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## 5 ships ordered to "surge" to support war on terror

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NORFOLK — The Navy has ordered five ships and 2,800 sailors to deploy on unexpected missions to support anti-terrorism efforts in the Balkans and Middle East. Four of the ships will leave today.

The deployments are in response to requests from the European Command and the Central Command and are not exercises, Vice Adm. Mark Fitzgerald, commander of the 2nd Fleet, said Tuesday.

While most ships know several months in advance – sometimes a year or more – when they will deploy, these ships were given between six and eight weeks' notice to get ready, Fitzgerald said.

That is the main difference in today's Navy under the latest use of the service's year-old Fleet Response Plan. It was developed to find ways of operating, training, manning and maintaining the fleet to increase readiness and more quickly deliver combat power when and where it's needed.

This so-called "surge" of forces follows last year's nearly simultaneous deployment of seven aircraft carrier strike groups that were given little notice to get under way in an initial demonstration of responding to crises around the globe.

"I wouldn't paint this in the same light as last summer," Fitzgerald said. "We are trying to be responsive to the combatant commanders, and both the European Command and Central Command came in with requests for forces. They are looking at trying to get at a few of the problems they have out there."

Those problems include the need for maritime interdiction and anti-terrorism missions, he said. The ships and their crews, including special operation forces, will work with allies to detect, disrupt and deny international terrorist organizations the use of the maritime environment, the Navy said.

The flotilla includes the amphibious assault ship Saipan, amphibious transport dock Nashville and the guided missile frigate Nicholas, all from Norfolk. The guided missile cruiser Philippine Sea will deploy from Mayport, Fla., and the dock landing ship Gunston Hall will join the group from the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base in Virginia Beach a week later.

The Saipan, Nashville, Nicholas and Philippine Sea will deploy for approximately three months, while the Gunston Hall will remain at sea about six months.

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