exercise. USNS Kanawha returned to NAVSTA Norfolk after a 10-month deployment in 6th Fleet, supporting Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) and CSG 10. While at sea, the Kanawha crew performed 101 at-sea replenishments and transferred 24 million gallons of fuel and 1,083 pallets of crucial supplies. John Lenthall returned to NAVSTA Norfolk from a four-month deployment in 6th Fleet, while Joshua Humphreys deployed to 6th Fleet to take its place. Expeditionary fast transport USNS Newport participated in Port Everglades Fleet Week hosting 2,600 visitors.



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Justice Morgan, assigned to the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), signals to the Henry J. Kaiser-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS Kanawha (T-AO 196) during a replenishment-at-sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Christine Montgomery)

The Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport vessel USNS Newport (T-EPF 12) arrives in port for Fleet Week Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Zachary D. Behrend)

May

Comfort conducted an operational readiness assessment during the ship's annual Comfort Exercise (COMFEX), which evaluated ship policies and requirements needed on deployment. Two replenishment ships, Medgar Evers and Leroy Grumman, deployed to 6th Fleet with Gerald R. Ford and CSG 12. Fast combat support ship USNS Supply, along with Patuxent and HOS Rosebud, supported the Bataan ARG and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), providing logistics services during COMPTUEX. General cargo ship MV Ocean Grand supported exercise African Lion that included 8,000 personnel from 18 nations. This month-long exercise was U.S. Africa Command's largest annual combined, joint exercise taking place in Ghana, Morocco, Senegal and Tunisia. Newport participated in New York Fleet Week hosting 4,000 visitors.



The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), the Carlo Bergamini-class frigate ITS Virginia Fasan (F 591) and the Supply-class fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) steam in formation while completing a replenishment-at-sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Merissa Daley)

June

MSC chartered heavy-lift container ship MV Ocean Giant to support Operation Pacer Goose, an annual resupply mission to Pituffik Space Base in Greenland. During the four-day on-load, contract mariners worked around the clock to meet the ship's deadline of loading 98 containers of critical cargo and supplies, weighing 440 tons. Patuxent and John Lenthall supported Dwight D. Eisenhower CSG COMPTUEX.



Military Sealift Command chartered heavy lift container ship MV Ocean Giant concluded its two-day retrograde offload in Naval Station Norfolk. The vessel's offload was part of MSC's annual Operation Pacer Goose resupply mission to Pituffik Space Base (formerly known as Thule Air Base) in Greenland (U.S. Navy photo by LaShawn Sykes).

July

Laramie and William McLean completed their Ships Material Assessment and Readiness Testing (SMART) inspection to ensure the ships' material conditions met the standards required to qualify their vessels for operational tasking. Burlington returned to JEBLC from its Continuing Promise mission. Oceanographic survey ship USNS Waters deployed to U.S. 3rd Fleet to support submarine navigation-system evaluations and ballistic missile flight-testing.

August

John Lenthall and William McLean supported Large Scale Exercise 23, where forces combined live and virtual training in a simulated global conflict to test key warfighting concepts across U.S. naval forces. Joshua Humphreys returned to NAVSTA Norfolk, after executing a five-month deployment in support of naval operations in Europe and Africa. For the second year in a row, Joshua Humphreys received the Captain David M. Cook Award for food service excellence.

September

William McLean provided logistic services during the Royal Canadian Navy-led exercise Cutlass Fury. This multi-national exercise took place off the coast of Nova Scotia. The exercise focused on interoperability between allies and joint elements and on submarine warfare threats. Supply provided replenishment services to the British Royal Navy's largest Queen-Elizabeth class aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales (R09).



The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea (CG 58), left, and the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Gravely (DDG 107), right, conduct a replenishment-at-sea with fleet replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall (T-AO 189). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Lau)



Sailors onboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Porter conduct a VLS rearm event alongside Military Sealift Command dry cargo ship USNS William McLean (T-AKE 12) during Large-Scale Exercise 2023 (LSE 2023). (U.S. Navy photo by Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class Hailey Servedio)



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND PACIFIC

San Diego

Military Sealift Command Pacific (MSCPAC) exercises tactical control over Military Sealift Command (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 2023, 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.



Sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion (NCHB) 1 and NCHB-5 offload shipping containers from the Military Sealift Command-chartered cargo ship MV Ocean Gladiator at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. (U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist RJ Stratchko)

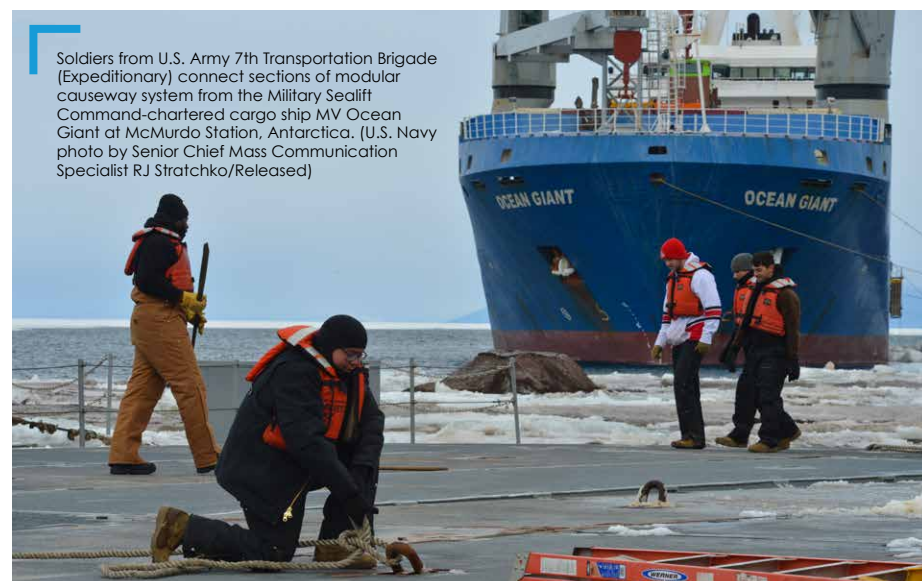
Operations

December 2022

MSCPAC celebrated the keel laying of fleet replenishment oiler USNS Robert F. Kennedy at the General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard in San Diego. The time-honored tradition of the keel laying marks the official start of construction of the ship. Part of the tradition included the sponsor, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the daughter of the ship's namesake, welding her initials into the keel plate of the new ship.

Fleet replenishment oiler USNS John Lewis responded to a distress call from a sailboat damaged in a storm off the coast of Southern California. The ship maneuvered next to the damaged sailboat, and the mariner, who was stranded at sea for five days, climbed up John Lewis' pilot ladder onto the ship. Onboard, the crew provided the mariner food, a medical examination, and transportation to San Diego.

In Port Hueneme, California, a team of MSCPAC Navy Reservists and civilians managed the loadout of supplies and equipment onto charter cargo ships MV Ocean Giant and MV Ocean Gladiator in preparation for delivery to the Antarctica outpost of McMurdo Station in support of the annual resupply mission Operation Deep Freeze (ODF). During ODF 2023 the two cargo ships delivered the supplies needed for the year at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.



