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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"I am pleased [with] and proud of the men and women who are doing the work of the Navy. The depth and breadth of what we do is on full display as we conduct extensive humanitarian assistance operations in Japan and combat in North Africa."
- Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

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

Forward Presence

- [Carl Vinson \(CVN 70\)](#) Carrier Strike Group (CSG) [flew 423 sorties](#) totaling 2,557 hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and 68 sorties totaling 302 hours supporting of Operation New Dawn.
- [Enterprise \(CVN 65\)](#) Carrier Strike Group flew [302 sorties](#) for 1,765 total hours, amounting to a 98 percent sortie completion rate in support of U.S. and coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.
- [Ronald Reagan \(CVN 76\)](#) and embarked Carrier Air Wing 14 departed California for a regularly-scheduled deployment to the [Western Pacific](#) and Central Command areas of responsibility.
- [USS Monterey \(CG 61\)](#) visited Antwerp, Belgium, and is serving in the inaugural Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA) deployment.

Power Projection

- [Kearsarge](#) Amphibious Ready Group, Expeditionary Strike Group 5 and elements of 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit provided maritime support to [Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn](#). [Bataan Amphibious Ready Group](#) and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed early to support operations in Libya and the region.
- [USS Florida \(SSGN 728\)](#), one of three U.S. submarines supporting Operation Odyssey Dawn, was the first Ohio-class guided-missile submarine to [launch a Tomahawk Land to Attack \(TLAM\)](#) in conflict.

Maritime Security

- A U.S. Navy P-3C maritime patrol aircraft and guided-missile destroyer USS Barry (DDG-52) [engaged a Libyan Vittoria-class coast guard vessel](#) and two smaller crafts after confirmed reports the vessel and accompanying craft were firing indiscriminately at merchant vessels in the port of Misrata, Libya.
- USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and [USS Leyte Gulf \(CG 55\)](#) successfully [disrupted a piracy attempt](#) in the [Arabian Sea](#), resulting in the safe recovery of the M/V Falcon Trader crew.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USS Essex \(LHD 2\)](#) and embarked [31st Marine Expeditionary Unit](#) continued humanitarian assistance and [disaster relief](#) efforts off the northeast coast of Honshu, Japan, in support of Operation Tomodachi. U.S. 7th Fleet forces, [22 ships](#), [140 aircraft](#) and more than [15,000 personnel](#) delivered more than 260 tons of [relief supplies](#) to survivors of the tsunami and earthquake in support of Japan Self Defense Force efforts.
- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28 and 2nd Marine Logistics Group completed a [construction project](#) with the Nicaraguan military in Corinto, Nicaragua, during [Southern Partnership Station](#).
- U.S. Navy hospital ship [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#) deployed in support of the humanitarian civic assistance mission Continuing Promise 2011, and USS Cleveland (LPD 7) deployed to support [Pacific Partnership 2011](#).

Building Maritime Partnerships

- [Riverine Squadron 3](#), Detachment 1, partnered with the Royal Netherland marine corps to train on riverine tactics and procedures in the brown water environment during operations at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Status of the Navy (as of April 1)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	328,431	Total deployable ships/subs	287	NAVCENT/C5F	13,185
Total Reserve Component	65,117	Ships underway	153 (53%)	PACFLT	29,667
DoN Civilians	203,403	Attack subs underway	18 (33%)	NAVSO/C4F	1540
		Ships deployed	126 (44%)	C2F	16,114
		Subs deployed	17 (31%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,893
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	13,063	Expeditionary forces on mission	70 (39%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .	
		Total operational aircraft	3,700+		