Whether in the Pacific, the Middle East or Central America, the United States Navy, in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard, is implementing the long-standing core capabilities of maritime power:

- Forward Presence
- Deterrence
- Sea Control
- Power Projection
- Maritime Security
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response

For 233 years, the Sailors have conducted these types of missions to ensure security, stability and unparalleled sea power. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Great White Fleet, which was an unprecedented initiative at the time that helped build global partnerships and enhance security, not just on our own shores but around the world.

The 2008 Any Day in the Navy edition of All Hands allows us a chance to reflect on our accomplished past and focus on our exciting future.

Thank you to every Sailor in every theater – those aloft, ashore and as boots on the ground. You made this issue of All Hands possible, and you breathe life into the Maritime Strategy. You make our Navy the greatest in the world, and the All Hands staff dedicates this anniversary edition to you.
Operating forward enables familiarity with the environment... enhances security.
Preventing wars is as important as winning wars decisively.

Lt. Megan Rieman, embarked aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4), gives a Salvadoran girl an eye exam at the Canton la Sunza School, Acajutla, El Salvador, during a Continuing Promise (CP) 2008 community relations project. Boxer deployed supporting the Pacific phase of CP, an equal-partnership mission between the United States, Guatemala, El Salvador and Peru.

Photo by MC3 Porter Anderson

Locals welcome Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter with a tribal dance during his tour of Sassamunga, Solomon Islands.

Photo by MCC (AW) Shawn P. Eldred

MC3 Tyler Jones walks through the engine room of USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) while preparing for his board to earn his enlisted surface warfare specialist qualification pin. Comfort completed a four-month humanitarian deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean providing medical treatment to patients in a dozen countries.

Photo by MC2 Steven King

ABH3 Jerell Hurdle directs an F/A-18F Super Hornet to a catapult during flight operations aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

Photo by MC2 Jake Barninger

USS Philadelphia (SSN 69) Chief of the Boat Master MMCM Manny Meneses checks the aft end of the ship as Philadelphia pulls into Submarine Base New London, Conn.

Photo by John Narewski
Air department Sailors push soapy brooms across the flight deck of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) during an evening scrub exercise.

Photo by MC3 Patrick Grieco

EO2 Gregory Sims, stationed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, acts as a ground guide as a crane moves into position near Ramadi, Iraq. NMCB-1 is supporting critical construction efforts in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

Photo by MC2 Ja’lon A. Rhinehart

IT3 Thania Cuevas, assigned to USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), shares music on her iPod with Filipino children at a medical civil action program site at the Central Pilot School Cotabato City, Republic of the Philippines, during Pacific Partnership 2008.

Photo by MC3 Joshua Valcarcel

USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) departs Yokosuka, Japan, for the last time. Kitty Hawk, the oldest ship in the U.S. Navy and the only conventionally-powered aircraft carrier, will be replaced by USS George Washington (CVN 73).

U.S. Navy photo

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Effective Theater Security Cooperation activities are a form of extended deterrence ...

Petty Officer 2nd Class David Crabb, assigned to Navy Embedded Training Team 3-205th Garrison, in Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan, throws a hand grenade during weapons familiarization training. Crabb is part of a 14-man team that mentors the Afghan National Army Shorbak garrison in Helmand Province.

Photo by MC1 David M. Votroubek

TM3 Garrity Johnson stands lookout aboard USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730) as she pulls out of Pearl Harbor.

Photo by ST2 Will Blackshear

SW3 Mandy Lewis (foreground) and EO2 Casey Rider (right), assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, steadies a drill pipe that is being hoisted as the team assembles a well drilling rig during site setup at Shabaha village, Garissa, Kenya. The Seabees drilled at three locations throughout Garissa.

Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock
EMSN Nastasia Andreanoff operates a 2-inch fire hose during repair locker training on the flight deck of USS O’Kane (DDG 77).

Landing Craft Air Cushion 65 of Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 5, Det. B., hits the beach at Kuwait Naval Base during a backload of Marines assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. ACU 5 is assigned to amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6).

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A Seabee with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 negotiates a mud-filled trench during jungle warfare training.

Maritime Security Operations help set the conditions for security in the maritime environment, which promotes stability and global prosperity.
An SH-60F Seahawk assigned to Helicopter Squadron 3 performs plane guard as the sun sets above USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Photo by MC2 Nathan Laird

USS Albany (SSN 753), arrived in Souda Bay, Crete, for a routine port visit during a scheduled six-month deployment.

Photo by Paul Farley

AO2 Daniel Sferra attached to Strike Fighter Squadron 11 inspects a laser-guided missile during flight operations on the flight deck aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

Photo by MC3 Ricardo J. Reyes

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U.S. seapower is globally postured to secure our homeland and citizens from direct attack and to advance our interests around the world.
The ability to operate freely at sea is one of the most important enablers of operations...

