Above: In 2010, The Cornhusker State arrived in Port-au-Prince Haiti to support earthquake efforts.

- Provide crane service to lighter barges and other military and commercial vessels with aid cargoes.
- Conducted Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS) operations because of the damage to the port.
- Conducted vessel traffic service (VTS) operations for the port from the ship’s navigational bridge.
- Provided potable water to several Tugs, Army LCU’s and a Colombian Naval vessel working in the area that were unable to make their own water. This allowed them to stay on scene and continue to provide relief services.
- Provided berthing, meals, and laundry services to countless military personnel working in Haiti.
- Sailed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) to pick up aid for Haiti. During the backload the ship provided potable water to assist with the wash down of all equipment being loaded in order to pass the agriculture inspection.
- Back loaded Seabee equipment used during the relief operation. Cargo consisted of Ro-Ro, Break bulk, and containers. Three KALMAR/RTCH’s were also loaded on deck requiring a “twin lift” due to their weight.

Galley crews made sure meals were ready starting at 5:30 a.m., so the relief workers could get an early start. As these workers returned after long days ashore, crews worked to try to provide them at least some comforts, including internet access and even a few holiday decorations. Providing this vital service meant relief workers did not take up local hotel space needed for housing displaced families.

Ready Reserve Force Operations
Supporting the Federal Emergency Management Administration
Hurricane & National Emergency Response Efforts

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Right after SANDY hit, the US Department of Transportation’s, Maritime Administration activated the Training Ship (TS) Empire State, the TS Kennedy, and the Steam Ship (SS) Wright.
Ready Reserve Force (RRF) ships supported
Hurricanes KATRINA & RITA relief operations: September 2, 2005 - March 1, 2006
Haiti Earthquake: January 30, 2010 and
Hurricane Sandy: November 2012–January 2013

At Left: School Ship
TS Sirius
Housed 150 relief workers with cots & provided berthing space

At Right: School Ship
TS Texas Clipper II
Housed 230 relief workers

Auxiliary Crane Ship
SS Diamond State
Acted as mobile port

Above: ROLL-ON / ROLL-OFF
Cape Vincent
Provided helicopter landing for the USCG and housed equipment vital to recovery operations

Aviation Support Ship
SS Wright
Housed 315 relief workers

School ship
TS State of Maine
Housed 236 relief workers

ROLL-ON / ROLL-OFF
Cape Kennedy & Cape Knox
Generated power vital to relief efforts and provided meals to relief workers