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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"We are engaging on the seas, from the seas and ashore across the maritime domain. Promoting complementary interoperability between our forces and other nations is key to carrying out the Maritime Strategy and building strong partners while protecting U.S. vital interests."

- Rear Adm. (Sel.) Scott Weikert, Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command

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.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- In late August, USS McFaul (DDG 74) and U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Dallas (WHEC 716) delivered more than 115 tons of humanitarian assistance supplies to Batumi, Georgia. USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20) has on-loaded humanitarian assistance supplies and is en route to Georgia. Naval aircraft flew several missions in support of Operation Assured Delivery, delivering tens of thousands of hygiene kits, 7,600 cots and more than 30 tons of Meals Ready to Eat.
- USNS Mercy, anchored near the Federated States of Micronesia from Aug. 22 until Sept. 1, provided humanitarian assistance to approximately 11,500 people in the area of Chuuk.

Maritime Security

- USS Peleliu Expeditionary Strike Group is conducting Maritime Security Operations and keeping the Sea Lines of Communication open in the Red Sea, Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf.
- Riverine Squadron Three is conducting combat operations on lakes and waterways throughout Al Anbar, Iraq. They are supporting 1st Marine Expeditionary Force operations aimed at eliminating enemy safe-havens and are leading the efforts to clear islands in the Euphrates River.

Power Projection

- USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group is operating in the Gulf of Oman and is supporting coalition ground forces in Afghanistan.

Deterrence

- USS Ramage (DDG 61) deployed Aug. 29, and is the first Atlantic Fleet destroyer to deploy with the sea based missile defense capability - the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system.

Building Maritime Partnerships for Regional Stability

- USS Howard (DDG 83) and USS Gridley (DDG 101) are supporting a Canadian-led flotilla of ships providing lawful maritime order and deterring illicit activities, while USS Decatur (DDG 73) and USS Thach (FFG 43) support a UK-led task force in the Persian Gulf. The U.S. ships are part of Coalition Task Forces 152 and 150 and are deterring destabilizing activities while ensuring a lawful maritime order in the Arabian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and Gulf of Aden.
- USS Elrod (FFG 55) is operating in the Baltic Sea building global maritime partnerships through regional security cooperation activities.

Status of the Navy (as of 3 September)

<u>Navy Personnel</u>		<u>Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR</u>			<u>Sailors at Sea by AOR</u>	
Total Active Component	333,757	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	14,822
Total Reserve Component	124,235	Iraq	5,151	1,318	PACFLT	14,000
DoN Civilians	183,911	Bahrain	2,607	88	NAVSOUTH/C4F	2,964
<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>		Kuwait	1,387	540	C2F	12,682
Total deployable ships/subs	281	Afghanistan	1,634	295	CNE-C6F	1,619
Ship underway	116 (41%)	Qatar	642	22		
Subs underway	28 (51%)	Djibouti	621	42		
Ships deployed	105 (38%)	Total on ground, all countries		14,644		
Subs deployed	20 (37%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					

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