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Adm. Greenert: I'm very honored to be here. All I had to do was show up and I get a medallion and this is very cool. I feel very good about it. I wondered where's Admiral Alano? I turned around and he was gone. I think he was afraid you guys were going to ask too many tough questions. I said bring it on.

What's most important to me will be the Q&A session. I have 10 of 15 minutes of remarks and then I'd like to talk about anything that you all want to talk about. But I wanted to share with you just some of my thoughts on the importance of coalitions, the importance of maritime partnerships out here. Because as we go off into the future, I know I'm at a defense college, there's a lot of Army around here, but hey, this is a maritime region. This is a maritime nation, the Philippines. We are, the United States, a maritime nation. So a little bit on maritime coalition, if you will, and maritime security.

Look, we've been in this region a long time. You all know that. We've been partners for decades and we will be here for a long time. We have had alliances, treaties in this area, the Asia Pacific, for over 60 years. For the last 20 years we've had at least 50 ships on any given day here in the Western Pacific and it will be that way, actually it will grow towards 60 ships by the end of this decade. By 2020 we'll have about 60 ships out here. So this is all part of what we call the rebalance. The rebalance to the Asia Pacific. And it's not just ships, it's not just airplanes, it's about thought process, about intellectual capacity, it's about sitting down with our partners like you all, and saying what is our future? What is important? What do we need to do to operate together? It's about engaging in China and asking them how do we manage this situation that we have in the East China Sea and the Western Philippine Sea and in the South China Sea? How do we manage this together? Because freedom of navigation is important. Economic development is important. We need them both. This is an international area. We have to manage our way through this.

So my Secretary of the Navy was here in June, the 13th, in the Philippines and he said our alliance with the Philippines has never been more important than it is today. He's right. He's absolutely right. We have had mutual defense treaties for 62 years. It was signed on 30 August of 1951. So the common vision our two nations have is prosperity and security is something we can collectively achieve, but we'll have to do it collectively. Maritime nations have common interests. They do have that, but you have to find them. You have to work and find out what are the common interests that we can work on together? We find so much time finding what we're different about, we need to spend more time on what we are about together. And it can't be done alone. We're not going to be able to do it by ourselves and you all are not going to be able to do it all by yourselves. No one is in this world that we have today, this vast world.

So the future, in my view, is coalitions. And it doesn't mean you have to be joined by a treaty. It's the ability to get together when it's necessary and operate together. To do that, you can't do it overnight. You can't say hey, look, let's all get together, there's been a typhoon, there's been a tsunami, there's been an outbreak of avian flu, there's a crisis over here, there's a failed nation, let's all get together. We're going to have to work at it.

There's another statement that is made often. You can't just surge trust and confidence, you've got to build on it. It's a long, deliberate, grinding process of some disappointments and then some good times. But you've got to continue to work at it.

So I think there are three areas, when we talk coalition operations and maritime operations together, three key areas that I think we need to continue to nurture. Number one are the partnerships. That's about building the relationships I just mentioned. It's about that intellectual capacity and shifting it and understanding who we have out there.

For us, we send our best people to this region. The commanding officers that go to the ships in Japan, that will go to the ships when we move the four Littoral Combat Ships to Singapore, are our best and our brightest because this is the most important region to us. The personnel that attend our defense colleges, your folks who are with us there in the United States. You have a person at our Naval Academy, and we have 57 other people from foreign nations at our Naval Academy. You have a person at the Military Academy, at the Air Force Academy, and we have international students at our War College. I see a lot of your flag officers all the time that have that badge from Newport and that's an important part, that networking that you build. So it's partnerships.

Number two is multilateral cooperation. We spend 700 training events a year, we do 700 training events and 170 exercises and some of the most important ones are done with your Navy. Balikatan is one, and also CARAT for two, and there are others, but those are two very important ones, and it builds that capacity I talked about, builds that trust, and we learn from each other. We'll be working together this summer at Rim of the Pacific, RIMPAC, where your Navy will also be involved. You host Pacific Partnership, you've done it in the past. That is where we deploy, we collectively deploy our medical people onto a ship or ships and we go around the region to help build partnership capacity in medicine as well as help people. So we don't just go around and give inoculations and fix glasses, fix cleft palates and all that, we also teach them how to take care of themselves and the Philippines Navy and the Philippine Army is a big part of that.

We were proud to be a part of the recovery from Typhoon Yolanda. For us that was a responsibility that we have as an ally and we will continue to work on how to do this better, how to be more responsive, and how to build that capacity together. So it's partnerships, it's multilateral cooperation, and it's also maintaining and building the right kind of presence in this region or other regions as the case may be.

So we support the region to us with rotational deployment, ships that come from the West Coast of the United States, sometimes the East Coast on occasion. But also it's non-rotational presence. It's the ships and aircraft and people that we have operating out of Yokosuka, Japan

and our bases in Japan; our bases in Okinawa; in Guam; in Singapore where we operate there. And we are out here in the region and the larger part of our presence here comes from that non-rotational piece where we can get to know each other. Our folks get used to you, you get used to them, and we can shape the region in ways that are important to you.