Soldiers from U.S. Army 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary) connect sections of modular causeway system from the Military Sealift Command-chartered cargo ship MV Ocean Giant at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. (U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist RJ Stratchko/Released)

Ocean Giant conducted a loadout of 443 pieces of cargo, including containers filled with mechanical parts, vehicles, construction material, office supplies and electronics equipment and vehicles. In addition, the ship transported a floating causeway that was assembled in Antarctica and used for cargo offload operations instead of the traditional McMurdo Station ice-pier, which was unusable for this year's mission.

Following Ocean Giant, Ocean Gladiator conducted a cargo loadout of 361 pieces of cargo, mostly construction material to be used for an expansion project at the McMurdo facility.

January 2023

The Navy christened John Lewis-class fleet replenishment oiler USNS Earl Warren during a ceremony at the General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard in San Diego, California. The ship honors Earl Warren, an American attorney, politician, and jurist who served as the 14th Chief Justice of the United States from 1953 to 1969.

Family members and friends of MSC staff experienced life at-sea on an MSC ship as they participated in a Tiger Cruise onboard dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Richard E. Byrd in the Pacific Northwest. Fifteen guests boarded the ship in Bremerton, Washington, and sailed with the crew over two days to the Vigor Industrial Shipyard in Portland, Oregon.

February

Ocean Gladiator and Ocean Giant conducted cargo delivery missions in support of Operation Deep Freeze, the Joint Task Force support for the National Science Foundation-managed mission to resupply McMurdo Station. The cargo delivered to McMurdo Station provided nearly 80 percent of the items needed for survival over the severe winter. Ocean Gladiator along with the Ocean Giant conducted cargo offloads at the Marine Causeway System (MCS) that was put in place to replace the traditional ice-pier that had been used in past years.

Upon completion of their cargo delivery, Ocean Gladiator retrieved the dismantled MCS, and loaded it onto the ship, along with 115 pieces of retrograde cargo, that were returned to Port Hueneme, California.

March

The Navy took delivery of an expeditionary sea base, the future USS John L. Canley, during a ceremony onboard the ship at the General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard in San Diego. The 784-foot ship honors Marine Gunnery Sgt. John L. Canley, who distinguished himself in the Vietnam War during the Battle of Hue. John L. Canley is the fourth expeditionary sea base operated by MSC.

April

Civil service ship masters and chief engineers visited San Diego for the annual Masters and Chiefs Symposium. Nearly 100 people, including MSC senior staff, spent two days discussing issues that affect mission capabilities, crewing of ships, and other programs.

June

Richard E. Byrd and rescue and salvage ship USNS Grasp were recognized for their outstanding food service programs with the annual Capt. David M. Cook award for food service excellence. Richard E. Byrd, with a crew of 124, won in the large-ship category while Grasp, with 30 crewmembers, won the small ship category.

July

The Navy accepted delivery of fleet replenishment oiler USNS Harvey Milk during a ceremony onboard the ship at the General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard. The 746-foot Harvey Milk is the second ship in the new John Lewis class of oilers, and can carry 162,000 barrels of diesel ship and aviation fuel, and increased amounts of dry cargo. The upgraded oiler is built with a double hull to protect against oil spills, and strengthened cargo and ballast tanks.

MSCPAC welcomed its new commander, Capt. Micah Murphy. Murphy assumed command from Capt. Kendall Bridgewater, who served as commander of MSCPAC since 2020. Murphy joined the MSC team following a position as the Strategy Implementation Branch Chief at U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.



Capt. Kendall Bridgewater, commander, Military Sealift Command Pacific (left), passes command to his relief, Capt. Micah Murphy, during the Military Sealift Command Pacific Change of Command Ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Sarah Cannon)

August

Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser and Richard E. Byrd provided logistics services to the ships of the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Carrier Strike Group (CSG) as they conducted routine, pre-deployment training in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations.

Through a series of 35 replenishments-at-sea over three weeks, MSC ships delivered nearly 4 million gallons of diesel ship fuel and nearly 3 million gallons of JP5 aviation fuel. In addition to delivering fuel, Henry J. Kaiser and Richard E. Byrd transferred 641 pallets of food and supplies. MSC's ability to replenish ships at-sea benefits the Navy by providing all the items needed to sustain the ships at sea, keeping them on station in the operating area longer, and bypassing the need to enter ports for supplies.

Grasp towed two decommissioned Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruisers, ex-USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) and ex-USS Lake Champlain (CG 57), from San Diego to the Navy Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility in Bremerton, Washington. Grasp first delivered Mobile Bay and then returned to San Diego for the Lake Champlain tow.



USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) pulls alongside aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) to transfer ordnance. BOTTOM LEFT: An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter from the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 6 transfers ordnance from USS Nimitz (CVN 68) to USNS Byrd (T-AKE 4). BOTTOM RIGHT: Sailors prepare ordnance in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) during an ammunition transfer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Samuel Osborn)



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND EUROPE AND AFRICA

Naples, Italy

Military Sealift Command Europe and Africa (MSCEURAF) directs ships that support U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) and U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM). 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 2023, MSCEURAF oversaw the operations of 45 ships in the USEUCOM and USAFRICOM areas of responsibility. Ships from MSCEURAF participated in 12 exercises in support of the U.S. Navy, Department of Defense and NATO allies and partners throughout Europe and Africa. MSCEURAF staff members provided integral support, including Combat Logistics Force (CLF) ships delivering 2.5 million pounds of mail and cargo including food totaling \$21.6 million and processed more than 2,323 purchase orders. Additionally, CLF ships transferred 31 million gallons of F-76 and 22 million gallons of JP-5 during 366 replenishments-at-sea (RAS) evolutions with U.S. Navy, NATO, and allied ships. MSCEURAF supported two Carrier Strike Groups (CSG) and two Amphibious Readiness Groups (ARG) during Operation Atlantic Resolve.

USTRANSCOM/Marine Transportation Specialist (MTS) missions increased from 35 in FY 2022 to 51 in FY 2023, representing the ongoing support to Ukraine and the USEUCOM effort in support of NATO allies. Navy Reserve Expeditionary Port Unit (EPU) personnel assisted with 18 dry cargo missions and several training evolutions.

October 2022

Expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Carson City made a port visit in Toulon, France, and met with, and provided tours to French navy personnel. Small boat maintenance also was performed while the ship was pier side.

November

Expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Trenton embarked U.S. Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for a month-long exercise in the Mediterranean to exercise the global responsiveness of the Marine Corps while operating in a maritime environment in support of protection of shipping lanes.



U.S. Marines assigned to II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) unload baggage before boarding the Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport USNS Trenton (T-EPF 5) in Ljubljana, Slovenia. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Scott Jenkins)

December

MSCEURAF MTS coordinated MSC-chartered American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier MV Endurance for a mission to provide redeployment assistance of 503 pieces of U.S. Army cargo loaded at Port Gdynia, Poland, with delivery to Klaipeda, Lithuania.

January 2023

Sealift ship MV Mendonca, a U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD)-owned vessel, pulled into port to deliver U.S. Army cargo. Also participating in the mission were eight EPU Sailors to assist and provide training for new personnel.



MSCEURAF MTS coordinated M/V ARC Endurance mission to provide redeployment assistance for 503 pieces of U.S. Army cargo loaded at Port Gdynia, Poland, with delivery to Klaipeda, Lithuania. (U.S. Navy photo)

Carson City gave back to the Venice community by participating in a clean-up project at Associazione 'Mici del Forte' or Kittens of the Fort - a cat rescue and sanctuary for more than 150 felines from the Venice area.

