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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"365 days a year, 24/7, Navy Installations Command provides the right shore services to support the fleet, fighter and family. More than 50% of the Navy's fleet and 16% of Navy personnel are either deployed or on an IA, and the holiday season can add to that stress. Whether supporting the deployed Sailor worldwide or families at home, Navy Installations Command is always ready to do what's needed."

- Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale, Commander, Navy Installations Command

Around the world, the Navy is executing the core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – some examples from throughout the fleet in the month of November were:

Forward Presence

- The [Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group \(CSG\)](#) flew 1,571 sorties for [4,001.5 hours of flight time](#) supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn; the [Harry S. Truman CSG](#) completed [480 combat sorties](#) and [2863.3 flight hours](#) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- USS Ponce (LPD 15) and Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (26 MEU) participated in exercise Edged Mallet with Kenyan military forces in Manda Bay, Kenya. Edged Mallet '10 is a two-week, bilateral military exercise designed to refine operational skills while enhancing collaboration and strengthening military-to-military relationships.

Deterrence

- USS George Washington (CVN 73), with embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, along with guided-missile ships USS Cowpens (CG 63), USS Lassen (DDG 82), USS Stethem (DDG 63), and USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62), [participated in a combined military exercise with the Republic of Korea \(ROK\)](#).
- Ballistic-missile submarine USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730) [completed its 75th Trident deterrent patrol](#), becoming the first Ohio-class SSBN to accomplish the milestone.

Maritime Security

- USS Momsen (DDG 92) [conducted bilateral maritime domain awareness training with the Maldivian coast guard](#). The Government of the Maldives invited the U.S. Navy to work with the Maldivian coast guard to improve maritime domain awareness capabilities within the island nation's exclusive economic zone.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USS Ronald Reagan \(CVN 76\) provided assistance to Carnival cruise ship C/V Splendor](#), which went dead-in-the-water after it suffered propulsion failure in the Pacific Ocean about 150 nautical miles south of San Diego. Reagan facilitated the delivery of more than 4,500 pounds of food and goods.
- [USS Iwo Jima \(LHD 7\)](#), along with Seabees attached to [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7](#), concluded Continuing Promise 2010 (CP10). CP10 provided humanitarian and civic assistance, including veterinary, medical, dental and civil engineering support to eight partner nations.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- Military Sealift Command High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift conducted Southern Partnership Station 2011 (SPS 11) in [Haiti](#) and [Chile](#). SPS 11 is an annual deployment in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility designed to engage the U.S military sea services with partner nations' defense forces, police departments and coast guards.

Status of the Navy (as of 1 December)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	328,428	Total deployable ships/subs	288	NAVCENT/C5F	14,361
Total Reserve Component	64,981	Ships underway	148 (51%)	PACFLT	26,602
DoN Civilians	202,821	Attack subs underway	25(46%)	NAVSO/C4F	662
		Ships deployed	108 (38%)	C2F	10,099
		Subs deployed	20 (37%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,132
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	~16,600	Expeditionary forces on mission	85 (45%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .	
		Total operational aircraft	3,700+		