You will find that we'll be deploying our newest, as we bring new ships and new aircraft in, they're going to deploy here first, to the Western Pacific. A P-8 which is basically a Boeing 737 800 model aircraft that we have ASW capability and maritime domain awareness. So we've got fancy cameras, fancy infrared, fancy motion detectors, and a lot of ASW capability on a jet aircraft and it's doing very well. It's on deployment now. It has been since December. It deploys out of Kadena Air Base there.

We'll also bring the Littoral Combat Ship again. We had the Freedom here. She was our number one LCS-1, Littoral Combat Ship 1, and LCS-3, the Fort Worth, will be here later this year to do a deployment.

Once we get these two deployments done and we learn a lot about what we want to do with that ship, in other words, what are the concept of operation, that we'll move ships out here about one to two a year until we have four forward stationed out of Singapore. That's at the invitation of the Singapore government that we're doing that.

Our Joint Strike Fighter, which is our next generation, stealthy, it's got great ability for not only detection but networking and its greater range and greater weapons capability. It will deploy to the Western Pacific in its first deployment, and we'll have that done right about the end of this decade.

So our newest and most capable platforms deploy here as part of our investment in presence in the region.

So that combined with -- Platforms, yes. It's sensors, yes. But it's sharing the information, the maritime domain awareness, that brings it all together working with your headquarters and our headquarters, with your ships and our ships, as we build and nurture that through our exercises.

Now as navies, we have an obligation in the maritime realm to make sure we have the highest standards of behavior, of safety and of security, all navies. It doesn't matter. All navies have to continue to make sure that we do that. It's incumbent upon us as responsible neighbors in the area. We should comply with the international rules of the road to prevent collisions at sea and untoward incidents.

But we also have to have, I think, a common protocol for all areas that we operate. A common means of a [inaudible] salutation that all our people use when they speak to each other. Non-aggressive behavior using international norms and international protocols as I mentioned before.

So next month, actually two months, in April we'll be going to the Western Pacific Naval Symposium in Qingdao, China where we're going to talk about with all the ASEAN navies, the U.S. Navy and some of the navies here in Northeast Asia, about a common set of protocols. In

other words it will be conduct for unexpected encounters on the sea. We're going to talk about signing up to this, and everybody sort of stacking hands and saying this is how our navies will behave whenever we're out here together. I look forward to that, and making sure we continue to pursue that in that manner.

I talked about sharing information. What's a good example of doing that? Anybody been to the Changi Command and Control Centre in Singapore? It's a pretty impressive command and control center, simply put together by taking the navies out of the ASEAN arena that are willing to share information that they detect. It's not classified information. It's just ships, shipping that they detect, and they send that through a common, if you will, a common network into this command center which is manned by a coalition of the willing and you get a common operational picture. So this is an example of relatively simple, not highly classified, not sharing information that is giving away, if you will, the intelligence to somebody that you may not want to get it, but it sets up our understanding of what is out there for counter-piracy, counter-smuggling, counter-terrorism, things of that nature. Continuing to work and nurture that is something we need to continue to do.

But everything I talk about here is multilateral. It's getting away from just the two countries operating together. That's very nice. But what happens when we all have to get together, as I said before, because there's this untoward incident that involves more than just two nations, more than just two navies.

So it's important work we have to do with our regional neighbors, all of them out here in the Western Pacific and our partners. We've got the organizations, we've just got to have the resolve to get it done. Admiral Alano and I talked about that today, how we need to move head. Multilateral exercises is where he wants to go as well. Attending fora and having conversations like I said in the Western Pacific Naval Symposium, the International Sea Power Symposium which we hold in October. We'll hold one in September this year. Usually it's in October. We're going to do it in September of this year. Where we bring the different nations of the world together, the maritime nations of the world, the heads of Navy, and talk about common issues. It's continuing to do that and the International Maritime Sea Power Symposium which is sponsored by Singapore and that rotates. All of these opportunities out here in the Western Pacific give us great opportunity to sit down and work these matters out.

What underpins all of it, the foundation of all of it, are people, students like yourself, junior grade, mid-grade officers that will someday in the not too distant future, I'd pay attention because I didn't think I'd be in this position, I'd tell you for sure. It's the networking that you guys bring together here, that you bring together if you go to international fora and build that network so that when the time comes we can call on each other. It's people that are going to underwrite it and it's courses like the one that you have here which keeps the juices flowing, that inquisitiveness that you have in developing your professional foundation as you move ahead into the future.

So I want to thank you very much for this invitation to have a conversation and I'd like to move to questions and answers and talk about anything that you want to talk about. I'd be happy to share my views on that. Thank you.

