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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"We're transforming ourselves to take our current assets, like an amphibious ship, and using them as an African Partnership Station, or as a Global Fleet Station. Or taking a maritime preposition ship, and using it as an afloat forward staging base. It's transforming what we currently have to a mission of the future...to build and adapt our ships toward that future mission."*

– Adm. Jonathan Greenert, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Around the world, 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.

### Power Projection

- USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) is conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from the North Arabian Sea. [Carrier Air Wing 8's missions](#) are flown in direct support of coalition ground forces in Afghanistan.

### Maritime Security

- In January, the multinational task force CTF 151 was established to conduct counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia. The task force seeks to create a lawful maritime order, develop security in the maritime environment and deter and thwart acts of piracy. Led by [USS San Antonio \(LPD 17\)](#), three ships currently comprise the task force.
- On Jan. 20, the U.S. 5th Fleet established CTF 52, a task force responsible for all mine countermeasure operations throughout this area of operations. CTF 52 is comprised of four U.S. Navy mine countermeasure ships home ported in Bahrain, as well as Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15.
- In January, during High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift's Southern Partnership Station port visit to Barbados, Sailors [provided force protection and conducted small boat and port security training](#) in conjunction with members of the Royal Barbados Defence Forces.

### Building Maritime Partnerships

- [Africa Partnership Station](#) continues as an enduring mission with the departure of USS Nashville (LPD 13) from Rota, Spain, on Jan. 29 for a port visit in Dakar, Senegal.
- [USS Mitscher \(DDG 57\)](#) departed Naval Station Norfolk Jan. 27 to participate in the deployment of the United Kingdom's Royal Navy Taurus 09 Task Group in the Mediterranean Sea, Middle East and South East Asia. This deployment will improve interoperability and operational readiness with the participating countries, including France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Turkey.
- In waters off Japan, USS Seawolf (SSN 21) participated in a training exercise with five Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force submarines. The JMSDF Submarine Force Competition is an annual event that evaluates the tactical proficiency of the participants.

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

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	331,927	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	9,666
Total Reserve Component	121,194	Iraq	5,027	1,035	PACFLT	18,137
DoN Civilians	185,259	Bahrain	2,723	59	NAVSOUTH/C4F	1,038
<b><u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u></b>		Kuwait	1,108	766	C2F	2,052
Total deployable ships/subs	283	Afghanistan	2,025	267	CNE-C6F	2,172
Ship underway	131 (48%)	Qatar	631	6		
Subs underway	28 (51%)	Total on ground, all countries		13,967		
Ships deployed	97 (34%)				For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: <a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a> .	
Subs deployed	18 (33%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					