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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"The response from the fleet has been tremendous. We had Bataan on a 96 hour notice for preparation to get underway. They got underway in 48 hours from a dead cold start... That's our Sailors doing what they know best."

– Adm. John Harvey, Commander, U.S. Fleet 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

- The Nimitz Carrier Strike Group completed 121 days on station in the North Arabian Sea and transitioned to the next phase of the ship's eight-month deployment for duty in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. During the deployment, [Nimitz launched 2,623 combat sorties and flew 15,296 cumulative hours](#) in support of troops on the ground in Operation Enduring Freedom.
- The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group began its scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

Power Projection

- [USS Essex \(LHD 2\)](#), USS Denver (LPD 9) and [USS Harpers Ferry \(LSD 49\)](#) on-loaded more than 1,100 [Marines assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit \(MEU\)](#) Jan. 22-24 in preparation for the amphibious ready group's annual spring patrol throughout the Western Pacific region, including participation in Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand.

Maritime Security

- USS Reuben H. James (FFG 57) conducted a mission with the U.S. Coast Guard from Jan. 19-29 near the Republic of Palau to monitor and deter illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the Central and Western Pacific.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- [Sailors](#) and [Marines](#) of the [Bataan Amphibious Ready Group](#) continue to support the United Nations and the Government of Haiti as part of Operation Unified Response, the combined operation providing [humanitarian assistance and disaster response](#) to people affected by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, Jan. 12. The Bataan Amphibious Ready Group has transported more than 1,000 pallets of relief supplies, as well as provided [medical assistance](#) to more than 500 Haitians in need of care.
- [USNS Comfort \(T-AH 20\)](#) is providing medical and humanitarian assistance in support of Operation Unified Response. [Medical personnel aboard have treated more than 680 patients](#) and performed more than 500 surgeries.
- [USS Carl Vinson \(CVN 70\)](#) conducted more than 2,200 sorties in which more than 38,700 pounds of medical supplies; 89,000 gallons of water; 166 tons of food, and [476 medical evacuations](#) were accomplished in support of [Operation Unified Response](#).
- USS Ramage (DDG 61) and a Navy P-3 Orion supported search and rescue efforts off the coast of Lebanon after the crash of [Ethiopian Airlines flight ET409](#).

Status of the Navy (as of 1 February)

| Navy Personnel | | Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR | | | Sailors at Sea by AOR | |
|---|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|--------|
| Total Active Component | 330,298 | <u>Countries ≥400</u> | <u>AC</u> | <u>RC</u> | NAVCENT/C5F | 9,988 |
| Total Reserve Component | 108,389 | Iraq | 2,360 | 601 | PACFLT | 11,080 |
| DoN Civilians | 192,652 | Bahrain | 2,846 | 77 | NAVSOUTH/C4F | 9,031 |
| Ships, Submarines & Aircraft | | Kuwait | 474 | 1,184 | C2F | 11,884 |
| Total deployable ships/subs | 286 | Afghanistan | 3,680 | 688 | NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F | 2,221 |
| Ship underway | 142 (50%) | Qatar | 468 | 12 | | |
| Attack Subs underway | 22 (42%) | Total on ground, all countries | | 12,767 | | |
| Ships deployed | 109 (38%) | | | | For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: www.navy.mil . | |
| Subs deployed | 17 (32%) | | | | | |
| Expeditionary units deployed | 67 (36.6%) | | | | | |
| Total Operational Aircraft | 3,700+ | | | | | |