



NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

Citizens in Support of Sea Services

Agenda



- Our Purpose: America is a Maritime Nation
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 - Navy Capacity
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- Closing

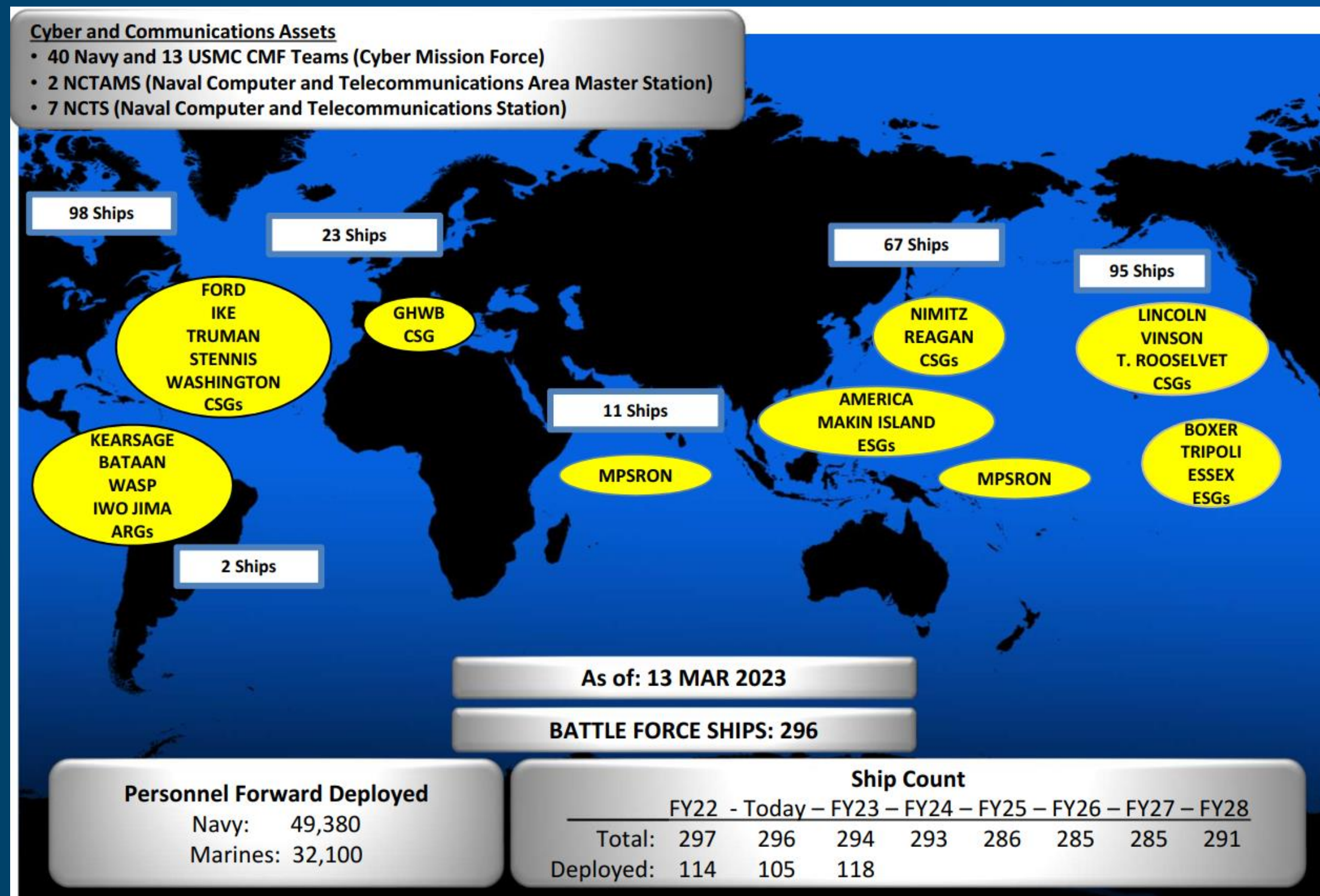


America is a Maritime Nation

“Forward-deployed forces give decision-makers their most precious commodities: options and time.”

