



USNS Mercy (T-AH 19)

U.S. Naval Hospital Ship

Mission

The primary mission of USNS Mercy is to provide rapid, flexible, and mobile acute medical and surgical services to support Marine Corps Air/Ground Task Forces deployed ashore, Army and Air Force units deployed ashore, and naval amphibious task forces and battle forces afloat.

Its secondary mission is to provide mobile surgical hospital service for use by appropriate U.S. Government agencies in disaster or humanitarian relief or limited humanitarian care incident to these missions or peacetime military operations.



Commitment

Pacific Partnership began in response to one of the world's most catastrophic natural disasters, the December 2004 tsunami that devastated parts of Southeast Asia. Along with other nations, the United States swiftly responded to this unprecedented tragedy. U.S. Navy assets, including the hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), were deployed to provide humanitarian aid. Seeing the benefit of planning and preparation to quickly respond to natural disasters, U.S. Pacific Fleet sent Mercy back to the region for the first Pacific Partnership mission in 2006. Since then, Pacific Partnership has expanded using a multilateral approach to include partner nation militaries and non-government organizations.

Ship's Characteristics

- Length: 894 feet (272 meters)
- Beam: 106 feet (32 meters)
- Draft: 33 feet (10 meters)
- Displacement (full): 69,360 long tons
- Speed: 17.5 knots
- Based in Naval Base San Diego
- Delivered to U.S. Navy: Dec. 19, 1986

Crew Size

- Civil Service Mariners –
- Deployed: 65*, Not Deployed: 18
- Navy Medical Personnel –
- Deployed: 1,215*, Not Deployed: 58
- When deployed, crew size varies based on mission requirements.

Capabilities

- 1,000 Patient Bed Capacity
- Four X-ray Rooms
- One CT scan unit
- Physical therapy suite
- Pharmacy
- Dental suite
- Angiography suite
- Optometry and Lens laboratory
- Blood Bank with up to 5,000 units of blood
- Two oxygen-producing plants

Services

- Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Dermatology
- Dialysis
- Psychiatry
- Respiratory Therapy
- Angiography
- Dental Prosthetics
- Lens Fabrication
- Laboratory
- Radiology