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CNE-CNA-C6F Executing Global Operations

"U.S. Naval Forces Europe / U.S. Sixth Fleet conducts the full range of maritime operations and Theater Security Cooperation in concert with coalition, joint, interagency and other partners. Through ballistic missile defense, anti-submarine warfare, expeditionary force engagement, and other activities, NAVEUR/SIXTHFLEET enhances maritime safety, security and cooperation throughout the European Command region."

– Adm. James Stavridis, Commander, U.S. European Command

"U.S. Naval Forces Africa has been leading the way in efforts to improve maritime security capabilities by supporting our African partners as they develop their maritime safety and security capacity. NAVAF effectively uses regional maritime engagement activities to build mutual respect, trust, and cooperation with our partners, aiding them in their confidence and competence to conduct sustained maritime operations, as they request, and in support of our national interests."

– Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward, Commander, U.S. Africa Command

As the naval component for two combatant commanders and as the Sixth Fleet for naval operations, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/U.S. Naval Forces Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet (CNE-CNA-C6F) is responsible for U.S. naval activity from the Arctic Circle north of Norway, to south of the Cape of Good Hope, and from the central Atlantic Ocean to the Seychelles. With a nimble, diverse workforce of approximately 200 officers, 170 enlisted and 76 civilians, CNE-CNA-C6F strives to meet the evolving mission demands of a complex theater.

CNE-CNA-C6F Offers:

- Support to major maritime operations year-round and with the ability to form a Joint Force Maritime Component Command (JFMCC), providing the capability to act with speed and agility to support combat operations, emergent crises and humanitarian assistance missions.
- Ready access to many assets within the U.S. Navy, including forward deployed ships, submarines and aircraft. On any given day, a range of 10 to 20 ships and submarines and more than 1,000 expeditionary personnel can be deployed throughout the region in support of CNE-CNA-C6F's maritime objectives.
- The ability to conduct more than 25 bilateral and multilateral exercises a year cultivating theater security cooperation in concert with coalition, joint, interagency and other partners in order to advance security and stability in Europe and Africa by building partner capacity.
- Facilitation of maritime partnerships in Europe and Africa, including the premier partnership program of the U.S. Navy, [Africa Partnership Station \(APS\)](#), now in its third year and on both coasts of the continent.

CNE-CNA-C6F Capabilities:

- In Europe, CNE-CNA-C6F provides ballistic missile defense, conducts anti-submarine warfare, and advances NATO interoperability with exercises such as BALTOPS, [Joint Warrior](#) and Noble Manta.
- In Africa, CNE-CNA-C6F improves maritime safety and security foundations with efforts such as APS & maritime domain awareness, and growing multilateral exercises, including [Phoenix Express](#) and [Obangame](#).
- In both regions, CNE-CNA-C6F provides support to Overseas Contingency Operations, builds partner capacity to improve maritime safety and security, and counters illicit trafficking and piracy efforts with support to Operation Active Endeavor and our African Maritime Law Enforcement Partnership.
- Support to humanitarian assistance and disaster response missions such as Operation Assured Delivery.

Key Messages

- We remain committed to building partners' maritime capacity and capability.
- Our naval forces are key contributors to maritime security operations.
- Making the oceans more transparent and secure will enhance stability and economic prosperity in Europe and Africa.
- Our people are the core of everything we do.

Facts & Figures

- Command ship: USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20)
- AOR covers 105 countries, 20 million square nautical miles of ocean, touching three continents and 67 % of the world's coastline.

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