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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"In executing our Maritime Strategy, 3rd Fleet provides highly-trained, combat-ready forces able to deter aggression, promote regional peace and security, and protect the homeland. Through close relationships with U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Northern Command, we ensure our naval forces and Sailors are prepared to execute any mission across the broad spectrum of maritime operations."

– Vice Adm. Richard W. Hunt, Commander, U.S. 3rd 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

- [The George Washington Carrier Strike Group](#) completed their summer deployment Sept. 3, returning to their forward-deployed home of Yokosuka, Japan. While underway, the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier traveled 4,552 nautical miles.

Power Projection

- The Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group, after three months of operating in the 5th Fleet area of operations, began their transit home. USS Ronald Reagan's embarked air wing, [Carrier Air Wing 14](#) flew more than 1,600 sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. On Sept. 18, the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group relieved the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group and launched its first sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sea Control

- The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group, joined by 13 foreign ships from nine nations, participated in [Joint Task Force Exercise \(JTFEX\) 09-4](#). The exercise marked the first ever inclusion of the Standing NATO Mine Counter Measures Group 1.

Maritime Security

- [Combined Task Force 151](#), an anti-piracy coalition is comprised of roughly 30 ships from 17 nations, is coordinating and deconflicting the efforts of coalition and non-coalition ships and aircraft to effectively deter, disrupt and suppress pirate activity.
- Maritime Expeditionary Security Detachment 622 completed regular force protection training onboard the Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal and Al Basrah Oil Terminal with the Iraqi Marines.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- [Pacific Partnership 2009 \(PP09\)](#) completed its five-country, three-month humanitarian civic assistance mission when the team departed the Republic of the Marshall Islands aboard dry cargo/ammunition ship USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) Sept. 18. PP09 delivered a variety of medical, dental, veterinary, preventative health and engineering programs.
- USNS Alan Shepard (T-AKE 3) and two MH-60S helicopters from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 arrived September 17 to provide [humanitarian support](#) to residents of Alamagan and Agrihan in the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands following the aftermath of the Super Typhoon Choi-Wan.

Status of the Navy (as of 1 October)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	330,700	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	10,600
Total Reserve Component	109,299	Iraq	3,671	948	PACFLT	16,747
DoN Civilians	193,268	Bahrain	2,726	85	NAVSOUTH/C4F	1,324
<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>		Kuwait	735	1241	C2F	6,964
Total deployable ships/subs	285	Afghanistan	3,080	522	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,067
Ship underway	143 (50%)	Qatar	526	40		
Attack Subs underway	33 (61%)	Total on ground, all countries		13,922		
Ships deployed	117 (41%)					
Subs deployed	26 (48%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					

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