February

Command ship USS Mount Whitney completed a Regular Overhaul (ROH) period that included dry docking. The maintenance and repairs, part of the shipboard maintenance cycle, began in August 2022 and were completed by Civil Service Mariners, U.S. contractors and local shipyard workers. Nearly \$20.5 million was spent on major maintenance items such as inspection of the propulsion, stern tub shafts and rudder; emergency diesel generator overhaul; and boiler repairs.

MSCEURAF worked closely with representatives of the U.S. Army's 838th Transportation Battalion to move 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (3-1 CD ABCT) equipment from Poland to Texas. The approximately 1,600 pieces of Army gear were cleaned and inspected prior to loading on the ARC MV Endurance, a ship on-hire to MSC with the capability to provide transport of heavy vehicles.

March

Trenton participated in a community relations project while the ship was in port Venice, Italy. Crewmembers volunteered at Emporio Della Solidarieta, an organization established in 2008 with the goal to provide local low-income families with bare-necessity items, including food and personal products, by operating a store, a school and offering housing for adults requiring extra assistance.

Carson City pulled into the Port of Naples, Italy. Carson City was the first MSC ship to go pier side in Naples since expeditionary fast transport USNS Yuma hosted a MSCEURAF Change of Command ceremony on board in April 2019.



Military Sealift Command chartered MT Stena Polaris (T-AOT 5563), a tanker that delivers petroleum products to U.S. Department of Defense distribution facilities worldwide, departs Rota, Spain. (U.S. Navy photo by Hugo Polanco, MSC Marine Transport Specialist)

April

Tanker MT Stena Polaris served as the platform for exercise Tuscan Trident, an MSCEURAF training exercise for Navy Reserve EPU personnel. The 14-day long training evolution in Sagunto, Spain, included three watch teams and resulted in more than half of the participants completing the EPU Job Qualification Requirements.

EPU 104 personnel, based out of New Castle, Delaware, assisted MSCEURAF in offloading SS Gopher State, a Maritime Administration auxiliary crane ship.

Capt. Kenneth Pickard, MSCEURAF commodore, visited Mount Whitney to meet with the ship's commanding officer, and held an "All Hands" meeting with Civil Service Mariners who are part of the hybrid crew.

May

Voyage-charter MV Ocean Grand cargo vessel arrived in Monaco for the largest yearly exercise hosted by U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), African Lion 2023. An EPU team made up of five Navy Reserve personnel, assisted with the offload of U.S. Army equipment, including tactical vehicles, armor, and multiple containers of supplies.

Oceanographic survey ship USNS Bruce C. Heezen, pulled into Monaco's Port Hercules for a scheduled port visit which included tours and a reception for representatives of the member states that make up the International Hydrographic Organization Assembly.

Pickard visited Viktor Lenac Shipyard, Rijeka, Croatia, to see two expeditionary fast transport ships, Trenton and Carson City. Trenton was undergoing a Mid-term Availability, scheduled every 15 months, and Carson City was there for a five-year Regular Overhaul period that included drydocking.

June

Expeditionary sea base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams hosted a visit from Pickard, while the ship was in drydock at the Palumbo Malta Shipyard. MSC-chartered container ship MV Sagamore arrived at the Port of Nordenham, Germany, loaded with cargo as part of the U.S. Department of Defense's continual support of real-world events in Europe. The coordination of the arrival, offload, and departure of this vessel was accomplished by the MSCEURAF MTS team, and marked the 38th mission during 2023.

Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Medgar Evers hosted Pickard, while the ship was in a maintenance period at the Augusta Bay NATO Pier, Sicily. A civil service mariner "All Hands" meeting was held in the ship's cargo bay where Pickard discussed upcoming MSC initiatives and answered questions and discussed crew concerns. Many items were addressed including detailing, medical issues, retention bonuses, and port visits.



U.S. Navy Military Sealift Command (MSC) Expeditionary Port Unit (EPU), a team made up of five Navy Reserve personnel, assisted with the offload of U.S. Army equipment, including tactical vehicles, armor, and multiple containers of supplies, from MSC's voyage-charter MV Ocean Grand cargo vessel for the largest yearly exercise hosted by U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), African Lion 2023. (U.S. Navy photo)



U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command chartered Motor Vessel Sagamore, a container ship, arrived at the Port of Nordenham, Germany. (U.S. Navy photo by Christina Johnson)



USNS Trenton (T-EPF 5), a Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport vessel, pulled into the Port of Algiers. (U.S. Navy photo by Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Anthony Konrad)

July
Trenton pulled into the Port of Algiers to host a U.S. Independence Day reception, attend an Algeria Independence Day dinner the following day, provided ship tours, and participated in a local soccer match. The visit provided an opportunity to enhance country relationships.

Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Joshua Humphreys, crewed with Civil Service Mariners, received support from MSCEURAF staff during a maintenance period at the Port of Stockholm.

Yuma received fuel during a RAS with replenishment oiler Medgar Evers.

August
Pickard, made an initial visit to a command MTS mission receiving U.S. Army cargo at Port Esbjerg, Denmark, via MSC-chartered MV Endurance. Additionally, this mission included table-top training and hands-on experience for EPU team members.

September
An MTS mission coordinated voyage charter MT High Discovery delivering 185,000 barrels of Jet Fuel (JA-1) to NATO facilities. Ammunition supply missions were also completed at various ports in the region.



Capt. Kenneth Pickard, Military Sealift Command Europe and Africa commodore/Task Force 63 commander is briefed by ARC M/V Endurance Capt. Shawn Hagerty on the ship's bridge. (U.S. Navy photo by Christina Johnson)



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND CENTRAL Manama, Bahrain

Military Sealift Command Central (MSCCENT) represents Military Sealift Command (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 FY 2023, Combat Logistics Force (CLF) vessels delivered thousands of pallets of stores, supplies, ammunition, and transferred more than 10 million gallons of petroleum products directly to U.S. Navy and partner nation ships and distribution depots across the region.

October 2022

Fleet ocean tug USNS Catawba began a routine overhaul after conducting an opportune patrol boat move to ensure the organic assets in U.S. 5th Fleet remained in good working order. Expeditionary fast transport USNS Choctaw County also conducted routine maintenance during this period.

Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry conducted 13 replenishment-at-sea events, moving over 900,000 pounds of petroleum products.



Sailors assigned to guided-missile destroyer USS Truxtun (DDG 103) handle a phone-and-distance line during a replenishment-at-sea with the dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9) in the Arabian Sea. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kenneth Blair)



U.S. Navy Sailors receive stores aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) during an underway replenishment with the fleet dry cargo ship USNS Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Mykala Keckeisen)

October 2022

Dry cargo and ammunition ships USNS Wally Schirra and USNS Alan Shepard conducted an ammunition crossdeck evolution in advance of Wally Schirra's maintenance period and follow-on departure from the area.

November 2022

Alan Shepard executed a patrol boat lift before beginning a scheduled maintenance period.

Matthew Perry replenished over 1 million pounds of petroleum products and conducted Deck Landing Qualifications with aviation units ensuring pilots and flight deck crews remained current in experience and qualifications.

January 2023

Matthew Perry provided continuous replenishment support in the Arabian Gulf throughout the month, providing over 600,000 pounds of petroleum products. Alan Shepard operated in the Gulf of Oman, providing over 250,000 pounds of petroleum products. Wally Schirra relocated to U.S. 7th Fleet.

