

U.S. Navy plans big fleet expansion

With U.S. President-elect Donald Trump demanding more ships, the Navy is proposing the biggest fleet expansion since the end of the Cold War to meet threats from a resurgent Russia and sabre-rattling China



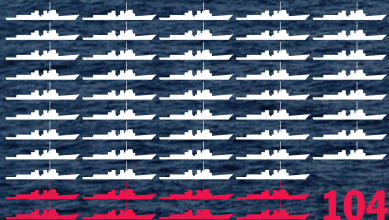
U.S. NAVY SHIP REQUIREMENT

■ 2014 ■ 2016 = 2 ships

11 Aircraft carriers



88 Large surface combatants (cruisers, destroyers)



52 Small surface combatants (littoral combat ships, frigates)



34 Amphibious warfare ships



12 Ballistic missile submarines (nuclear-armed)



48 Attack submarines



63 Support ships



308 Total requirement 355

Current ships (Jan 9, 2017) 274

\$16bn

Up to
\$5.5bn

U.S. Navy
average annual
spending on
shipbuilding
Extra annual
spending for
355-ship navy
(over 30 years)