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## Expeditionary Training and Security Forces: Continuum of Global Engagement

*"Expeditionary training and security forces are globally engaged in building partnerships through operations that promote security cooperation. It's through this collaborative interaction and shared training with other maritime nations that we will continue to foster the foundations for long-term stability."*

– Rear Adm. Carol M. Pottenger, Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command

Navy Expeditionary Combat Command forces support maritime security and joint operations by supporting Combatant Commanders' Theater Security Cooperation efforts through the delivery of timely, focused and tailored training and security to designated partner nations. Expeditionary forces provide a continuum of global engagement through interaction with partner nations to collaboratively improve the partner nations' ability to exercise maritime sovereignty.

### Supporting Maritime Security and Forward Presence

- Maritime expeditionary security forces enable maritime security by providing High Value Asset escort and embarked security through chokepoints and high threat regions, including canals, straits, and harbor approaches, and provides Sea Port of Debarkation security at various ports in the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility.
- Force protection in the green water environment supports maritime security. This crucial mission is supported through global deployment of units that provide a wide range of capabilities, including use of lethal and non-lethal weapons, landward and seaward security, and intelligence and communications.

### Globally Engaged Through Expeditionary Training

Expeditionary training covers a wide array of missions, directly contributing to maritime security. Expeditionary forces deliver training on topics such as leadership, weapons handling and waterborne security to partner nations.

- Mobile Training Teams are task-organized and deploy to facilitate Naval Component Command engagement with partner nations.
- In support of the concept that collaborative engagements promote cooperation and deter aggression, Expeditionary forces have trained other navies how to conduct small boat maintenance, boat handling, and anti-terrorism and force protection while on deployments to Senegal, Brazil, Madagascar and Ghana.
- In Africa Partnership Station, training in military working dog techniques and oil platform security training has been provided to local military forces in Tunisia, Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria and Cameroon.
- Expeditionary training is a key part of Southern Partnership Station. In February, U.S. Navy Sailors delivered sentry training to Panamanian students. Partner nations have also received small boat navigation, train-the-trainer, boarding operations, basic engine maintenance and Search and Rescue planning in Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Barbados, Nicaragua and Colombia.
- Expeditionary training has been instrumental in the training and development of the Iraqi Marine forces.

### Key Messages

- Expeditionary forces foster mutual understanding and trust, which promote healthy relationships between the United States and partner nations.
- In an environment where irregular warfare missions are constantly evolving, expeditionary forces are key to enabling rapid response.
- Expeditionary training supports the maritime strategy by providing specifically tailored training packages to effectively engage and build partnerships with other maritime nations.

### Facts & Figures

- Eight Mobile Training Teams deployed to Global Fleet Station in 2007 and Africa Partner Station in 2008. The teams conducted 83 courses and had 1,209 students from 14 countries.
- Maritime expeditionary security forces provide critical infrastructure protection in the Northern Arabian Gulf on the Iraqi Oil Platforms, which generate more than 95 percent of the Iraqi gross national product. Iraqi forces are simultaneously being trained to assume this crucial force protection mission.