February

Alan Shepard and Matthew Perry completed their Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection (SESI) and ammunition transfer. SESI is conducted to ensure ammunition and explosives are handled or stored in compliance with appropriate policy and criteria. The cross deck transfer ensures strike logistical support remains available in the 5th Fleet AOR.



Service members assigned to Commander Task Force (CTF) 56 conduct damage assessment and ship recovery training with mine countermeasures ship USS Gladiator (MCM 11) and fleet ocean tug USNS Catawba (T-ATF 168) in the Arabian Gulf. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Naomi Johnson)

Matthew Perry began their turnover with dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Amelia Earhart transferring vital cargo and personnel to ensure seamless support to surface assets participating in exercises and routine training.

Catawba finished six training events, enabling her full mission capable status. Choctaw County returned to the U.S. after completing seven years of service in the 5th Fleet.

March

Alan Shepard and Amelia Earhart collectively delivered 130 pallets of food, parts and equipment, as well 1.2 million gallons of fuel to coalition and U.S. Navy ships in 5th Fleet. Seven of the replenishment events were conducted with Israeli, French, and Italian vessels further demonstrating capability to support coalition forces. Matthew Perry completed her nine-month deployment in 5th Fleet after conducting a turnover in the Indian Ocean with Amelia Earhart.

Alan Shepard and Catawba both conducted two-week Voyage Repairs (VR), which are a vital maintenance period to achieve mission critical repairs and inspections.



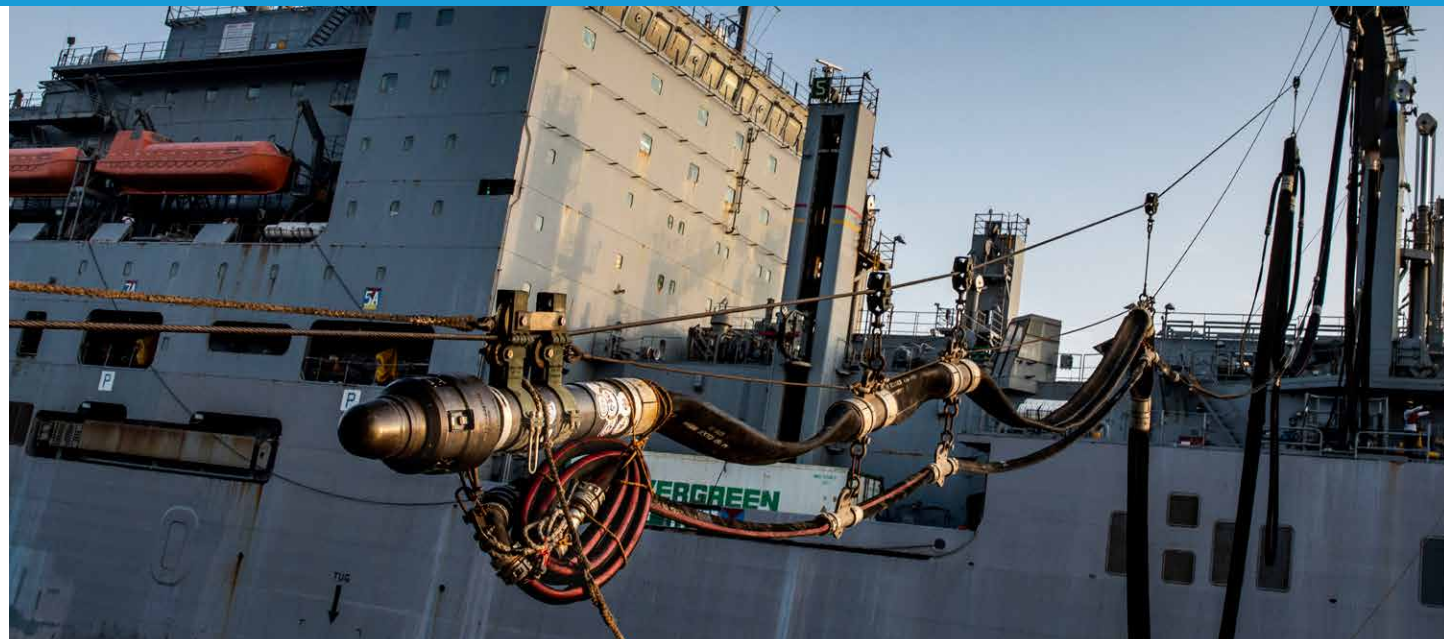
An unmanned surface vessel, U.S. Coast Guard fast response cutter USCGC Charles Moulthrop (WPC 1141), dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) and guided-missile destroyer USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) sail together during a transit through the Strait of Hormuz. (U.S. Navy photo)

April

Catawba successfully supported Neptune Triumph, a proof-of-concept for unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) capabilities. Amelia Earhart completed a SESI, ensuring a fleet logistical strike capability. Alan Shepard supported USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) as they served as an escort for a submarine transit through the Suez Canal, enhancing Red Sea presence and deterrence.

May

Alan Shepard and expeditionary fast transport USNS Brunswick supported evacuation operations from Sudan, successfully evacuating 530 personnel from 18 nations, including 168 U.S. citizens.



The dry-cargo ship USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) sends a fuel line to the guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) during a replenishment-at-sea in the Red Sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Keith Nowak)

Catawba supported a Ship's Wartime Repair and Maintenance Exercise to demonstrate and validate 5th Fleet organic Battle Damage Assessment and Repair capability as well as simulate the towing of a stricken vessel. Amelia Earhart completed a two-week voyage repair, a vital maintenance period which achieved mission critical repairs and inspections.

June

Catawba conducted a small boat lift to support maintenance activities. Alan Shepard started a Mid-term Availability to conduct planned maintenance.

July

Amelia Earhart executed replenishment operations providing 250,000 pounds of petroleum products to seven ships while Alan Shepard and Catawba continued their respective maintenance periods.

August

Amelia Earhart brought logistics support to the fleet, delivering over 681,000 gallons of fuel and 160 pallets of cargo before beginning a voyage repair availability. Alan Shepard began post-maintenance inspections and recertification. Catawba participated in a two-day exercise further demonstrating the ability to launch and recover UUVs.

September

Amelia Earhart resumed operations in the Gulf of Oman after a successful Voyage Repair period while Alan Shepard began a planned maintenance availability.



The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with the dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) in the Arabian Gulf. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elliot Schaudt)



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND FAR EAST Singapore

Military Sealift Command Far East (MSCFE) exercises administrative control over MSC ships that support U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Transportation Command and U.S. 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 Squadrons Two and Three 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.

October 2022

As part of exercise Resolute Dragon, dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Sacagawea took part in conducting ammunition resupply training at Kushiro Port, Hokkaido, Japan. Resolute Dragon is an annual bilateral exercise between the U.S. Marine Corps and Japan Self-Defense Force that strengthens the defensive capabilities of the U.S.-Japan alliance.



Sailors attached to Navy Cargo Handling Battalion (NCHB) 1 hold a line steady while conducting a crane lift of an Improved Navy Lighterage System craft aboard USNS Dahl (T-AKR 312) in support of exercise Resolute Dragon 22. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Storm Henry)



Sailors from Amphibious Construction Battalion 1 and Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 1, as part of the Navy Support Element in support of exercise Resolute Dragon 22, lower a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement with lines onto the deck of an Improved Navy Lighterage System craft during crane operations while moored to USNS Dahl (T-AKR 312) in Kushiro Port, Japan. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Storm Henry)

Expeditionary fast transport USNS Brunswick began three-month support for I Marine Expeditionary Force during Marine Rotational Force Southeast Asia. Cargo ship MV Green Ridge embarked on a two-month support mission, delivering cargo from continental U.S. to Pohang, Republic of Korea, during Korea Rotational Force movement.

