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The Navy Today ... Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Yesterday, the Revolutionary Guard demonstrated their capacity to act irresponsibly and, in my estimation, well out of the ordinary norms of what we would expect. We're going to stand on and conduct our routine peaceful operations and security operations and contributory operations the way we always have, and continue building a peaceful and stable gulf and surrounding region."

-- Vice Adm. Kevin Cosgriff, Commander, U.S. Fifth Fleet

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.**

Power projection – challenge in the Straits of Hormuz

- The five Iranian fast boats behavior was unnecessary and unduly provocative as they approached U.S. Navy ships during a Straits of Hormuz transit. Our ability to overcome challenges to access and to project and sustain power ashore is the basis of our combat credibility.
- Credible combat power will be continuously postured in the Western Pacific, Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean to protect our vital interests, deter potential adversaries and reassure friends and allies.

Promoting cooperative relationships – building trust and confidence

- To date, Africa Partnership Station (APS) has visited three African countries, performing outreach, holding civilian and military training and executing Theater Security Cooperation engagements with African partners.
- Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard representatives met with Brazilian Navy leaders in November to discuss cooperation between their maritime services for 2008. The conference resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining regional cooperative plans in support of the Maritime Strategy.
- Navy ships called on Cambodian ports for the first time since 1975, and Admiral Robert Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet visited Cambodia to view friendship-building community relations events, medical and dental projects, and professional exchanges.
- **Trust and cooperation cannot be surged.** They must be built over time so that the strategic interests of our partners are continually considered while mutual understanding and respect are promoted.

Maritime Security Operations

- USS Enterprise Carrier Strike Group (CSG) returned in December from a surge deployment. The CSG provided maritime security in the Arabian Gulf, off the Horn of Africa, and conducted more than 1,600 sorties over Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Maintaining security at sea is essential to mitigating threats short of war, including piracy, terrorism, and other illicit activities. Countering these threats protects our homeland and enhances global stability.

Status of the Navy (as of 2 January)

<u>Navy Personnel</u>		<u>"Boots on Ground" NAVCENT AOR</u>			<u>Significant Navy Populations Deployed Around the World</u>	
Total Active Component:	334,586	<u>Countries ≥500</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	Medical Forces	3,769
Officers:	51,238	Iraq	5,417	1,138	Naval Construction Forces	2,534
Enlisted:	278,968	Bahrain	2,558	114	Mar. Exp. Security Force/Riverine	1,072
Midshipmen:	4,380	Kuwait	2,127	1,105	NAVELSG/Nav Exp Guard Batt.	732
Total Reserve Component:	128,349	Afghanistan	1,314	213	EOD/Mob. Div. & Salvage Units	251
Selected Reserve:	70,399	Qatar	664	8		
Individual Ready Reserve:	57,950	Djibouti	443	57		
Reservists Mobilized:	5,170				<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>	
DoN Civilians:	178,543				Total deployable ships/subs:	280
					Ships/subs underway:	66 (24%)
					Ships forward deployed:	91 (33%)
					Total Operational Aircraft:	3,700+