



# RHUMB LINES

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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"Our people - active, reserve and civilian - are the human element of the Maritime Strategy. They're dedicated, professionally trained and ready to accomplish the full range of joint military operations around the globe. They represent the finest I have seen in my military career."*

– Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, III, Chief of Naval Personnel

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 Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) was in the North Arabian Sea in February supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and [providing aerial support](#) for Afghan, NATO and American troops participating in Operation Moshtarak. During the month, [Eisenhower launched more than 640 combat sorties](#) and flew more than 5,100 cumulative hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

### Maritime Security

- [USS Freedom \(LCS 1\) left Naval Station Mayport Feb. 16 for her maiden deployment](#) to the U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Pacific Command areas of responsibility. During the independent deployment, [Freedom conducted its first drug seizure Feb. 22 when it disrupted a high-speed "go-fast" vessel](#) and recovered more than a quarter ton of cocaine.

### Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- In support of Operation Unified Response, [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#), anchored off Haiti, provided [medical and humanitarian assistance to Haitians](#). Comfort has treated more than 995 patients and [performed more than 830 major surgeries](#).
- Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 55, a Navy Reserve C-130T Hercules squadron based at Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu, provided support to Haiti earthquake relief operations by delivering supplies into Port-au-Prince.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team (MCAT) 207 deployed to Haiti and assisted local leaders and the Colombian Red Cross in delivering 15 tons of humanitarian aid to one of Port-au-Prince's sectors. The team works with the Haitian government and international aid agencies to assess aid requirements and coordinate distribution efforts.

### Building Maritime Partnerships

- USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 26 as part of Southern Seas 2010, a component of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command's Partnership of the Americas. Vinson is performing Theater Security Cooperation engagements with key Latin American partners while transiting to its homeport of San Diego.
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 12 is deployed to Iraq where it has oversight of 30 EOD teams in U.S. Division North and has played a key role in partnering with Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police EOD companies.

## Status of the Navy (as of 1 March)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	330,212	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	9,697
Total Reserve Component	104,131	Iraq	2,162	571	PACFLT	12,590
DoN Civilians	192,652	Bahrain	2,783	76	NAVSOUTH/C4F	9,762
<b><u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u></b>		Kuwait	437	1,102	C2F	7,276
Total deployable ships/subs	286	Afghanistan	3,838	760	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	3,874
Ships underway	150 (52%)	Qatar	486	16		
Attack Subs underway	27 (50%)	Total on ground, all countries		12,589		
Ships deployed	123 (43%)				For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: <a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a> .	
Subs deployed	27 (50%)					
Expeditionary units deployed	70 (37.8%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					