During a change-of-command ceremony, Capt. Robert R. Williams relieved Capt. Samuel F. de Castro as Commodore of MSCFE in Singapore, Oct. 28.

November

Rescue and salvage ship USNS Salvor conducted missions in support of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

Fleet replenishment oilers USNS John Ericsson and USNS Rappahannock, along with dry cargo ship and ammunition ship USNS Carl Brashear joined other U.S. Navy vessels and assets from Australia, Great Britain, India, and Japan, and participated in exercise Keen Sword. Keen Sword is an annual multilateral exercise designed to enhance U.S.-Japan readiness and interoperability in the Indo-Pacific region.

December

Fleet oiler USNS Yukon and dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Wally Schirra replenished the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group (CSG 11) and conducted an ordnance on-load, while also off-loading ordnance from the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) CSG 5. The Carrier Strike Groups are forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.



Secretary of the Army, Hon. Christine Wormuth, visits Army mariners assigned to the 368th Seaport Operations Company and 331st Transportation Company construct a causeway adjacent to the MV Maj. Bernard F. Fisher off the coast of Bowen, Australia. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. David Resnick)

Charter MV Ocean Giant entered the Far East area of responsibility in support of Operation Deep Freeze, a resupply mission in Antarctica. Operation Deep Freeze is a joint service, on-going Defense Support to Civilian Authorities activity in support of the National Science Foundation, lead agency for the United States Antarctic Program.

January 2023

Sealift ships MV Cape Henry, MV Bob Hope, MV Fisher, and MV Cape Rise supported the U.S. Army in Operation Pathways and the movement of equipment from the Port of Tacoma, Washington, to travel across the Pacific. The equipment on the ships was off loaded for use during the annual series of joint

multinational exercises in the Pacific including Balikatan in the Philippines, Keris Strike in Malaysia, Garuda Shield in Indonesia, and Talisman Saber in Australia.

John Ericsson and Wally Schirra participated in Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) exercise in the Philippine Sea. SWATT is the premier U.S. Naval Surface Force advanced tactical training exercise, designed and developed to increase combat capability and interoperability between surface units by providing multi-ship, multi-platform, multi-warfare area training at sea.

February

Fleet replenishment oiler USNS Big Horn supported USS Makin Island (LHD 8) and participated in exercise Cobra Gold, which took place in Rayong province, Kingdom of Thailand, providing Makin Island with replenishment of essential supplies, fuel, cargo, and equipment at sea. Cobra Gold 23 emphasized coordination on readiness, civic action, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and seeks to expand regional cooperation and collaboration in these areas.

March

Big Horn and Wally Schirra replenished the Nimitz CSG and delivered essential supplies, fuel, cargo, and equipment at sea, allowing the CSG to continue its mission of providing a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and our partners and allies in the Indo-Pacific region.

Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry arrived at Larsen & Toubro Ltd. Shipyard, in Kattupalli near Chennai, India, for voyage repairs. Matthew Perry was the second U.S. Navy ship to visit L&T Shipyard for voyage repairs, following the USNS Charles Drew visit in 2022.

April

Expeditionary fast transports USNS Millinocket and USNS Puerto Rico, and expeditionary sea base USS Miguel Keith participated in exercise Balikatan in the Philippines. The MSC ships provided support to the Makin Island (LHD 8) Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) with replenishment of essential supplies, fuel, cargo, and equipment at sea.

The Makin Island ARG participated in a group sail alongside USS Miguel Keith, and Philippine Navy ships BRP Jose Rizal (FF-150), BRP Gregorio Del Pilar (PS 15), and BRP Tarlac (FF 601) in the South China Sea.

May

Capt. Steven Wasson, Commodore of Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron Three, met with the graduating class of Western Pacific Maritime Academy, many of whom are interested in serving as Civil Service Mariners. The students learned about jobs in the maritime industry during a meeting with MPSRON 3 leadership at the Academy in Saipan.

June

Dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Cesar Chavez participated along with U.S. and Republic of Singapore Navies in exercise Pacific Griffin near Guam. The exercise is an extension of the longstanding bilateral engagement series, Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, which the two navies have conducted annually since 1995.

July

Salvor arrived at Larsen & Toubro Ltd. Shipyard, in Kattupalli near Chennai, India, for voyage repairs. Salvor was the third U.S. Navy ship to visit L&T Shipyard for voyage repairs, following visits by Charles Drew and Matthew Perry.

Yukon, Rappahannock, Carl Brashear and Matthew Perry participated in the large-scale exercise Talisman Saber in Australia. The MSC ships and civil service mariners were among the more than 17,000 personnel representing eight countries serving at sea across 27 vessels. The biennial exercise is designed to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific by strengthening partnerships and interoperability among key allies.

August

Millinocket rendered assistance to a distressed small leisure boat in the vicinity of Darwin, Australia. Millinocket was operating near Darwin, Australia, in support of exercise Talisman Sabre. The team on the Millinocket maneuvered the vessel toward the distressed craft prior to launching its fast rescue boat. Millinocket provided the small vessel with fuel and remained with the vessel until the Australian authorities arrived.

Crewmembers from Rappahannock and Big Horn visited the Drop-In Center of the Human Help Network Foundation to interact with children during a community outreach event in Pattaya, Thailand. Rappahannock and Big Horn were in port in Thailand undergoing a routine voyage repair. While the ships were under maintenance, the volunteers travelled to the Drop-In Center for a day of fun and games with the volunteers and children. The event was facilitated by Navy League Siam in Pattaya.

MSCFE operations hub in Yokohama, Japan, changed Officers-in-Charge (OIC) during a Change-of-Charge ceremony at Yokohama North Dock, Aug. 31. In the ceremony, Lt. Cmdr. Shawn Tagan assumed the authority of Command OIC from Lt. Cmdr. Eric Topor for MSC Ship Support Unit Japan.

MSC charter tankers NH Erle and NH Siri participated in the 22nd iteration of Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT). The charters were involved in the Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure workshop, which was led by members of the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Security Response Team. SEACAT is a multilateral exercise designed to enhance cooperation among Indo-Pacific nations and provide mutual support towards addressing crises, contingencies, and illegal activities in the maritime domain using standardized tactics, techniques, and procedures.

September

In preparation for the seventh iteration of Maritime Training Activity (MTA) Sama Sama, the crews of USNS Yukon and Philippine Navy guided missile frigate BRP Antonio Luna (FF 151) conducted familiarization training at Subic Bay, Philippines. MTA Sama Sama is a multilateral engagement that includes a sea and shore phase. One of the at-sea events included a replenishment-at-sea between a U.S. Navy replenishment oiler and a PN frigate that highlighted partnership and interoperability.



