



Chief of Naval Operations' Monthly Update

"We in the Navy and the Armed Services can offer young men and women an opportunity to play a role on the global stage, and to cause outcomes that make life better for people around the world in ways they never thought possible."

– Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

In early June, CNO recorded a [podcast on the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy](#), delivered remarks at the [Sea Service Leadership Association's Annual Women's Leadership Symposium](#) and at the nation's Navy Memorial in Washington D.C. for the 68th annual [Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony](#), as well as at his annual [Environmental Awards Ceremony](#). CNO received a public service award for his diversity initiatives from the [Asian American Government Executives Network in Washington D.C.](#), delivered remarks at the [Current Strategy Forum](#) in Newport, R.I., and met with his Japanese counterpart and kicked-off the United States Navy- Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force- Junior Officer Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mid-month, CNO spoke at the Military Leadership Diversity Council in Mclean, Va., and attended the New Flag Officer Senior Executive Session in Annapolis, Md., and the grand opening of the National Intrepid Center of Excellence-National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. CNO wrapped up the month by delivering remarks at the [Maritime Systems and Technology \(MAST\) Americas Conference](#), the Navy Supply Corps Flag/Senior Executive Session Conference, the [International Fleet Review in Halifax, Nova Scotia](#) and the [6th annual Navy Week in Boston, Mass.](#)

Current Readiness – Maintaining Strong Global Maritime Partnerships

CNO talked about the ever growing importance of maintaining strong global maritime partnerships, globalization and networks while at the Current Strategy Forum. He said it is as important to establish new multi-lateral partnerships as it is to maintain strong bilateral relationships. He also reemphasized that globalization, and the global order it survives by, thrives on the uninhibited international exchange of resources, goods and ideas. As the sea becomes an increasing domain for resources, communication and commerce, CNO said that international navies will continue to have an important role as they add both capacity and capability.

"Our Navy is on every continent and in every ocean reassuring, strengthening, and developing old and new partnerships in an effort to shape a more cooperative and collaborative maritime security environment."

Future Readiness – Cyber Warfare and Unmanned Systems

CNO talked about balancing the vision of the future Navy, while addressing the commitments of the present one at the Mast Americas Conference. He mentioned that when working with cyber power and unmanned systems there are capacity, capability and other issues which need to be addressed now. He stressed the important role information has on fostering stronger relationships with other navies. He also mentioned how advanced technology will only benefit the allied forces that have compatible systems in which they have operationally implemented. CNO said it was a priority for him that those operating with our Navy have equal accessibility to the benefits of the technology.

"As we go into this developmental process, we have to look at the community of navies and nations with whom we will operate and make sure we're still on the same page."

People – Building on the Talents of Women Sailors

CNO delivered remarks at the [Sea Service Leadership Association's Annual Women's Leadership Symposium](#), helping celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of women Sailors throughout the Fleet. He highlighted that for the first time in naval history, there were four enlisted women Sailors of the Year. He mentioned recent accomplishments of several women flag officers and talked about the positive impact women Sailors will have in the submarine community. Finally, CNO talked about building opportunities in the Navy for women Sailors.

"We're going to continue to pursue and look for opportunities for bright young women to be attracted to the Navy, to make the choice to come into the Navy and then to move forward and lead in the Navy."