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The Navy Today ... Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Our Navy is on the right course and I could not be more proud of our Sailors' performance in all of our operations around the world. Every Sailor is a stakeholder in the future of our Navy and each has a key role to play in executing the maritime strategy."

-- Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

The Navy is executing our Maritime Strategy. Below are concrete examples of how our operations contribute to building cooperative relationships and how we will continue to improve our capabilities in the future.

Current Operations – Bangladesh Cyclone (Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response)

- USS Tarawa (LHA 1) with 11th MEU relieved USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) and 22nd MEU in supporting USAID efforts in helping the people of Bangladesh with humanitarian support following Tropical Cyclone Sidr, which struck southern Bangladesh November 15. As of December 3rd, Naval aircraft have flown 78 sorties, delivering more than 160,000 lbs of relief supplies including more than 12,000 gallons of water.
- The flexibility of Navy forces uniquely positions us to mitigate a regional crisis – either manmade or natural – before the situation can destabilize and impact the greater global system. **Prevention of war and fostering cooperation through HA/DR efforts** helps eliminate the seeds of unrest that could give root to extremist thought if ignored.

Current Operations – Somalia (Maritime Security)

- U.S. Navy ships attached to U.S. Fifth Fleet and the Combined Maritime Forces Coalition have had continuous presence off the coast of Somalia, monitoring as many as six pirated vessels since late October.
- We continue to deal with illegal activities in the maritime domain, including illegitimate fishing and smuggling, piracy and threats to the free flow of legitimate commerce, and denying the maritime environment to violent extremists. Our responsibility is philosophically aligned with the Maritime Strategy, which reinforces the **commitment of maritime forces to protect vital international interests** in an increasingly interconnected and changing world.

Current Operations – African Partnership Station (Enhanced International Cooperation)

- As part of an international effort to support African coastal nations with maritime safety and security, the first-ever Africa Partnership Station (APS) deployed on USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) November 2007. So far, APS has visited Senegal, Ghana and Cameroon, performing multiple events in order to bolster the common goals of improving maritime security and safety through partnership and collaboration.
- Although our forces can surge when necessary to respond to crises, **trust and cooperation cannot be surged**. They must be built over time so that the strategic interests of our partners are continuously considered while mutual understanding and respect are promoted.

Status of the Navy (as of 5 December)

<u>Navy Personnel</u>		<u>Sailors "Boots on Ground" in support of OIF/OEF</u>		<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>	
TOTAL Active duty:	335,580	TOTAL Sailors "BOG"	14,353	TOTAL deployable ships/subs: 280	
Officers:	51,300	Iraq	6,117	Ships/subs underway:	130 (46%)
Enlisted:	279,896	Bahrain	2,715	Ships forward deployed:	101 (36%)
Midshipmen:	4,384	Afghanistan	1,499	TOTAL Operational Aircraft 3,700+	
TOTAL Reserve:	128,293	Kuwait	2,154		
Selected Reserves:	70,005	Guantanamo Bay	1,466		
Individual Ready Reserve	58,288	TOTAL Sailors deployed*	23,616		
Reserves Mobilized:	5,467				
DoN Civilians:	178,396				

*on ships, subs, squadrons, ground, etc. in support of OIF/OEF