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

*"Through humanitarian assistance, projection of sea power, and crime deterrence, Americans' interests are better served. Global economies have become increasingly interconnected. As such, new challenges have emerged. This is why I believe in this cooperative strategy. It will enable us to do our job better and to defend our national security. I am looking forward to this joint effort."*

**-- Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard**

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.

### Preeminent combat capability – the flexibility of our Navy

Forward presence, deterrence, sea control and power projection are our traditional core capabilities and the Navy continues to provide the preeminent combat capability throughout the world at a moment's notice.

- USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (CSG) is underway with more than 7,300 Sailors providing maritime security operations and air support in the CENTCOM AOR. Inclusion of HMCS Charlottetown (FFG 339) and HMS Manchester (D 95) in the CSG demonstrates full interoperability with our partners.

### Maritime security – promoting common goals

The Navy continues to secure freedom of the seas and work with our friends and allies to improve their capabilities in providing regional maritime security and safety, promoting economic prosperity and stability.

- The USS Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) and 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit returned February 1<sup>st</sup> from a regularly-scheduled six-month deployment. ESG ships participated in anti-piracy operations, Theater Security Cooperation events, and provided relief during the Bangladesh cyclone disaster.
- Africa Partnership Station (APS) continues the Navy's commitment to Africa. To date, APS has trained more than 825 African Sailors from nine countries in 10 different subjects. APS ships recently visited Togo, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, providing training and hospital beds to a Sao Tome hospital.

### Promoting cooperative relationships – building trust and confidence

The security, prosperity and vital interests of the United States are increasingly coupled to those of other nations. Our nation's maritime interests are best served by fostering a peaceful environment for global trade and transport.

- USS Cole deployed January 17<sup>th</sup> as part of the HMS Illustrious CSG. This deployment marks the first time a U.S. ship has deployed with a British strike group. USS Cole will take part in several multi-national interoperability exercises, including ORION '08.
- Planning for the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercises began in Brunei. CARAT provides training opportunities for the United States and six Southeast Asia nations, and is designed to build relationships and enhance the operational readiness of the participating forces.

## Status of the Navy (as of February 4)

<u>Navy Personnel</u>		<u>"Boots on Ground" NAVCENT AOR</u>			<u>Significant Navy Populations Deployed Around the World</u>	
Total Active Component:	333,770	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	Medical Forces	4,088
Officers:	51,300	Iraq	5,693	1,033	Naval Construction Forces	2,546
Enlisted:	278,103	Bahrain	2,499	124	Mar. Exp. Security Force/Riverine	1,180
Midshipmen:	4,367	Kuwait	1,265	1,127	NAVELSG/Nav Exp Guard Batt.	865
Total Reserve Component:	127,793	Afghanistan	1,287	340	EOD/Mob. Div. & Salvage Units	345
Selected Reserve:	70,470	Qatar	702	6	<u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u>	
Individual Ready Reserve:	57,323	Djibouti	415	58	Total deployable ships/subs:	279
Reservists Mobilized:	5,024	NAVCENT Sailors at sea	9,801		Ships/subs underway:	112 (40%)
DoN Civilians:	177,962				Ships forward deployed:	91 (33%)
					Total Operational Aircraft:	3,700+