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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"The Maritime Strategy for the 21st Century requires speed, flexibility, agility and scalability of its maritime forces. To enable and sustain such forces from the shore, CNIC designs, develops, and delivers integrated shore capabilities to our fleet, fighter and family that are effective and efficient."*

– Vice Adm. Mike Vitale, Commander, Navy Installations Command

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – maritime security, power projection, sea control, forward presence, deterrence and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

### Maritime Security

- Ships from [Combined Task Force 151 prevented a piracy attack](#) in the Gulf of Aden, which resulted in the apprehension of more than a dozen suspected pirates aboard an alleged mother-ship. The Republic of Korea destroyer, ROKS Munmu the Great (DDG 976) and guided missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64) [responded to a distress call from the Egyptian-flagged Motor Vessel Amira](#), which reported being attacked approximately 75 nautical miles south of Al Mukalla, Yemen.
- Destroyer Squadron 40, USS Kauffman (FFG 59), and USS Doyle (FFG 39) participated in [Operacion Multinacional Alianza](#) with ships from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Peru. The exercise, hosted by Colombia, included training in maritime interdiction operations, anti-submarine warfare, and air attack exercises.

### Power Projection

- [USS Dwight D. Eisenhower \(CVN 69\)](#) is conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from the North Arabian Sea. Carrier Air Wing 7's missions are flown in direct support of coalition ground forces in Afghanistan.
- [Boxer Amphibious Ready Group \(ARG\) and 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit \(MEU\) completed an ARG/ Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise \(MEUEX\)](#) in the Gulf of Aden and ashore at Camp Lemonier in Djibouti. The ARG/MEUEX was a ship-to-shore training evolution to enhance amphibious capabilities in unfamiliar terrain and involved the USS New Orleans (LPD 18), USS Comstock (LSD 45) and 13<sup>th</sup> MEU.

### Sea Control

- [USS Hawaii \(SSN 776\) is en route to its new homeport](#), Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Hawaii is a state-of-the-art submarine capable of a multitude of missions including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, strike, naval special warfare, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region and the increased threat posed by the proliferation of submarines, the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review mandated that 60 percent of the Navy's submarines be homeported in the Pacific by the end of 2010.

### Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), deployed for Continuing Promise 09, [completed their port visit to Panama](#). Medical teams and partner nations treated 8,523 patients while in port, bringing their total for deployment to 39,573 patients. Veterinary teams treated 113 animals with 342 procedures during their time in Limon and Montenegro. [Seabees](#) constructed the Puerto Escondido Medical Clinic.

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

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	332,455	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	9,396
Total Reserve Component	115,196	Iraq	4,413	1,336	PACFLT	23,317
DoN Civilians	188,014	Bahrain	2,643	82	NAVSOUTH/C4F	3,123
<b><u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u></b>		Kuwait	769	735	C2F	10,358
Total deployable ships/subs	283	Afghanistan	2,866	412	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	7,180
Ship underway	143 (51%)	Qatar	530	36		
Attack Subs underway	33 (61%)	Total on ground, all countries		14,168		
Ships deployed	116 (41%)				For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: <a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a> .	
Subs deployed	24 (44%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					