



Chief of Naval Operations' Monthly Update

"The navies of the world have the opportunity to create a safer, more secure future for all nations. The United States Navy remains committed to building partnerships with other sovereign nations in pursuit of this goal."
– Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, from Indonesian Maritime Forum message

In August, CNO attended several change of office ceremonies, welcoming new leadership including the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Jonathan Greenert, and Judge Advocate General, Vice Adm. James Houck. He also traveled to [Pakistan](#), [Indonesia](#), [Iraq](#), [Kuwait](#), and [Bahrain](#) to strengthen maritime partnerships between our navies and nations, and to have discussions with Navy leadership and Sailors in the regions.

Current Readiness – Combined Maritime Forces

CNO said that operations such as those being conducted by counter-piracy Task Force 151 in the Gulf of Aden bring our Navy together with partners from all over the globe to protect the world's sea lanes of communication. Adm. Roughead said that we will continue to work hard at improving global information sharing, building the capacity of our partners, and learning how to best work with our partner navies in support of the maritime strategy.

"With the maritime forces of 25 countries steaming in those waters today, we are working in harmony towards the same end. I applaud all the countries that participate, and I particularly would like to thank Singapore who has volunteered and will assume command of Task Force 151 in January. Task Force 151 is a powerful confirmation of the effectiveness of maritime partnerships."

Future Readiness – Global Maritime Partnerships are Indispensable

CNO said that international symposia such as the [Indonesian Maritime Forum](#) and the presidential sailing pass-in-review are practical opportunities to enhance maritime dialogue and collaboration. The personal trust, respect, and understanding that maritime leaders build at such events form the foundations for strong naval partnerships. Adm. Roughead emphasized that the U.S. Navy is committed to its partnerships and to maintaining the presence needed to ensure the success and stability of our global partners.

"The United States Navy remains committed to forging partnerships in line with our maritime strategy and national interests. We will continue to work hard in approving global information sharing, building the capacity of our partners, and learning how to best work with each of your navies."

People – Meeting the Joint Mission Requirements

While traveling overseas, CNO held a discussion with Sailors aboard [USS Thach \(FFG 43\)](#), [USS George Washington \(CVN 73\)](#) and Naval Forces Central Command. Throughout his discussions he stressed that the ships, airplanes and submarines that make up the Navy are just "stuff" without the important and impressive people that make them come to life. Adm. Roughead also said that this is the first time the Navy has used the all volunteer force in a protracted conflict – and it is the best force with which he has ever served.

"You're doing incredible work, you're doing important work, and it's making a difference- not just for our country but for this part of the world. So many people look to you, to the Navy and to our country as a force for good everywhere we go."