

2005

2001
OCTOBER 7

After the Sept. 11 al-Qaeda terrorist attacks, Operation Enduring Freedom begins with Tomahawk and carrier air strikes on targets in Afghanistan.



2010

2008
FEBRUARY 20

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) fires a Standard Missile-3, destroying a dangerous, non-functioning satellite just before it enters earth's atmosphere.



2015



2003
MARCH 19

In an effort to liberate the Iraqi people and end the regime of Saddam Hussein, Operation Iraqi Freedom begins with airstrikes.

2009
APRIL 12

U.S. Navy SEALs on the fantail of USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) shoot and kill three pirates holding captain Richard Phillips, master of Motor Vessel Maersk-Alabama.



2005
AUGUST 31

Four Norfolk ships deploy to support relief operations on the Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which made landfall Aug. 29.

2010
JANUARY 12

A magnitude seven earthquake hits Haiti. The U.S. Navy is a key contributor to Operation Unified Response, providing water, food, and medical supplies.

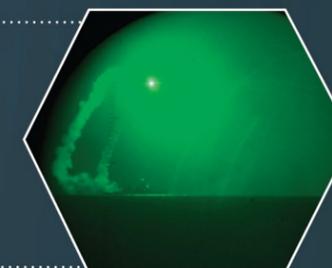


2006
JULY 16

The USS Jima (ESG) and embarked 24th MEU are ordered to Lebanon to evacuate Americans from the war torn country.

2011
MARCH 19

Operation Odyssey Dawn begins with strikes on Libya. This is the first use of SSGN-launched TLAMs in combat, first EA-18G action against hostile forces, and the first time Maverick missiles are fired by a P-3C on a hostile vessel.



2011
MAY 1

Navy SEALs kill al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in an intelligence-driven U.S. operation in Pakistan.



2014
SEPTEMBER 23

USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) and USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) launch 47 Tomahawk strikes against ISIL targets.

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