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U.S. 2nd Fleet Contributing to Global Operations

“This spring and summer, C2F forces will train and operate with 66 ships from seven of our allied and partner nations in 10 major exercises, aiming to improve integration and interoperability in the maritime domain.”

– Vice Adm. Mel Williams Jr., Commander, U.S. Second Fleet

More than 90,000 Sailors and Marines operate and train within [2nd Fleet’s](#) area of responsibility. 2nd Fleet’s three focus areas are: conducting safe and effective fleet operations to achieve the mission, providing ready maritime forces for global assignment, and teaming with allies and partners in execution of the Maritime Strategy.

Power Projection and Forward Presence

- As a force provider, 2nd Fleet trains and certifies carrier strike groups (CSG), amphibious ready groups (ARG) and independent deployers for power projection and presence missions around the globe.
- Utilizing an operational training plan developed in conjunction with Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard, 2nd Fleet forces are prepared to respond to potential missions in the Arctic. Similarly, 2nd Fleet’s maritime response force prepares for potential missions in the Gulf of Mexico.
- By teaming with II Marine Expeditionary Force to fine-tune Navy-Marine Corps amphibious core competencies, 2nd Fleet’s Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Expeditionary Strike Group staffs and operating forces are better prepared.

Sea Control

- 2nd Fleet prepares maritime forces for anti-submarine (ASW), surface, and mine warfare missions. To improve ASW knowledge, experience and proficiency, a semi-annual ASW exercise series and an ASW training continuum have been instituted.

Maritime Security

- By establishing realistic, repeatable and adaptive training for independent deployers, 2nd Fleet prepares commanding officers and Sailors for success when operating in irregular warfare environments, including counter piracy.
- 2nd Fleet supports NATO transformation as director of [Combined Joint Operations from the Sea \(CJOS\) Centre of Excellence](#) (COE), with more than 30 foreign officers working within 2nd Fleet Maritime Headquarters. CJOS COE, a multinational military body, which provides a focus for 13 sponsoring nations and NATO to improve allied joint maritime operations, recently released its annual publication, [“Cutting the Bow Wave.”](#)

Deterrence

- In support of U.S. Joint Forces Command and U.S. Northern Command, 2nd Fleet executes maritime homeland defense responsibilities, employing flexible deterrent options that are aligned to U.S. Northern Command’s maritime homeland defense maritime activity postures.
- 2nd Fleet Aegis-capable ships are supporting maritime ballistic missile defense overseas.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- Following the severe, 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, 2nd Fleet forces quickly mobilized and deployed to provide [humanitarian assistance and disaster response](#).

Key Messages

- Fleet operations must be safe and effective as we defend the homeland and prepare our people and forces for global assignment.
- 2nd Fleet will accomplish its mission with excellence as the standard, today and in the future, in the Atlantic and globally as directed. Our nation requires this from us, as we continually improve all that we do.

Facts & Figures

2nd Fleet’s constituency includes:

- More than 90,000 Sailors and Marines
- 4 operational CSGs /1 CVN in maintenance
- 4 ARGs /3 Marine Expeditionary Units
- 126 ships and submarines
- C2F Maritime Headquarters is certified as a Joint Task Force (JTF) capable headquarters.