**USS Constitution** crew members practice setting and furling the ship’s main topsail in preparation for the chief petty officer selectee events held aboard every year during the last two weeks of August at Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston.

Photo by IS2 Jack Shrader

**Cmdr. Ed Mayer IV** (far right) commanding officer of **USS Oklahoma City** (SSN 723) prepares to submerge for a deployment as the departs Norfolk. Oklahoma City participated in operations supporting national security and contributing directly to the Maritime Strategy.

Photo by EM2 Xander Gamble

**A Special Operations Craft-Riverine (SOC-R)** performs a crash-back maneuver during training along the Salt River in northern Kentucky, near Ft. Knox. Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen attached to Special Boat Team (SBT) 22 based in Stennis, Miss., use the SOC-R, a craft designed for the clandestine insertion and extraction of U.S. Navy SEALs and other special operations forces along shallow waterways and open water environments.

Photo by MC2 Jayme Pastoric

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ABE3 Fabio Perez stows emergency barricades after flight deck drills aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).
Photo by MC2 James R. Evans

HTa William Clark performs a braze qualification test in the machine shop of USS Nimitz (CVN 68).
Photo by MC3 Joseph F. Sebastian Gocang

Seapower protects our way of life and promotes security, stability and trust.

USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) damage controlmen shield their faces as water erupts through their marlin wrapping in the pipe patching event during the Damage Control Olympics held at the Navy’s Farrier Fire Fighting School, Norfolk.
Photo by MC2 Kristopher S. Wilson

Sailors assigned to the visit, board, search and seizure team aboard USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) approach the ship in a rigid-hull, inflatable boat during a training evolution.
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DCC Johnny Harvey instructs a Sailor during a general quarters drill aboard USS Howard (DDG 53) during a joint Task Force Exercise.

Photo by MC3 Benjamin Brossard

Sailors assigned to USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) deck department pull in mooring lines as the ship deploys to participate in training exercises off the California coast.

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Sailors assigned to USS Essex (LHD 2) paint the hull of the ship during a selective restrictive availability maintenance period.

Photo by MC2 Frank Andrews

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The U.S. Navy will act across the full range of military operations to secure the United States from direct attack.
Power projection and sustained power ashore is the basis of our combat credibility.

- A plane captain assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 137 goes through pre-flight checks with the pilot of an F/A-18E Super Hornet aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).
  Photo by MC2 James R. Evans.

- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 2 Sailors perform a static line jump with a combat rubber raiding craft from a C-130 Hercules.
  Photo by MC2 Christopher Stephens.

- TM2 Marco Torres and STG3 Anthony Jones stand watch at a .50-caliber machine gun station aboard USS Princeton (CG 59) while deployed to the Western Pacific.
  Photo by MC3 John Scorza.

- AB3 Bryan Oliveria takes a JP-5 fuel sample aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) during a replenishment at sea with USNS Rainier (T-ACE 1). Photo by MCSN Sarah C. Silver.
▲ PC1 Monica Adams (right), assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3, makes her final leg to Iraq aboard a C-17 Globemaster. Photo by MC1 Carmichael Yepez

▲ ABH1 Corey Cooper, assigned to the V-1 Division of the air department, relays the status of firefighting efforts to a messenger during flight deck drills aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Photo by MC2 James R. Evans

▲ Sailors watch flares light up the sky during a Navy-style fireworks display on the flight deck of USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). The ship held a surface power demonstration for the crew in honor of the Fourth of July holiday. Other festivities for Independence Day included a steel beach picnic and a root beer float social. Photo by MC2 Jennifer S. Kimball

Expanded cooperative relationships with other nations contribute to the security and stability of the maritime environment.

BMCS Scott Moss, assigned to Inshore Boat Unit 14, directs his squad during training at a mock village during Seahawk 2007. Seahawk 2007 is a joint maritime security exercise involving integrated active and Reserve forces from the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and U.S. Coast Guard. Photo by MCCS Kevin Elliott

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ENS Jimmy S. Seechang, a member of the visit, board, search and seizure team assigned to USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49), leads the team aboard the Japanese tug Awasemaru during an evaluated non-compliant boarding in Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

Photo by MC1 Michael D. Kennedy

Sailors assigned to Inshore Boat Unit (IBU) 22 wait for permission to come alongside and dock their security patrol boat on Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal in the northern Persian Gulf.

Photo by MC2 Kirk Worley

USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) approaches the Sydney Opera House as the ship prepares to enter Sydney Harbor for a scheduled port visit celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Great White Fleet.

Photo by MC2 Byron L. Linder

Security at sea is essential to mitigating threats.
Search and rescue (SAR) swimmers assigned to USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) swim 1,000 meters while conducting proficiency training on SAR techniques and tactics.

