



# FACT SHEET

## HOSPITAL SHIP USNS COMFORT CONTINUING PROMISE 2025 (CP25)

**Mission description:** The U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort will deploy with approximately 1,000 military and civilian personnel to take part in Continuing Promise 2025, a humanitarian assistance, medical readiness-building, and goodwill mission to six nations in the Caribbean, Central America and South America from June to August 2025.

**Mission stops:** The ship will visit Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada and Panama, and assistance will be provided at medical sites ashore. Limited surgical and post-surgical care will be provided aboard USNS Comfort.

**Description of health services provided: (\*aboard USNS Comfort)**

- General surgery\*
- Ophthalmologic surgery\*
- Medical evaluation and treatment
- Preventive medicine
- Dental screenings and treatment
- Vision screening and eyewear distribution
- Veterinary care
- Public health training

**Hospital ship USNS Comfort's on-board capabilities during CP25:**

- 100-bed initial capacity
- Four X-Ray machines
- One CT scanner
- One dental suite
- One optometry/lens laboratory
- One pharmacy
- Two oxygen-producing plants
- 5,000 units of blood

**Embarked U.S. military participants:** Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard U.S. Navy, Army and Air Force medical and support personnel

**U.S. federal agencies supporting CP25:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of State

**Embarked international participants (*participation dates may vary*):**

- Canada
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador



**Non-Federal Entities (NFEs) contributing to CP25:**

- CitiHope International
- Empact International
- FUNDAYUDA
- Global Aid
- Greater Good Charities
- Hear for a Purpose

- Deployed Logix (DLX)
- IFRC
- L3 Harris
- MyMedic
- New Century International
- Pacific Disaster Center
- Project Cure
- RISRR
- UCSD Pre-Dental Society
- University of Alabama-Birmingham
- University of Miami (Global Institute)
- Venezuelan American Medical Association

**Other CP25 mission activities:**

- *Subject matter expert exchanges*
  - *Training*
  - *Tabletop exercises*
- } covering medicine, dentistry, veterinary care, disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance

**Previous USNS Comfort deployments to Latin America and the Caribbean:**

- 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2022 – Continuing Promise
- 2010 – Operation Unified Response (*Haiti earthquake relief mission*)

**NOTE:** CP25 is USNS Comfort’s ninth deployment to the region under U.S. Southern Command and its eighth in support of a Continuing Promise mission. USNS Comfort personnel have treated more than **497,000 patients** (*more than 83 percent of the patients treated during all CP missions*) and performed more than **6,850 surgeries**. In addition, the Comfort was deployed to Haiti as part of Operation Unified Response after the 2010 magnitude 7.0 earthquake there, where its team treated **871 patients** and performed **843 surgeries**.

**Previous CONTINUING PROMISE missions in Latin America and the Caribbean:**

- 2007 – USNS Comfort
- 2008 – USS Boxer (*amphibious ship*)
- 2008 – USS Kearsarge (*amphibious ship*)
- 2009 – USNS Comfort
- 2010 – USS Iwo Jima (*amphibious ship*)
- 2011 – USNS Comfort
- 2013 – CP13 was a Medical Subject Matter Expert Exchange mission (*no ship*)
- 2015 – USNS Comfort
- 2017 – USNS Spearhead (*expeditionary fast transport vessel*)
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- 2019 – USNS Comfort
- 2022 – USNS Comfort
- 2023 – USNS Burlington
- 2024 – USNS Burlington

**NOTE:** 2025 is the 16th Continuing Promise mission, and since 2007 its medical personnel have treated more than **601,000 patients** and performed approximately **7,300 surgeries**. When combined with veterinary services, subject matter expert exchanges, engineering projects, community relations events and band performances, Continuing Promise has positively impacted more people in our partner nations than any other deployment series in U.S. Navy history.