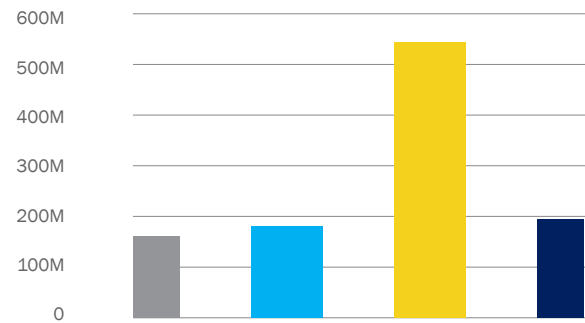
The Henry J. Kaiser-class underway replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202) sails alongside the Lewis B. Puller-class expeditionary sea base USS Miguel Keith (ESB 5), conduct replenishment at sea operations while underway in the Coral Sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Chase Stephens)



Military Sealift Command civil service mariner Gil Fernandez, boatswain mate with fleet replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202), left, explains elements of the refueling station aboard Yukon to Philippine Navy Sailors during a familiarization tour, in preparation for upcoming Maritime Training Activity Sama Sama 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Grady Fontana)

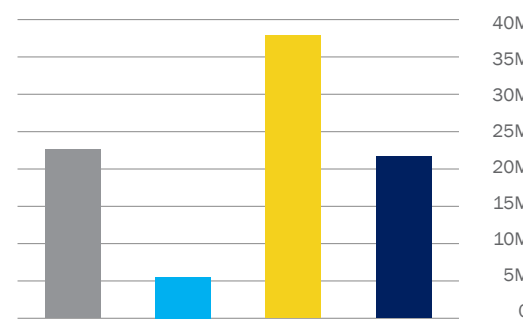
Expenses & Costs

**Transportation Working Capital Fund
FY 2023 Direct Costs (\$M)**



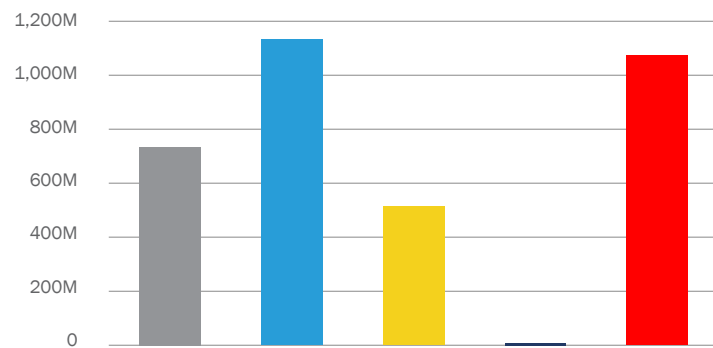
\$160 Maintenance & Repair
 \$180 Fuel
 \$543 Transportation
 \$195 Other Ship Costs

**Transportation Working Capital Fund
FY 2023 Indirect Costs (\$M)**



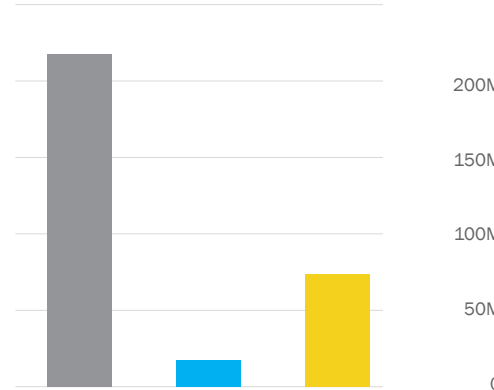
\$23 Civilian Pay
 \$6 Military Pay
 \$38 TWCF Support
 \$22 Other

**Navy Working Capital Fund
FY 2023 Direct Costs (\$M)**



\$734 Labor
 \$1,132 Maintenance & Repair
 \$514 Fuel
 \$9 Transportation
 \$1,073 All Other Ships Costs

**Navy Working Capital Fund
FY 2023 Indirect Costs (\$M)**



\$218 Civilian Pay
 \$18 Military Pay
 \$74 All Other

2023 Mission Highlights

Operation	MSC Ships	Location	Dates	Purpose
Ambassador Visit	USNS Mary Sears	Sydney, Australia	Nov 22	Ship and crew hosted U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy
Assistance to vessel in distress	USNS Millinocket	Vicinity of Darwin, Australia	Aug 23	Assistance rendered to a distressed small leisure boat, providing fuel and remaining on site until maritime authorities arrived
Atlantic Resolve	MV ARC Endurance	Port of Gdynia, Poland	Feb 23	Rotation of U.S. Army units in Europe to enhance deterrence posture
Continuing Promise 22	USNS Comfort	Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras	Oct - Dec 22	Medical teams focused on working alongside partner nation medical personnel to provide care on board and at land-based medical sites to increase medical readiness, strengthen partnerships, and enhance the combined capabilities of the U.S. Navy and partner nations
Continuing Promise 23	USNS Burlington	Panama, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada	Sep 23	Medical teams work with personnel from a variety of governmental agencies and non-federal entities and partner nation medical personnel to provide care ashore in host nation medical facilities or community clinics
Deep Freeze	MV Ocean Gladiator, MV Ocean Giant	McMurdo Station, Antarctica	Jan - Mar 23	Cargo and fuel resupply to the research station
Disaster Relief	USS Hershel "Woody" Williams	Turkey	Feb 23	Deliver disaster relief supplies to Turkish officials for those affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake
Evacuation and Assist	USNS Brunswick, USS Lewis B. Puller	Port of Sudan	Apr - May 23	Evacuation of U.S. citizens and other personnel from Sudan
Expeditionary Vertical Launch System Reload	MV Ocean Valor, USNS William McLean	San Diego, Norfolk, Virginia	Oct 22 - Aug 23	Demonstration of re-arming VLS aboard a destroyer
Fleet Week Port Everglades	USNS Newport	Port Everglades, Florida	Apr 23	Public engagement and tours
National Maritime Day Celebration	USNS Comfort	Norfolk, Virginia	May 23	Recognition event honoring the U.S. Merchant Marine and the importance of the maritime industry to the nation
New York Fleet Week	USNS Newport	New York City	May 23	Public engagement and tours
Operation Pacer Goose	MV Ocean Giant	Thule Air Base, Greenland	Jul - Aug 23	Cargo and fuel resupply of Thule Air Base
Operation Pathways	Cape Henry, Cape Rise, MV Fisher, MV Bob Hope	Operations across Southeast Asia, Australia and the island chains	Jan - Oct 23	U.S. Army Pacific Command's annual operation involving thousands of Army forces rehearsing strategic movement, operational maneuver, and tactical employment of land forces throughout the Pacific
Rescue-at-sea	USNS John Lewis	Off the coast of San Diego	Dec 22	Rescue of mariner from sinking sailboat
Ship tow	USNS Grasp	San Diego to Bremerton, Washington	Sep 23	Tow of decommissioned Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser to the Navy inactive ship yard
Surveillance Balloon Debris Collection	USNS Pathfinder	Off the coast of South Carolina	Feb 23	Collecting the remains of a Chinese high-altitude surveillance balloon shot down by U.S. Air Force fighter
UNITAS	USNS Burlington	Colombia	Jul 23	Multinational maritime exercise conducted annually in Atlantic and Pacific waters around Central and South America to enhance security cooperation and improve coalition operations
Unmanned Aerial System Test	USNS Patuxent	Atlantic Ocean	Jun 23	Demonstrate use of UAS to deliver cargo from ship to shore and return
Voyage Repairs	USNS Matthew Perry, USNS Salvor	Chennai, India	Mar and Jul 23	Second and third ships to conduct maintenance at shipyard in India

