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CNO Guidance... Executing our Maritime Strategy

“We are the world's finest Navy. Take pride that we provide for the safety, security, and prosperity of our Nation. We are headed in the right direction, and I am counting on your leadership, intellect, commitment and drive to keep us moving forward. I am honored to lead you, for we are the fortunate few who have the privilege to serve in the United States Navy.”

-- ADM Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

CNO's Guidance was published to provide CNO's vision, intentions and expectations for implementing our Maritime Strategy over the next four years. To read it, visit: http://www.navy.mil/docs/CNO_Guidance.pdf

Vision

The United States Navy will remain the preeminent maritime power, providing our country a global naval expeditionary force committed to global security and prosperity. We will defend our homeland and our Nation's vital interests around the world. We will prevent war, dominate any threat and decisively defeat any adversary. The Navy will remain a powerful component of Joint warfare by exploiting cutting edge technology and cooperating closely with the other Services, the interagency community, allies, and international partners. We will remain a superbly trained and led team of diverse Sailors and civilians, who are grounded in our warrior ethos, core values, and commitment to mission readiness and accomplishment.

Mission

With global partners, we protect the maritime freedom that is the basis for global prosperity and we address transitional threats to peace. As the preeminent maritime force deployed around the world, we conduct the full range of operations from combat to humanitarian assistance. We provide presence and operational flexibility with forward deployed maritime forces to ensure freedom of action. We deter and, if deterrence fails, win our Nation's wars. We foster and sustain cooperative relationships with an expanding set of allies and international partners to enhance global security.

Intentions

- **Build the future force.** We will build a Navy with appropriate force structure (313 ships as floor/3,800 aircraft/necessary complement of people and infrastructure) while aligning requirements, resources and acquisition processes to achieve accountability and deliver the right capability on time at the right cost.
- **Maintain our warfighting readiness.** We must continue to be the dominant and most influential naval force, globally and across all maritime missions by rapidly generating persistent sea power, leading joint warfighting and contributing to the Joint force with expert planning and execution, and being a dominant force in the current fight.
- **Develop and support our Sailors and Navy civilians.** We instill in our military and civilian force a focus on mission and individual readiness that is underpinned by warrior ethos. We strive to attract, recruit and retain a diverse, high-performing, competency-based and mission-focused force and ensure the welfare of our Sailors, Navy civilians and their families.

Who We Are

- We are the United States Navy
- We prevail in combat
- We protect our homeland and prevent conflict
- We provide unparalleled opportunities for service
- We seize opportunities with enthusiasm and optimism

What We Believe

- We operate as a Joint and combined force
- We balance our efforts
- We manage risk
- We are fiscally responsible
- We communicate with purpose
- We strengthen and cultivate relationships