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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"We must maintain a relentless focus on the fundamentals of our profession - leadership, seamanship, and airmanship. Everything depends on our ability to be brilliant on the basics - leading and developing our people, operating and maintaining our fleet, and getting the most out of every readiness dollar we are given. Only by keeping such focus can we meet the daily demands of our Maritime Strategy and enhance our Navy's contribution to the nation's security."

– Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr., Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces

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.

Forward Presence

- [USS Georgia \(SSGN 729\)](#), the last of the four converted ballistic missile submarines to guided-missile submarines (SSGN), departed for its maiden operational deployment as a newly converted SSGN from Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga., Aug. 6. Georgia is currently operating in the 6th Fleet area of responsibility.

Deterrence

- [USS Albuquerque \(SSN 706\)](#) arrived at her new homeport in San Diego, Calif. Albuquerque, along with USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) and USS Hawaii (SSN 776) transferred to the Pacific this year as the Submarine Force realigns to a 60 percent presence in the Pacific in response to increased threats to maritime security in the Western Pacific. USS Texas (SSN 775) will join the Pacific Submarine Force this fall, bringing the total number of attack submarines in the Pacific to 31, with 22 submarines remaining in the Atlantic.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- USS Denver (LPD 9) Sailors provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in the wake of Typhoon Morakot. [Denver's two embarked MH-53 heavy lift helicopters](#) are helping to move equipment to remote areas that were cut off when the typhoon struck.
- On Aug. 11, the crew of USS Rhode Island (SSBN 740) (Gold) [rescued five Bahamian nationals](#) from a capsized boat in the Atlantic Ocean.

Sea Control

- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron Three detachment Bahrain (MSRON 3 Det Bahrain) continues support of Operation Vigilant Mariner (OVM) within the 5th Fleet area of operations. MSRON 3 Det Bahrain provides teams of Sailors trained in point defense of naval vessels that have no organic self-defense capabilities, typically replenishment and supply ships deployed to the Red Sea, Arabian Sea and off the Horn of Africa.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- [USS Stout \(DDG 55\)](#) participated in [exercise Reliant Mermaid 2009](#). Reliant Mermaid 2009 is an annual trilateral search and rescue exercise between Israel, Turkey and the U.S. At-sea events included multiple search and rescue scenarios, tactical maneuvering of ships in formation and helicopter re-supply. The exercise is designed to improve interoperability and cooperation among participating countries.

Status of the Navy (as of 1 September)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	343,068	<u>Countries ≥400</u>			NAVCENT/C5F	10,165
Total Reserve Component	109,881	Iraq	AC	RC	PACFLT	17,629
DoN Civilians	193,054	Bahrain	3,728	1,219	NAVSOUTH/C4F	2,836
<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>		Kuwait	2,727	84	C2F	4,303
Total deployable ships/subs	285	Afghanistan	754	850	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,578
Ship underway	92 (32%)	Qatar	2,986	360	(93 U.S. Coast Guardsmen)	
Attack Subs underway	33 (61%)		506	19		
Ships deployed	101 (35%)	Total on ground, all countries		13,580		
Subs deployed	25 (46%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					

For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: www.navy.mil.