



# Strategic Sealift Officer Force

## Capability Statement

- DESIGN
- TRAIN
- MOBILIZE
- SUSTAIN

*“Assured combat power projection begins with agile and resilient supply chains. **Strategic Sealift** – supports the afloat movement of equipment and supplies for combat operations. The ability to deploy and sustain a land force has been a cornerstone of the nation’s defense strategies and has resulted in an enduring requirement for a ready and responsive sealift fleet.”* - Transforming Naval Logistics for Great Power Competition (Jan. 2021)

### ABOUT THE STRATEGIC SEALIFT OFFICER FORCE

The SSOF is comprised of over 2,500 Navy Reserve Officers in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and Selected Reserve (SELRES) who enable the Maritime Industrial Base in their civilian careers and provide assured and skilled mobilization assets to the Navy.

The Strategic Sealift Officer Force (SSOF) mobilizes to support Military Sealift Command and Navy Maritime requirements, and provides warfare qualified officers with civilian mariner credentials, in support of the Navy’s Surge Sealift mission, Distributed Maritime Operations and sustainment of the Maritime Industrial Base.

The SSOF leverages civilian Maritime skill to amplify Navy warfighting capabilities in expeditionary logistics, maintenance and repair, domain awareness and port services.

### CORE COMPETENCIES

- ✓ Unlimited Tonnage/HP operation of Sealift vessels
- ✓ Tactical Advisors
- ✓ Port Engineering
- ✓ Vessel Husbandry and Port Operations
- ✓ Maritime Domain Awareness
- ✓ Bridge and Engineering Resource Management
- ✓ Harbor Pilotage

### DIFFERENTIATORS

- Fully licensed and credentialed by the USCG and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to operate commercial vessels
- Must maintain USCG unlimited license
- Largest Restricted Line community and second largest officer community overall
- Can fill Navy 1665 or 1000 code billets
- Can support as IRR or SELRES

### MAJOR SUPPORTED COMMANDS



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