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Executing the Maritime Strategy

“Naval Aviation is a combat-proven national resource with a definitive and enduring role in all of the Navy’s core missions: forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. A critical warfighting arm of our global, fully-deployed naval force, the aircraft, weapons, systems, Sailors, and Marines of Naval Aviation significantly enhance the collective strength of American seapower.”

– Vice Adm. Kilcline, Commander, Naval Air Forces

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.

Forward Presence

- USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), the flagship of U.S. 7th Fleet, visited [Sydney](#) and [Cairns, Australia](#), and Port Kelang, [Malaysia](#) and [Singapore](#) in October, building strong relationships with key regional partners. The embarked 7th Fleet staff conducted navy-to-navy engagements, staff talks and subject matter expert exchanges with host navies, planning for future maritime engagement by 7th Fleet units.
- USS Defender (MCM 2) visited [Yakushima, Japan Oct. 18-21](#). [This is the first visit by a Navy ship in many years to this small island located 225 miles south of the Japanese mainland.](#)
- The [USS Bataan](#) Amphibious Readiness Group participated in bilateral exercises with the Egyptian armed forces. This marked the first time in four years that these two navies have trained together as part of the [Bright Star 2009](#) exercises.

Power Projection

- [USS Nimitz \(CVN 68\)](#) and [Carrier Air Wing 11](#) flew an average of 28 mission a day, six days a week supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Naval Air Forces contribute significant portions of close air support, electronic warfare and reconnaissance missions performed in Afghanistan.

Maritime Security

- Seabees from [Navy Mobile Construction Battalion \(NMCB\) 3](#) are supporting Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa in Camp Lemonier, Djibouti. They are also executing theater security cooperation tasking and country engagement construction projects in Djibouti, Uganda, Cameroon, Liberia and Comoros.
- USS Higgins (DDG 76) participated in combined air defense exercise [Juniper Cobra 2010](#) with Israeli forces in the east Mediterranean.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- The Navy conducted humanitarian assistance efforts in [Indonesia](#) from Sept. 30 to Oct. 16 using units assigned to Amphibious Force, 7th Fleet, with [USS McCampbell \(DDG 85\)](#) and [USS Denver \(LPD 9\)](#). [Servicemembers from all branches](#) worked side by side throughout the joint-service operation, successfully delivering more than 182 tons of food, water and medical supplies. [Medical personnel assigned to McCampbell and Denver also assisted efforts to treat close to 2,000 patients at the Air Force's Humanitarian Assistance Rapid Response Team field hospital.](#)

Status of the Navy (as of 1 November)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	328,792	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	13,000
Total Reserve Component	109,222	Iraq	3,295	1,095	PACFLT	15,514
DoN Civilians	193,875	Bahrain	2,799	86	NAVSOUTH/C4F	2,378
Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Kuwait	704	997	C2F	7,770
Total deployable ships/subs	285	Afghanistan	3,191	634	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,677
Ship underway	152 (53%)	Qatar	616	37		
Attack Subs underway	37 (68%)	Total on ground, all countries		14,019		
Ships deployed	111 (39%)					
Subs deployed	27 (50%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					

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