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Expeditionary Capabilities Supporting Forward Presence & Deterrence

“Navy Expeditionary Combat Command units have been, and continue to be, an integral part of our efforts to ensure security and stability throughout this region, while further developing the capabilities and capacities of our regional, joint and partner nations. Expeditionary Sailors are a critical enabling force and a vital part of our team.”

– Vice Adm. Mark Fox, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet/Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)

Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) provides combat arms, combat support and combat service support through active and reserve forces to combatant commanders around the globe in order to carry out the Maritime Strategy and help prevent or win wars.

The Cutting Edge of Counter Insurgency Operations

- Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Sailors from seven EOD companies have been part of the [Combined Joint Task Forces](#) – Troy in Iraq and Paladin in Afghanistan – helping counter [improvised explosive devices](#) (IED) and strengthen partner security and capacity.
- EOD Mobile Unit 6 led a 230-person combined joint task force in Iraq from April to October 2009, during which it completed 1,166 combat missions and found and cleared 502 IEDs.

Building and Fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq

- Two active-duty and two [reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalions](#) are deployed in Afghanistan constructing forward operating bases and airfields and paving roads.
- More than 1,000 [projects](#) have been completed throughout Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Multi-National Force.

A Combat Force Building Iraqi Capabilities

- Riverine squadron operations in Iraq have spanned a broad spectrum of operations, including area defense of the Haditha Dam, conducting insertion/extraction missions and patrol and interdiction, along with [training Iraqi police](#) and army units in Basra province.
- The Riverine Force has three squadrons that serve on rotational [deployments in Iraq](#). Squadron One is serving its third rotation.

Forward Deployed, Protecting Landward and Seaward Assets

- [Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron](#) Sailors deploy from Bahrain to form 12-person embarked security teams that protect high-value shipping throughout the waters of the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.
- There are 487 Maritime Expeditionary Security Force (MESF) Sailors deployed to [Kuwait](#) and United Arab Emirates providing security for U.S. assets in these nations’ ports.
- MESF Sailors are partnered with Iraqi Sailors and Marines providing security to the Al Basral Oil Terminal (ABOT), which provides approximately 80 percent of Iraq’s Gross National Product.

Key Messages

- NECC meets irregular challenges through a flexible, agile and broad array of multi-mission capabilities.
- NECC provides forces to all seven continents, countering insurgent threats and enabling peace through partnerships.
- NECC Forces are ideally suited to provide the Navy with deterrence capabilities, from Phase 0 (shaping), through Phase 3 (decisive operations), and into Phase 5 (building capacity and turning over responsibility to Iraqi forces).

Facts & Figures

- 24 percent of deployed EOD units and 17 percent of deployed Seabee units are directly supporting Special Operations Forces.
- 12 of 21 Naval Mobile Construction Battalions are comprised solely of reservists – roughly 9,000 Sailors.
- NECC is the parent command of Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center (ECRC), a staff comprised of 200 personnel spanning 20 locations. ECRC is responsible for training and administration of all Navy Individual Augmentees.