-- Navy League Maritime Policy

- Our nation’s first line of defense is far from our shores, thanks to the forward presence of our sea services.
- Keeping the seas open for global commerce ensures global economic stability. 99% of overseas trade by tonnage is transported by sea.
- Our Fleet is imperative to ensure capabilities for:
 - Conflict Deterrence
 - Forward Presence
 - Maritime Security
 - Freedom of Navigation
 - Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response



Citizens in Support of Sea Services since 1902

Sea Service Needs FY24



Navy Capacity

- **Submarines**
 - AUKUS agreement will require more submarine production capacity
- **Destroyers and Frigates Multi-Year Contracts**
 - We have capacity to increase Destroyer production to 3 per year
 - Shipyard capacity could double frigate production to 4 per year



Marine Corps Amphibious Vessels

- **Amphibious Vessels**
 - Navy Proposes to Decommission 3 LSD Amphibs
 - There needs to at least be a one for one replacement
 - Support Commandant Berger's minimum inventory of 31 amphib vessels with multi-year contracting
 - These are not small amphibs. They are LSD/LPD and LHA/LHD sized amphibs



Coast Guard Operations

- **Operations and Support Budget**
 - Expanding mission set requires at least 5% increase above inflation
- **Shoreside Infrastructure**
 - ~\$700 million for shoreside infrastructure above \$144 million in PresBud
- **Pay Parity for servicemembers**
 - Because the Coast Guard falls under DHS, they do not have the same paycheck security during lapses in government funding



Maritime Administration Strategy

- **National Maritime Transportation Strategy**
- **MARAD must select/fund appropriate FFRDC or funding must be appropriated for study by 3rd party organization.**
- **This strategy must include considerations for:**
 - Shipbuilding/ Merchant Mariner Workforce Expansion and Development
 - Merchant Marine Expansion for Economic/National Security
 - Shipyard Capacity and Capabilities
 - Possible Expansion of Current Policies such as Cargo Preference, MSP, TSP, Title XI Funding, etc.
 - Potential of Dual Use Vessels



Unsung Heroes

- Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020
- Support Doubling State Merchant Marine Academy Student Incentive Program to \$16k/year



Additional Concerns

- **Continuing Resolutions hurt the military because they do not address inflation!**
 - They are effectively a budget cut, because they do not account for inflationary pressure
 - \$4 billion wasted on average
- **Future Sailors, Marines and Mariners**
 - Support the Sea Cadets (\$4.3m in Congressional funding)
 - Support the Young Marines (\$4m in Congressional funding)
 - Support Doubling State Merchant Marine Academy Student Incentive Program to \$16k/year (\$4.8 million in Congressional funding)

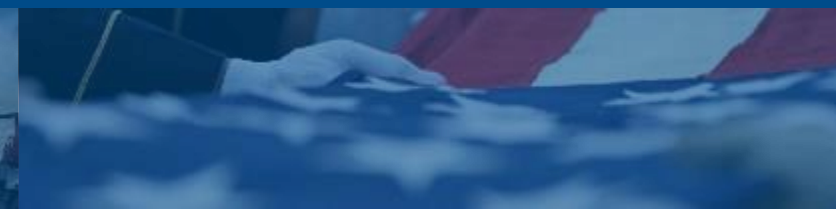


The Navy League Asks You To:



In summary:

- Expedite Navy Shipbuilding with funding for 3 Destroyers and 4 Frigates
- Support the CMC's request for a 31 amphibious vessel fighting force
- Source/Fund a comprehensive National Maritime Transportation Strategy
- Ensure USCG O&S Budget achieves 5% real growth after inflation
- Provide Pay Parity for Coast Guard
- Provide funds for Sea Cadets and Young Marines, and Student Incentive Program
- Support doubling SIP





Thank You!