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## The Navy Today ... Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"NAVCENT and the coalition believe maritime security is the essential condition for regional stability, and stability is that environment where countries, businesses and ordinary people can interact peaceably. In this part of the world especially, stability is essential to local prosperity, not to mention global economic well-being."*

**-- Vice Adm. Kevin Cosgriff, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command**

### Preeminent combat capability – forward presence

- USS Ohio's one year deployment to the Western Pacific – The first of four SSGN conversions arrived February 20 in Busan, Republic of Korea (ROK), for its first foreign port visit and participation in exercises Key Resolve and Foal Eagle. The exercises demonstrate our commitment to regional stability and forward presence, and will enhance joint and combined capabilities and readiness with our partners.
- Combined Training – USS George Washington (CVN 73) Strike Group, its combatants, four Canadian warships, a replenishment ship, and coalition personnel conducted unit-level and integrated, multi-warfare training leading to individual deployment certification, along the east coast of the United States, visibly demonstrating the Maritime Strategy's tenets of enhancing interoperability and the versatility of maritime forces.

### Maritime security – promoting common goals

- Riverines providing maritime security – Shortly after their establishment in May 2006, riverines deployed to Iraq and began patrolling major inland waterways and are conducting integrated maritime combat operations with Marines, Soldiers, Coalition Forces, Iraqi Army, and Iraqi Police. Safe transit and lawful use of waterways for transportation and commerce are vital for nations' economies.
- Bahrain Maritime Infrastructure Protection Symposium (MIPS) – Last week NAVCENT kicked off a three-day event addressing threats to maritime infrastructure and ways to detect attacks in the Persian Gulf. MIPS is a forum for industry, security professionals and regional and coalition partners to improve the defense and crisis response of partner, coalition and infrastructure-related organizations.
- Sao Tome and Principe surveillance system – After several months of work, the Sao Tome and Principe Coast Guard became the first African country to install the Regional Maritime Awareness Capability (RMAC) to improve its Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). The automatic identification system allows for internet-based information sharing with other participants and will enable the country to improve their search and rescue capability, support services for maritime traffic and tracking capabilities of all ships in the area.

### Cooperative relationships – building trust and confidence

- Provincial Reconstruction Teams bound for Afghanistan – Almost 200 active and reserve Sailors in 12 PRTs received cultural and language training and will soon deploy to Afghanistan, partnering with Afghan leadership, providing security for aid workers and helping with reconstruction projects. Providing security, governance and development in the country is the strategy to help spread stability in Afghanistan, and will strengthen existing and emerging alliances and establish favorable security conditions.

## Status of the Navy (as of March 5)

Navy Personnel		"Boots on Ground" NAVCENT AOR			Significant Navy Populations Deployed Around the World	
Total Active Component:	333,046	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	Medical Forces	4,080
Officers:	51,199	Iraq	5,489	1,164	Naval Construction Forces	2,617
Enlisted:	277,496	Bahrain	2,531	125	Mar. Exp. Security Force/Riverine	1,068
Midshipmen:	4,351	Kuwait	1,152	1,059	NAVELSG/Nav Exp Guard Batt.	885
Total Reserve Component:	127,313	Afghanistan	1,446	458	EOD/Mob. Div. & Salvage Units	269
Selected Reserve:	70,630	Qatar	721	9	<b>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</b>	
Individual Ready Reserve:	56,683	Djibouti	403	69	Total deployable ships/subs:	280
Reservists Mobilized:	5,328	NAVCENT Sailors at sea		9,839	Ships/subs underway:	138 (48%)
DoN Civilians:	178,141				Ships forward deployed:	97 (35%)
					Total Operational Aircraft:	3,700+