



# RHUMB LINES

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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"We will approach our challenges and we'll implement our changes with three tenets in mind. Number one, warfighting first. We have got to be able to apply our craft to fight and win if we are called upon. Two, we have got to operate forward. That is where we are most effective. We provide an offshore option. And three, we have got to be ready."*

- Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert

Around the world, the Navy is executing the core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy; examples from September include:

### Forward Presence

- [The George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group](#) (CSG) flew 2,066 sorties for 5,887 hours, and aircraft aboard [USS Bataan \(LHD 5\)](#) flew 487 sorties for 781 hours in support of maritime security operations (MSO) in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR).
- [USS George Washington \(CVN 73\)](#) continued [its 2011 patrol](#) after three weeks at its forward-deployed home of Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.
- The U.S. 6th Fleet flagship, [USS Mount Whitney](#) (LCC 20), arrived in Rijeka, Croatia, for a scheduled maintenance period at Viktor Lenac Shipyard.
- [USS Newport News \(SSN 750\)](#) returned to its homeport of [Norfolk](#) after a MSO deployment in the U.S. European Command AOR.

### Maritime Security

- [Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet](#) disestablished after 65 years of the [organization's](#) service to the fleet.
- [Military Sealift Command](#) (MSC) high-speed vessel [Swift \(HSV 2\)](#) [completed Africa Partnership Station West 2011](#), after a two-week visit to Banjul, Gambia.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team 116 worked with local civilian and members of the Tanzania People's Defense Force to build water catchment systems at two schools in Unguja, Tanzania.
- U.S. 3rd Fleet welcomed Chilean submarine CS Carrera (SS 22) and its crew as part of the Diesel Electric Submarine Initiative.
- A U.S. Navy P-3 aircraft from Patrol Squadron 45 and Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8 joined with forces from 13 countries to participate in exercise Northern Coasts 2011.

### Power Projection

- [USS Bonhomme Richard \(LHD 6\)](#) and USS Rushmore (LSD 47), along with more than 700 Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade joined together for exercise [Dawn Blitz 2011](#).
- The [Essex Amphibious Ready Group](#) and 2,000 Marines from the [31st Marine Expeditionary Unit](#) began a western Pacific patrol to conduct amphibious integration training and a certification exercise.

### Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USNS Comfort's \(T-AH 20\)](#) medical crew returned to Baltimore after visiting nine countries, triaging 67,879 patients and performing 1,130 shipboard surgeries in support of [Continuing Promise 2011](#).
- [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4](#) Seabees constructed a low-water crossing in the Musa Qal'ah district in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.
- [USS Mitscher \(DDG 57\)](#) assisted [Yemeni-flagged fishing dhow Leymun Al-Mahra](#), which had been adrift in the Gulf of Aden for seven days after its battery died.

## Status of the Navy (Oct. 3)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total active component	326,820	Total deployable ships/subs	284	NAVCENT/C5F	14,411
Total reserve component	65,117	Ships underway	150 (53%)	CPF/C3F/C7F	16,833
DoN civilians	203,734	Attack subs underway	27 (50%)	NAVSO/C4F	1,934
		Ships deployed	109 (38%)	USFF	2,990
Navy forces on the ground		Subs deployed	18 (33%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	3,190
in NAVCENT AOR	11,828	Expeditionary forces on mission	85 (48%)	For more information on the <a href="#">current status of the Navy</a> , visit: <a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a> .	
		Total operational aircraft	3,700+		