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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Expeditionary warfighters are a core Navy capability providing full spectrum support to the single naval battle. These forces bridge the seam and extend the reach and influence of more traditional Navy capabilities into the green and brown waters of our strategic partners."

- Rear Adm. Michael P. Tillotson, commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command

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

Forward Presence

- [USS Enterprise \(CVN 65\)](#) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1 [flew 1,522 sorties, totaling 5,004 hours](#) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, counterpiracy and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations (AOO).
- [USNS Kaiser \(T-AO 187\)](#) delivered [900,000 gallons of a 50-50 blend of advanced biofuels and traditional petroleum-based fuel](#) to the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group (CSG) for the Great Green Fleet demonstration during Rim of the Pacific exercise.

Maritime Security

- USS McFaul (DDG 74) supported maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. Naval Forces Africa AOO.
- [USS Underwood \(FFG 36\)](#) resupplied in Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and embarked a U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachment in preparation for [Operation Martillo](#).

Deterrence

- [USS Buffalo \(SSN 715\)](#) arrived at Changi Naval Base, Singapore, as part of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Singapore 2012.
- Navy divers assigned to [Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit \(MDSU\) 2](#), Company 2-5, installed a hull-trunk sensor for the mine countermeasure sonar aboard USS Sentry (MCM 3) while operating in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOO.

Power Projection

- The U.S. Navy's first afloat forward staging base-interim, [USS Ponce \(AFSB-I\)](#), [arrived in Bahrain](#) to support maritime security operations in U.S. Central Command AOO.
- The Eisenhower CSG concluded port visits supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 6th Fleet AOO.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- [USNS Grasp \(T-ARS 51\)](#) supported joint training with U.S. Navy divers and the [Ukrainian](#) Navy during Exercise Sea Breeze 2012.
- High Speed Vessel (HSV 2) Swift completed its participation in Africa Partnership Station East 2012 and departed Rota, Spain to support [Africa Partnership Station West 2012](#).

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 23 worked with Peruvian soldiers to build a [new medical clinic](#) in Independencia, Peru, as part of New Horizons 2012.
- [USNS Mercy \(T-AH 19\)](#) arrived in [Cambodia](#) to begin the final mission phase of [Pacific Partnership 2012](#).

Status of the Navy (Aug 2)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	321,053	Total deployable ships/subs	286	NAVCENT/C5F	15,186
Total Reserve Component	106,578	Ships/subs deployed/underway	156 (55%)	CPF/C3F/C7F	20,698
DoN Civilians	203,609	Ships/subs deployed	106 (37%)	NAVSO/C4	1,519
Navy Forces on the Ground		Exped. forces on mission	93 (53%)	USFF	13,912
in NAVCENT AOR	9,276	Total operational aircraft	3,700+	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	4,600
For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .					