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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*“Our people are doing a remarkable job in execution of the Maritime Strategy. That said we must remain vigilant as we assess our performance, and we must be adaptive in our training, readiness, and mission execution as conditions change across the range of military operations for Maritime Forces.”*

– Vice Adm. Melvin Williams, Jr., Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet

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

- [Past and present crewmembers from USS Blue Ridge \(LCC 19\)](#) gathered with Japanese shipyard workers and members of the Yokosuka community to commemorate the [7th Fleet flagship's three decades of continuous forward presence](#) and its contribution to peace and stability around the region.

### Deterrence

- The [John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group](#) completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean during which they participated in an undersea warfare exercise with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, Exercise Foal Eagle with the Republic of Korea Navy and exercise Northern Edge. The [Nimitz Carrier Strike Group](#) departed San Diego on a regularly scheduled western Pacific deployment.
- The [Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group](#) is on a routine deployment to the 5th Fleet area of operations where the Navy is focused on reassuring regional partners of the U.S. commitment to security, which promotes stability and global prosperity. The Reagan Carrier Strike Group relieved the [Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group](#) which returned from a deployment on July 30. While deployed as part of the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group, Carrier Air Wing 7 flew more than 4,600 combat sorties in Afghanistan.

### Sea Control

- USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), in support of African Partnership Station participated in joint training activities at sea with the South African ship, [SAS Amatola \(F145\)](#). Training activities included ship handling, maneuvering drills, and [visit, board, search and seizure](#) exercises.

### Maritime Security

- Maritime Expeditionary Security Force provided Sea Port of Debarkation security at various ports in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. MESF provides critical infrastructure protection in the Northern Arabian Gulf on the Iraqi oil platforms, protecting the key infrastructure that generates more than 95 percent of the Iraqi gross national product.

### Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#) arrived at [Naval Station Norfolk](#) on July 30 after participation in Continuing Promise 2009, a four-month humanitarian and civic assistance mission to seven countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, which began April 2009. Continuing Promise 2009 is a collaborative effort between the U.S. military and interagency, civil service mariners, non-governmental organizations, academia and partner nations. In total, the team treated 100,049 patients and conducted 1,657 surgeries.

## Status of the Navy (as of 3 August)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	332,521	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	10,118
Total Reserve Component	110,853	Iraq	4,161	1,254	PACFLT	17,361
DoN Civilians	191,651	Bahrain	2,717	91	NAVSOUTH/C4F	2346
<u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u>		Kuwait	916	744	C2F	3,720
Total deployable ships/subs	285	Afghanistan	2,869	336	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	1,734
Ship underway	118 (41%)	Qatar	497	17		
Attack Subs underway	30 (55%)	Total on ground, all countries		13,965		
Ships deployed	105 (37%)					
Subs deployed	26 (47%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					

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