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The Navy Today ... Executing the Maritime Strategy

"The people of Dire Dawa have been unbelievable...all have been very friendly and supportive in what we are doing. The upgrades we are doing will have a tremendous impact on not only the students, but the community as well...after getting settled in we were introduced to local leaders and elders...we worked closely with the civil affairs team and local leaders to discuss needs and issues to enhance the quality of life here in Dire Dawa."

-- Construction Electrician 1st Class John Davis, Mission Commander, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74

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.

In the Middle East – power projection to win our nation’s wars

- Last week Navy and coalition aircraft flew 64 missions in support of OIF. These missions targeted and hit enemy positions, provided reconnaissance, integrated and synchronized ground forces, protected infrastructure, provided over watch for reconstruction activities and helped to deter terrorist activities.

The Navy in Africa – humanitarian assistance and maritime security

- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 has 125 Sailors deployed in Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti working various humanitarian and military infrastructure projects under Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. Current and recent projects include well covers, schoolhouses, a veterinary clinic, a goat processing facility and an enlargement to Camp Lemonier, Djibouti.

In the Mediterranean – building maritime partnerships for regional stability

- USS Nassau will participate in Phoenix Express (PE08), the third annual multinational exercise designed to strengthen regional maritime partnerships. PE08 is focused on the development of increased maritime domain awareness, better information sharing practices and the ability to operate jointly. In total, 13 countries will participate in Exercise Phoenix Express 08.

In the Atlantic and Pacific – promoting interoperability for trust and confidence

- USS Nimitz CSG participated in Exercise Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 08 (KR/FE 08), a joint/combined exercise conducted annually with the Republic of Korea. KR/FE 08 improved combined readiness, interoperability and focused on the strategic, operational, and tactical aspects of general military operations in theater, and demonstrated resolve to support the Republic of Korea (ROK) against external aggression.
- USS George Washington CSG and ships from Argentina and Brazil will participate in UNITAS 49-08 in April off the coast of Brazil. Conducted annually, the exercise enhances friendly, mutual cooperation, understanding and interoperability. This year, more than 3,500 Sailors will participate in cultural exchanges, a variety of maritime warfare and maritime interdiction operations scenarios.

Status of the Navy (as of 27 March)

<u>Navy Personnel</u>		<u>Force Footprint NAVCENT AOR</u>			<u>Significant Navy Populations Deployed Around the World</u>	
Total Active Component:	332,636	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	Medical Forces	4,065
Officers:	51,161	Iraq	5,459	1,298	Naval Construction Forces	2,746
Enlisted:	277,128	Bahrain	2,512	127	Mar. Exp. Security Force/Riverine	1,099
Midshipmen:	4,347	Kuwait	1,010	1,079	EOD/Mob. Div. & Salvage Units	288
Total Reserve Component:	126,794	Afghanistan	1,522	357	Navy Exp. Logist. Sup. Group	281
Selected Reserve:	70,403	Qatar	692	11	<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>	
Individual Ready Reserve:	56,391	Djibouti	398	53	Total deployable ships/subs:	280
Reservists Mobilized:	5,510	NAVCENT Sailors at sea	9,997		Ships/subs underway:	141 (50%)
DoN Civilians:	178,327				Ships forward deployed:	105 (38%)
					Total Operational Aircraft:	3,700+