



**NAVY MEDICINE**  
World Class Care...Anytime, Anywhere

# Navy Audiology



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# Status of the Audiology Community

- Active Duty:
  - Staffing: 20
  - Billets: 24
    - 11 additional billets coming online by FY13
  - Mission: Primarily Occupational
- Civilian:
  - Staffing: 51
  - Mission: Mix of Clinical and Occupational

## **SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2010**

- Maiden deployment onboard the USNS Mercy
- Advisory counsel to the Congressionally mandated Hearing Center of Excellence
- Established the Navy Marine Corps Hearing Advisory Working Group
- Force restructuring to Regional AOR's
- Facilitated the initial data exchange with the VA
- Training in epidemiology & data mining to Navy and Army assets, AF online this year.
- Epidemiology support on Navy Hearing loss to the Chief of Naval Operations

# CHALLENGES

- Staffing/Recruiting
  - New billets does not equal new bodies
- Updating/standardizing executive level metrics
- Streamline relationship with VA
- Hearing as a readiness requirement
- Waivers
- Fitness for Duty

