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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*Today, 42 to 45 percent of our fleet is routinely forward deployed. We are a Navy hard at work. Our Sailors and civilian workforce continue to excel in all that we ask of them, and if history is any indication of the future, it will be our Navy which will continue to provide global presence, ensure global access, and deliver decisive and credible combat power around the globe wherever and whenever needed.*

- **Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces, Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr.**

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

### Forward Presence

- The [John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group](#) flew 1,905 sorties in support of Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom and maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR).
- [Commander, Destroyer Squadron 26](#), embarked aboard USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), participated in multi-national exercise Joint Warrior 2011-2 off the coast of Scotland.
- [USS Philippine Sea \(CG 58\)](#) conducted military-to-military training and community service projects in Batumi, Georgia; Sevastopol, Ukraine; and Burgas, Bulgaria.
- [USS Fitzgerald \(DDG 62\)](#) visited Vladivostok, Russia, during a patrol of the U.S. 7th Fleet AOR.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team 116, forward deployed to Pangani District, Tanzania, hosted members of the local beach management units for a basic lifesaving training course.
- Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler [USNS Big Horn \(T-AO 198\)](#) provided logistics services to U.S. Navy and coalition maritime partners in the Mediterranean Sea in support of Operation Unified Protector in Libya.

### Deterrence

- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 2 provided harbor defense and port security in support of high value assets at Kuwait Naval Base; Rota, Spain; and in the Horn of Africa.
- USS Benfold (DDG 65) and USS Okane (DDG 77) participated in a ballistic missile defense exercise.

### Maritime Security

- U.S. Navy Riverine Squadron 3 Detachment 1 launched the [Aqua Puma All Environment Unmanned Aerial Vehicle](#) from the weather deck of the [USS Oak Hill \(LSD 51\)](#).
- USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) and Sailors from U.S. Naval Forces Africa joined with forces from six countries to participate in the inaugural execution of exercise [Cutlass Express 2012](#) in the western Indian Ocean.
- Military Sealift Command rescue and salvage ship [USNS Safeguard \(T-ARS 50\)](#) supported dive exercises in CARAT Bangladesh 2011.
- [USS Carr \(FFG 52\)](#) and a U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment boarding team recovered 16 bales of cocaine, weighing 402 kilograms and worth an estimated street value of \$8 million in the U.S. Southern Command AOR.

### Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- Sailors conducted 41 hours of community relations at the Regional Institute of Active Learning, the American School of Dubai, the Dubai Autism Center, the Sheik Mohammed Center for Cultural Understanding, Bradenton Prep Academy, Dubai Sports City, and the Al Noor School.
- USS Port Royal (CG 73) provided assistance to a 21-meter Iraqi fishing dhow which had been adrift three days after suffering a steering casualty.

## Status of the Navy (Nov. 3)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	325,123	Total deployable ships/subs	284	NAVCENT/C5F	14,484
Total Reserve Component	64,792	Ships underway	141 (50%)	CPF/C3F/C7F	20,626
DoN Civilians	203,952	Attack subs underway	27 (54%)	NAVSO/C4F	1,934
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	12,374	Ships deployed	106 (37%)	USFF	5,015
		Subs deployed	18 (33%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,878
		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+		