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Executing the Maritime Strategy

“Through working together, partnerships like Africa Partnership Station have trained thousands of military personnel to address mutual concerns ensuring a safe maritime environment.”

- Rear Adm. Kenneth Norton, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, deputy chief of staff for Strategy, Resources and Plans

Around the world, the Navy is executing the core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy; examples from May include:

Forward Presence

- The [Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group \(CSG\)](#) flew 202 sorties for 928 hours in support of Operation New Dawn, and the [Enterprise CSG](#) flew 1,104 sorties for 6,036 hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- [Philippine officials](#), including [President Benigno Aquino](#), visited [USS Carl Vinson \(CVN 70\)](#) prior to the ship’s four-day [visit](#) to [Manila, Philippines](#).
- The [George H.W. Bush CSG](#) departed for its [maiden deployment](#) and participated in joint exercise [Saxon Warrior](#) with the Royal Navy [off the coast](#) of southern England.
- [USS McCampbell \(DDG 85\)](#) participated in the [International Maritime Defense Exhibition Asia 2011](#) in Singapore.
- [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion \(NMCB\) 3](#) and NMCB 26 [constructed](#) security barriers and guard towers in Afghanistan.

Power Projection

- USS Michigan (SSGN 727) and [USS Ohio \(SSGN 726\)](#) operated in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.
- [USS Bunker Hill \(CG 52\)](#), along with international forces, [boarded](#) a suspected pirate vessel in the Arabian Sea.

Maritime Security

- [USS Rentz \(FFG 38\)](#) deployed to conduct maritime security and counter drug operations in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility.
- USS Guardian (MCM 5) arrived in [Surabaya, Indonesia](#), for a minesweeping exercise with the Indonesian navy.
- [Riverine Group 1](#) hosted 30 officers from [Africa Partnership Station](#) to discuss and observe riverine tactics.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#) arrived in [Manta, Ecuador](#), as part of Continuing Promise 2011. Comfort’s team has treated more than 9,090 patients and conducted more than 225 surgeries in the ship’s operating rooms.
- Civil service mariners aboard [USNS John Ericsson \(T-AO 194\)](#) [rescued five people](#) near the Solomon Islands.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- [USS Cleveland \(LPD 7\)](#), the flagship for Pacific Partnership 2011, anchored off the coast of [Lae, Papua New Guinea](#), to conduct [medical](#) and [dental examinations](#) at [Haus Clare Crisis Centre for Children](#) and [make repairs](#) to a local school.
- Sailors from USS Tortuga (LSD 46), USS Howard (DDG 83) and [USS Reuben James \(FFG 57\)](#) kicked off the 17th annual [Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training](#) in [Jakarta, Indonesia](#).
- Thirteen countries from Africa and Europe participated in [Phoenix Express 2011](#) in [Souda Bay, Greece](#).
- [Five Navy divers](#) and three support crew members attached to Commander, Task Group 56.1 participated in a [joint diving engagement](#) between Iraqi and U.S. Navy divers to raise a sunken pier in Umm Qasr, Iraqi.

Status of the Navy (June 1)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	328,051	Total deployable ships/subs	285	NAVCENT/C5F	15,368
Total Reserve Component	64,376	Ships underway	152 (53%)	PACFLT	17,147
DoN Civilians	203,654	Attack subs underway	26 (48%)	NAVSO/C4F	3,064
		Ships deployed	127 (45%)	C2F	5,275
		Subs deployed	21 (38%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	14,442
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	12,111	Expeditionary forces on mission	81 (46.5%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .	
		Total operational aircraft	3,700+		