Photo by MC2 Woody Paschall

GM2 William Flores, assigned to Mobile Security Detachment Portsmouth, Va., helps a Mali police officer with weapons familiarization as part of Flintlock 2007 in Bamako, Mali. The exercise is part of the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCPT), an integrated, multi-agency effort of the U.S. State Department, U.S. Agency for International Development and DOD.


U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Ospreys, assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263, Marine Aircraft Group 29, prepare for flight on the deck of USS Wasp (LHD 1).

Photo by MC2 Zachary L. Borden

CT2 Michael Whisenant, assigned to a visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team aboard USS Mitscher (DDG 57), embarks aboard French frigate FS Ventose (F 733) as part of VBSS training during PANAMAX 2007. Civil and military forces from 19 countries participated in PANAMAX 2007, a U.S. Southern Command joint and multi-national training exercise co-sponsored with the government of Panama, in the waters off the coasts of Panama and Honduras.

Photo by MC2 Todd Frentzen
Maritime Security Operations seek to disrupt violent extremists’ use of the maritime environment as a venue for attack or to transport personnel, weapons or other material.
The expeditionary character of maritime forces uniquely positions them to provide assistance.
Eroni “Aaron” Kumana, waits to meet Secretary of the Navy the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter at the Gizo soccer field in Gizo, Solomon Islands. Eroni is credited with the rescue of Lt. John F. Kennedy, nearly 18 years before becoming president, and the rest of PT-109 crew following the ship’s collision with the Japanese destroyer Amagiri near Plum Pudding Island on August 2, 1943.

Photo by Chief MCC (AW) Shawn P. Eklund

 Cmdr. Elizabeth Satter performs an eye exam on a local man during a medical civic action program at Bunaabu Health Center, Papua New Guinea, in support of Pacific Partnership.

Photo by MC3 Patrick M. Kearney

HM2 Linda Grant, assigned to Fleet Surgical Team 5 embarked aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4), inspects a patient’s mouth at the Escuela de Santa Isabel medical site in Guatemala, during Continuing Promise (CP) 2008, a two-month humanitarian civic assistance mission to South America.

Photo by MC2 Joshua Jervi

U.S. Navy aircrewmen comfort an injured Nicaraguan woman prior to take-off during a medical evacuation in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua.

Photo by MC2 Zachary Borden

USS Wasp crew members participating in Hurricane Felix disaster relief operations prepare water for delivery to local residents in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua.

Photo by MC2 Todd Fentem

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▲ Crew members aboard an MH-60S Seahawk helicopter activate a release button, dumping 420 gallons of water below them on a burning target. HSC-85 has teamed up with the San Diego California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to help put out the wild fires blazing across Southern California.

Photo by MC3 Dustin Kelling

▲ Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit work with Sailors assigned to the forward-deployed dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) to clean up a construction site during an engineering project in Luzon, Republic of the Philippines, as part of the annual bilateral exercise Balikatan 2008.

Photo by MC2 Joshua Wahl

▲ BU3 Shawn Laborde assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, Task Force Sierra, strikes a line on a piece of lumber to be used in the construction of huts. NMCB-1 is deployed to several locations in the Middle East and Afghanistan providing responsive military construction support to U.S. military operations.

Photo by MC2 Demetrius Kennan

▲ U.S. Navy Europe-Africa Band members sing and dance with children at Yatima Group Orphanage in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Photo by Gillian Brigham
A student builds a fire at the Navy Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) school, Bangor, Maine.

Photo by MC2 Roger S. Duncan

An MMA, Trent Stiles reads the eulogy he wrote for his white hat during a white hat burial at sea, held on the fantail of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). The white hat burial at sea is a naval tradition in which chief petty officer selectees acknowledge their transition from first class petty officers to chiefs by “burying” their white hats.

Photo by MC3 James R. Evans

Sailors assigned to the crash division aboard NAS Whiting Field, Fla., shows preschoolers at First Steps Christian School in Pace, Fla., how to wear a firefighter’s mask.

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MM2 Adam Hernandez (left), participates in striking drills with MMFA Paul Woodrome during practice for the mixed martial arts team aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

Photo by MC2 Kathleen A. Conley

Sailors foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners.
A Sailor assigned to USS O’Kane (DDG 77) kisses his wife after returning from a seven-month deployment. Photo by MC6 Bruce K. Cho

ABFAN Jennifer McDonald (right) and ABFAN Tiffany Williamson, set up the primary flight deck control integrated shipboard information system (ISIS) aboard USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) before a series of flight operations. Sailors use ISIS to record aircraft launches and recoveries during what can average 12 hours of flight operations. Photo by MC2 Adam York