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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"Establishing and nurturing key alliance relationships has been instrumental in enabling port visits by U.S. ships throughout Europe and Africa. Trust and confidence between partners and Allies has enhanced interoperability and operational coordination and this is a core element to improving maritime safety and security."*

– Adm. Mark Fitzgerald, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

### Deterrence

- Commander, U.S. Third Fleet conducted fleet operational exercise Stellar Daggers on March 24 and 26. [USS Benfold \(DDG 65\)](#) engaged multiple targets during this multi-event exercise with Standard Missile-2 Block III and modified SM-2 Block IV missiles. Stellar Daggers tested the Aegis system's sea-based ability to simultaneously detect, track, engage and destroy multiple incoming air and ballistic missile threats during terminal or final phase of flight.

### Sea Control

- In March, the Los Angeles fast attack submarines [USS Annapolis \(SSN 760\)](#) and USS Helena (SSN 725) participated in Ice Exercise 2009, demonstrating the Navy's commitment to operate and train in the challenging and unique environment that characterizes the Arctic region.

### Power Projection

- [USS Dwight D. Eisenhower \(CVN 69\)](#) is conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from the North Arabian Sea. [Carrier Air Wing 7's](#) missions are flown in direct support of coalition ground forces in Afghanistan.

### Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#) departed Naval Station Norfolk April 1 for a four-month deployment to the U.S. Southern Command area of focus in support of Continuing Promise 2009. CP09 is designed to combine partner nation and U.S. relief capabilities to demonstrate the lasting bonds and shared interest among neighbors.
- Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 deployed to Kingston, Jamaica as part of "Beyond The Horizons Caribbean" to work alongside Jamaica Defence Forces (JDF). The Seabees and JDF completed foundation work for a structure that will be used as medical clinic office spaces and a waiting room.

### Building Maritime Partnerships

- USS Nashville (LPD 13) finished Africa Partnership Station visits to [Sekondi, Ghana](#) and [Lagos, Nigeria](#). APS is an international security cooperation initiative, led by U.S. Naval Forces Africa, aimed at strengthening global maritime partnerships through training and collaborative activities to improve maritime safety and security.
- [The John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group](#), other ships and explosive ordnance disposal units participated in the annual command post and field training exercises Key Resolve 09 and Foal Eagle March 8-19. The exercises, the Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet conducted enhance combat readiness of [Republic of Korea](#) and U.S. supporting forces through combined and joint training.

## Status of the Navy (as of 3 April)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	331,546	<u>Countries ≥400</u>			NAVCENT/C5F	8,805
Total Reserve Component	119,735	Iraq	AC	RC	PACFLT	10,580
DoN Civilians	185,658	Bahrain	2,698	71	NAVSOUTH/C4F	1,027
<u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u>		Kuwait	828	811	C2F	3,055
Total deployable ships/subs	283	Afghanistan	2,254	364	CNE-C6F	8,244
Ship underway	102 (36%)	Qatar	569	24		
Subs underway	24 (44%)	Total on ground, all countries		13,726		
Ships deployed	98 (35%)				For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: <a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a> .	
Subs deployed	20 (37%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					