



# RHUMB LINES

*Straight Lines to Navigate By*



August 5, 2008

## The Navy Today ... Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"Timely, forward-looking, and all-encompassing training, including anti-submarine warfare and maritime ballistic missile defense, is crucial to the combat readiness of Sailors and Marines in today's multi-faceted environment. Personnel are our most valuable resource, and accordingly, they must be trained and equipped to accomplish the diverse mission sets they face both here and abroad."*

**-- Vice Adm. Samuel Locklear, Commander, U.S. Third 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.

### Power Projection

- USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) is conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from the North Arabian Sea. Flying an average of 25 daily combat sorties in support of coalition forces in Afghanistan, Carrier Air Wing 2 aircraft target and hit enemy positions, provide reconnaissance, integrate and synchronize ground forces, protect infrastructure, provide overwatch for reconstruction activities and help deter terrorist activities.

### Maritime Security

- USS Peleliu Expeditionary Strike Group is conducting Maritime Security Operations (MSO) inside the Arabian Gulf aimed at keeping the Sea Lines of Communication open. MSO help develop security in the maritime environment, and promote stability and global prosperity.
- Combined Task Force (CTF) 67 completed "Sea Breeze 2008" in Odessa, Ukraine July 28 with maritime, air and land forces from 16 countries in the largest multinational naval exercise this year in the Black Sea, improving maritime security through increased interoperability and cooperation among regional allies.

### Building maritime partnerships for regional stability

- Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise 2008 was conducted June 29 - July 31, consisting of 10 nations, 35 ships, six submarines, and more than 150 aircraft and 20,000 Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen and Coastguardsmen expanding cooperative relationships and contributing to the security and stability of the maritime domain.
- Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 08-4, "Operation Brimstone," concluded July 29. This graduate-level exercise involved more than 15,000 servicemembers from six countries and served as the ready-for-deployment certification for the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group and the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group. JTFEX 08-4 also marked the first time that forces from Naval Expeditionary Combat Command participated in an East-Coast JTFEX.
- Navy Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit Two and Underwater Construction Team One are deployed aboard USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51) in support of Navy Diver - Global Fleet Station (ND-GFS), a strategic initiative validating the GFS concept as an enabler for the Maritime Strategy. ND-GFS personnel are conducting tailored diving and salvage operations with regional partner nations' defense forces, police departments and Coast Guards improving capability and interoperability.

## Status of the Navy (as of 5 August)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component:	332,197	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	9,097
Total Reserve Component:	124,716	Iraq	4,922	1,171	PACFLT	20,000
DoN Civilians:	183,704	Bahrain	2,649	83	NAVSOUTH/C4F	1,934
<b><u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u></b>		Kuwait	1,226	552	C2F	13,833
Total deployable ships/subs:	280	Afghanistan	1,713	289	CNE-C6F	1,530
Ship underway:	128 (46%)	Qatar	633	28		
Subs underway:	31 (57%)	Djibouti	628	36		
Ships deployed:	103 (37%)	Total all countries on ground		14,312		
Subs deployed:	21 (38%)					
Total Operational Aircraft:	3,700+					

For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).