2023 Exercise Participation

Exercise	MSC Ships	Location	Dates	Purpose
African Lion	MV Ocean Grand	Morocco, Djibouti, Ghana, Senegal, Tunisia	May - Jun 23	Joint all-domain, multi-component, and multinational exercise, focused on enhancing readiness between U.S. and partner nation forces
Balikatan/JLOTS	USS Miguel Keith USNS Puerto Rico USNS Millinocket USNS Dahl USNS PFC Dewayne T. Williams	Philippines	Mar - Apr 23	Philippines-led annual command post and field training exercise
Baltic Operations	USS Mount Whitney USNS Joshua Humphreys	Baltic Region	Jun 23	Annual exercise that visibly demonstrates NATO's commitment to preserving regional peace and security by exercising a team of international forces that can rapidly respond in a time of crisis
Carrier Strike Group Pre-deployment training and exercise	USNS Henry J. Kaiser USNS Richard E. Byrd	Off the coast of Southern California	Aug 23	Carrier Strike Group pre-deployment training and exercise
Cobra Gold	USNS Big Horn	Thailand	Feb 23	Annual U.S.-Thai co-sponsored exercise that builds on the longstanding friendship between the two nations and brings together a robust multinational force to promote regional peace and security in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.
Freedom Shield	USNS Guam	Republic of Korea	Mar 23	U.S. Marine and ROK counterpart exercise designed to strengthen the combined defensive capabilities of both countries' armed forces in a changing security environment
International Maritime Exercise	USS Lewis B. Puller	Arabian Gulf	Feb - Mar 23	Multinational exercise focused on combined command and control, maritime security, mine countermeasures, unmanned systems and artificial intelligence integration, and global health.
Joint Warrior	USNS William McLean	Atlantic Ocean	Oct 22	Multilateral, multi-warfare exercise that incorporates surface, subsurface, airborne, and land scenarios to provide joint training in a multi-threat environment for NATO units
Keen Sword	USNS John Ericsson USNS Rappahannock USNS Carl Brashear USNS Sacagawea	Japan	Nov 22	Biennial exercise designed to enhance Japan-U.S. readiness, interoperability, and bilateral relations.
Large Scale Exercise	USNS William McLean USS Mount Whitney	Worldwide	Aug 23	LSE 2023 demonstrated the Navy's and Marine Corps' ability to employ precise, lethal, and overwhelming force globally across six maritime component commands, and seven numbered fleets
Maritime Training Activity Sama Sama	USNS Yukon	Philippines	Sep 23	Multilateral sea and shore engagement to promote regional security cooperation

2023 Exercise Participation

Exercise	MSC Ships	Location	Dates	Purpose
MPSRON 3 Group Sail	USNS SGT William R. Button USNS Charlton MV SSG Edward A. Carter, Jr. MV MAJ Bernard F. Fisher	Off the coast of Saipan and Guam	Mar - Apr 23	Multi-ship group sail training exercise
Pacific Griffin	USNS Cesar Chavez	Guam	Jun 23	U.S. and Singapore biennial maritime exercise, conducted in the waters near Guam to enhance combined maritime proficiency while strengthening relationships
Resolute Dragon	USNS Sacagawea	Japan	Oct 22	Annual bilateral exercise between the U.S. Marine Corps and Japan Self-Defense Force that strengthens the defensive capabilities of the U.S.-Japan alliance.
Salvage Exercise	USNS Salvor	Kochi, India	Jun - Jul 23	Indian and U.S. Navy salvage and explosive ordnance disposal exercise
Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training	USNS Millinocket USNS Puerto Rico	Singapore	Aug 23	Multilateral exercise designed to enhance cooperation among Indo-Pacific nations and provide mutual support towards addressing crises, contingencies, and illegal activities in the maritime domain
Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training	USNS John Ericsson USNS Wally Schirra	Philippine Sea	Jan 23	Advanced tactical training exercise, designed and developed to increase combat capability and interoperability between surface units by providing multi-ship, multi-platform, multi-warfare area training at sea
Talisman Sabre	USNS Carl Brashear USNS Matthew Perry USS Miguel Keith USNS Rappahannock USNS Yukon MV Fisher MV Bob Hope	Australia	Jul - Aug 23	Bilateral military exercise between Australia and the United States, with multinational participation, advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific by strengthening relationships and interoperability among key allies and enhancing collective capabilities to respond to a wide array of potential security concerns

Awards

MSC Afloat Sailor of the Year for FY22

PS1 Kezia Thomas (USNS Comfort)

MSC Shore Sailor of the Year for FY22

YN1 Latoya Dobbs (MSCCENT)

MSC HQ Senior Sailors of the Quarter

YN1 Kiana Pitts, N14
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DC1 Kendra Clarkson, N2/3

MSC HQ Junior Sailors of the Quarter

YN2 Nicolas Wimpee, N02
OS2 Corbin Zanick, N2/3
OS2 Kylie Koranteng, N2/3

MSC HQ Blue Jacket Sailors of the Quarter

CS3 Candy Davis, N02A
OS3 Daniela Marin, N2/3
OS3 Eshalae Dupreyperez, N2/3

MSC HQ FY22 Sailors of the Year

Senior: IT1 Dominique Dodson, N6
Junior: IT2 Tamara Carter, N6
Blue Jacket: CS3 Kirra Tipton, N02H

Senior Civilian of the Quarter

Neil Ye, N04 (1st Q, FY23)
Daryl Adamson, N4 (2nd Q, FY23)
Gary Glover, N8 (3rd Q, FY23)
Casey Chmielewski, N1 (4th Q, FY22)

Junior Civilian of the Quarter

Tracy Trickett, N00L (1st Q, FY23)
James White, N8 (2nd Q, FY23)
James Parker, N10 (3rd Q, FY23)
Eric Hayes, N4 (4th Q, FY22)



CY 2022 MSC Maritime Excellence Award

USNS Yuma (T-EPF 8)

United Seamen's Service Mariners' Plaque

Crew of USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205)

2022 Captain David M. Cook Food Service Excellence Award

USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51), small afloat
USNS Joshua Humphreys (T-AO 188), medium afloat
USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4), large afloat
USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20), hybrid afloat

2023 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award, Navy Nominee

USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), Medium Command, Agana, Guam

FY 2022 Secretary of the Navy Energy Excellence Award

USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195), afloat, logistics

2023 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award

USS Emory S. Land (AS-39), afloat award

CY 2022 Excellence in Naval Fuel Management

USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8), Category VI, afloat unit

CY 2022 Excellence in Navy Public Affairs

Bill Mesta, MSC, 1st Place, writing, information story



Navy Superior Civilian Service Award

Joseph Hennessy, N4



Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award

James Regan, N04
Dave Bassett, N8
Courtney Johnson, N7
Uhong Chon, N3
Robert Farmer, TSMD
William Daniels, N9
Allan Berke, PM6
Mark Kallenbach, N00L
Dena Panecaldo, N00L

Awards



Navy Civilian Service Commendation Award

Jason Hicks, N03
Mary McNair, N04
Michael Dial, N6
Amador Estrada, N10
Juanita Broennimann, PM3
Timothy Lewis, N10
Taylor Crider, N9
Monica Henain, N00L
Robert Bagbey, N3
Dennis Debraggio, PM1
Joseph Gossett, N9
Cynthia Watts, N02



Navy Civilian Service Achievement Award

Marco Gil De LaMadrid, N9
Amy Wolf, N9
Matthew Lupton, N00L
Stephanie Boyles, N9
Stephen Allison, N9
Theresa Aranas, N04
Son Le, N9



