

FLEET DEPLOYMENT BRIEF

U.S. Seventh Fleet | Western Pacific Area of Operations
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1. Current Force Disposition

Carrier Strike Group 5 (Forward Deployed)

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) - Operating Area: Philippine Sea
CVW-5: 65+ aircraft - F/A-18E/F Super Hornets, EA-18G Growlers, E-2D Hawkeyes
USS Shiloh (CG-67) - Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser
USS Barry (DDG-52) - Arleigh Burke-class destroyer
USS Milius (DDG-69) - Arleigh Burke-class destroyer
USS Ralph Johnson (DDG-114) - Arleigh Burke-class destroyer

Amphibious Ready Group / 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

USS America (LHA-6) - America-class amphibious assault ship
USS Green Bay (LPD-20) - San Antonio-class transport dock
USS Ashland (LSD-48) - Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship
31st MEU: approximately 2,200 Marines embarked

Destroyer Squadron 15 (Forward Deployed, Yokosuka)

USS John McCain (DDG-56) - FONOP operations, South China Sea
USS Dewey (DDG-105) - Patrol station, East China Sea
USS Higgins (DDG-76) - Port visit, Singapore
USS Howard (DDG-83) - Maintenance period, Yokosuka
USS Benfold (DDG-65) - Taiwan Strait transit, 28 Oct 2024

Submarine Force (Unclassified Summary)

Two Los Angeles-class fast attack submarines on deployed operations
One Ohio-class SSGN conducting forward presence mission

2. Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance

VP-47 (P-8A Poseidon) - Kadena AB, Okinawa. Daily SCS/ECS surveillance.

VUP-19 (MQ-4C Triton) - Andersen AFB, Guam. 24+ hour mission endurance.

VQ-1 (EP-3E Aries II) - SIGINT collection, average 4 missions per week.

3. Upcoming Operations and Exercises

Nov 1-5: ANNUALEX with JMSDF. Australia, Canada, Germany participating.

Nov 8-12: Scheduled FONOP, Paracel Islands. USS Dewey (DDG-105) primary.

Nov 15-22: Keen Sword 25 with Japan. 36,000 personnel. IAMD + amphibious ops.

Dec 1-10: CARAT bilateral exercises with Philippine, Malaysian, Singapore navies.

4. Logistics and Readiness

Fleet Readiness: 87% of forward-deployed combatants at C-1 or C-2 rating.

Logistics Support:

USNS Rappahannock (T-AO-204) - Philippine Sea, underway replenishment

USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE-10) - Combat logistics support from Singapore

USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE-9) - En route Yokosuka, ammunition resupply

Maintenance Status:

USS Howard (DDG-83) - Planned maintenance. Return to fleet: 15 Nov 2024

USS Antietam (CG-54) - Dry dock SRF-JRMC. Completion: January 2025

Personnel:

Overall manning: 96% of authorized levels

Critical billets (nuclear, cryptologic, cyber): 91% fill rate

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