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## Remembering 9/11

*"We honor those lives lost from the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, through the vigilance and service of our Sailors and Navy civilians who are on watch around the world today."*

**- Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations**

Sept. 11, 2011, is a day to remember and honor those lost, and to stand resolutely with their families and loved ones. As we remember those who were lost on 9/11, also honor all victims of terrorism. The 10th anniversary is a milestone to acknowledge efforts of putting unprecedented pressure on al Qaeda; strengthening our homeland defenses; strengthening our core alliances and building international partnerships; and contrasting al Qaeda's vision of destruction with America's support for peace, security, prosperity, and universal rights around the globe.

### The Navy Response in 2001

- [USS Enterprise](#) (CVN 65) was just beginning her voyage home from the Arabian Gulf and immediately turned around, while [USS Carl Vinson](#) (CVN 70) made best speed to the Arabian Sea to launch the first tomahawks and sorties of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- [USNS Comfort](#) (T-AH 20) docked in Manhattan and provided housing, food, laundry, medical and other services to volunteers and rescue personnel in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- [USS George Washington](#) (CVN 73) patrolled the coastline of New York City, providing air defenses for the city while waiting for additional tasking from the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

### 10 Years Later

- Around the globe, countries have responded collectively during the last 10 years to reduce the threat of terrorism, working across borders to support the common good. We have sharply reduced the capabilities of terrorist groups through the collaborative efforts of the international community aided by our focused partnership approach outlined in the [Maritime Strategy](#). The U.S. remains committed to working with partners around the world to confront and counter violent extremists.
- Since 9/11, there have been extraordinary efforts taken to keep America safe. The Navy supports these efforts through forward presence, deterrence, ensuring maritime security and augmenting other services by providing Navy personnel to support the war effort on the ground.
- As of Sept. 7, 2011, a total of 8,293 individual augmentees, including 4,913 active duty and 3,380 Reserve Sailors, are supporting the war effort around the globe.
- The Navy continues to stand the watch worldwide. As of Sept. 7, 2011, 37 attack submarines and 146 ships, to include four carriers (USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77)) and four amphibious warfare ships (USS Boxer (LHD 4), USS Bataan (LHD 5), USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) and USS Makin Island (LHD 8)) are deployed or underway from homeport.
- As of Sept. 1, 2011, 9,882 Sailors were at sea in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR); 18,432 in the Pacific Fleet AOR; 884 in the U.S. 4th Fleet AOR; 5,981 in the U.S. 2nd Fleet AOR; and 3,261 in the U.S. 6th Fleet AOR.
- Three ships are named in honor of those lost on 9/11 – USS New York (LPD 21), Pre Commissioning Unit (PCU) Arlington and PCU Somerset. [USS New York](#) will host 170 family members of victims and first responders as the ship transits from Norfolk to [New York City](#) to participate in the official 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.

### Key Messages

- 9/11 is a chance to pay tribute to a generation that has borne the burden of the nation's security during a decade of war.
- The 9/11 generation volunteers to serve in a time of war, upholding virtues of service, sacrifice and selflessness that have always been the source of America's strength.
- The Navy remains positioned around the globe, around the clock, projecting power and deterring threats.

### Facts & Figures

- In the aftermath of 9/11, many Americans were compelled to serve; of those that joined the Navy after 9/11 there are currently 19,355 officers and 197,805 enlisted, for a total of 217,140, still serving today.
- The Navy will commemorate 9/11 with more than 50 events planned in 13 states like memorial ceremonies and wounded warrior bike rides.
- For more information about commemoration events, visit the Department of Defense's [9/11 website](#).