Defense Distinguished Service Medal

RADM Michael Wettlaufer, N00



Legion of Merit

CAPT Gregory Blyden, N00R
NDCM Michael Woods, PM4
CAPT Daniel Broadhurst, N00
CAPT Janice Smith, N00
CAPT Kathryn Elliott, N00
CAPT William Scouten, N02H
CAPT Axel Steiner, N9
CAPT Kendall Bridgewater, MSCPAC



Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Michelle Peters, N00R



Meritorious Service Medal

CDR Geoffrey Roth, N4
CAPT Charles Cather, N02H
CDR Larrion Cassidy, N00R
CDR William Hunt, N00
ITCS James Dise, N00R
CMC Brian Santa Cruz, N00R
CDR Jason Highley, N00R
CDR Christopher Lounsbury, N00R
CDR Lynn Hazlett, N2/3/5
HMCS Arturo Adames, N00R
LCDR Justin Robinson, N14
CMDCM Manuel Valle, N00R
LCDR Nathan Moss, N02H
CDR Sandeep Kumar, MSCEURAF

Awards

(Meritorious Service Medal continued)

CDR Joseph Sims, MSCLANT
 LCDR Trisha Kelly, N00R
 CDR Jean Steenson, N00R
 CDR Michael Messenger, N00
 LCDR Casey Colton, N00
 YNCS Sonya Carey, N4
 HMCM Hope Horan, N02H
 CDR Melicharek, N00R
 CAPT Mark Collins, N15



Navy Commendation Medal

LCDR Matthew Rukstela, N6
 CDR Mathew Schroeder, N00R
 LCDR Kevin Cyr, N00R
 LCDR Colin Weed, N00R
 LT James Knight, N00
 LTJG Cody Parker, N2/3/5
 IT1 Dominique Dodson, N6
 CDR Roger Vogelbacher, N00R
 PS1 Kezia Thomas, N00R
 YN1 Latoya Dobbs, MSCCENT
 LCDR Sykeshia Thurman, N15
 PSC Christopher Reid, N02
 IS1 Justin Ambrosius, N3
 LCDR Mark Bryan, N00R
 ITC Johnathan Ewars, N6
 YNCS Bryson Werner, N00R
 HM1 Kelvin Murphy, N02H
 LCDR Sasha Smith, N00R
 LCDR Terrell Perk, N00R
 LT Zak Mauer, N00R
 LCDR Emily Hobart, N00R



Navy Achievement Medal

OS1 Jonathan Cowan, N2/3/5
 IT1 Tamara Carter, N6
 IT1 Quiyana Pollard, N6
 CS3 Alyssa Velasquez, N00
 LT Jennifer Roberts, N00R
 IT2 Rebekah Ulmer, N00R
 CS2 Brianna Carr, N00
 LCDR Kelly Roberts, N00R
 HM1 Nina Mason, N02H
 LS1 Dedrea Bebeau, N4
 LT Thomas Young, N4
 YN1 Sebastian Hudson, N02
 LS1 Romeo Puello, N00R
 OS2 Rita Vue, N2/3/5
 OS2 Kylie Korantang, N2/3/5
 LCDR Carmen Davis, N00R
 ET1 Trey Johnson, N00R
 YN1 Julian Bretado, N00
 LT John Stockstad, N00R



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

LCDR Nathan Moss, N02H

Flag Letter of Commendation

YN1 Kiana Pitts, N00
 YN1 Nicolas Wimpee, N02
 CS3 Candy Davis, N02
 OS2 Corbin Zanick, N2/3/5
 OS2 Daniele Marin, N2/3/5
 DC1 Kendra Clarkson, N2/3/5



FY23 Year in Review Personnel

Civil Service Mariners: 5,547
 Civil Service (GS Ashore): 1,434
 Military Personnel – Active Duty: 347
 Military Personnel – Reserve Duty: 956

Sailors and civilian mariners launch a Wave Glider Unmanned Surface Vehicle from the fantail of USNS Burlington (T-EPF 10) as a part of the UNITAS U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet Unmanned Integration Campaign. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Conner Foy/Released)

75 Years of Maritime Excellence



Established 1949

During World War II, four separate government agencies controlled sea transportation. In 1949, the Military Sea Transportation Service became the single managing agency for the Department of Defense's ocean transportation needs. The command assumed responsibility for providing sealift and ocean transportation for all military services as well as for other government agencies.

Only nine months after its creation, MSTTS responded to the challenge of the Korean War. On July 6, 1950, only 11 days after the initial invasion of South Korea by communist North Korean troops, MSTTS transported the 24th Infantry Division and its equipment from Japan to Pusan, South Korea, for duty.

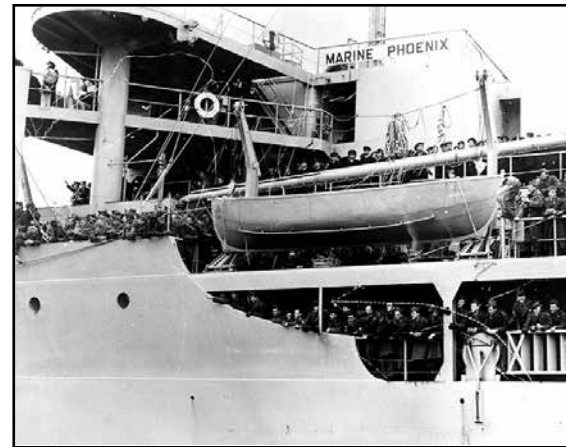


Department of Defense with ocean transportation in support of U.S. deterrent efforts during the Cold War years.

Also during the 1980s, MSC began operating pre-positioning ships worldwide, first for the Navy and Marine Corps, and later for the Air Force and U.S. Army prepositioning programs.



During the first Persian Gulf War starting in 1991 for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, MSC distinguished itself as the largest source of defense transportation of any nation involved. MSC ships delivered more than 12 million tons of wheeled and tracked vehicles, helicopters,



During the Vietnam War, MSTTS was renamed Military Sealift Command (MSC). Between 1965 and 1969, MSC transported nearly 54 million tons of combat equipment and supplies and nearly 8 million tons of fuel to Vietnam. MSC ships also transported troops to Vietnam. The Vietnam era marked the last use of MSC troop ships.

Through the 1970s and 1980s, MSC provided the



ammunition, dry cargo, fuel and other supplies and equipment during the war. At the height of the war, MSC managed more than 230 government-owned and chartered ships.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, MSC ships have played a vital and continuing role in contingency operations around the world, delivering combat equipment and supplies to U.S. and coalition forces that operated in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In March of 2003 on the heaviest day of delivering combat gear to Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom, MSC operated 167 ships that stretched from the U.S. East and Gulf Coasts to Kuwait, the equivalent to one ship every 50 miles, a constant stream of combat material, supplies, vehicles and helicopters delivered to U.S. forces in the Middle East.

Throughout its existence, the MSC combat logistics force has continued to provide fuel, ordnance, food, parts, and supplies via underway replenishment to carrier strike groups and amphibious ready groups, independent deployers and ships from allied and partner nations.

Heading into the new century, MSC began operating new classes of vessels to support U.S. Navy requirements. These new vessels included an afloat forward staging base, expeditionary fast transports, expeditionary sea bases and transfer docks, and a sea-based radar platform.



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