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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"In one 10-day stretch in October, the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group: flew combat sorties over Afghanistan; conducted a complex [anti-submarine warfare exercise](#); received food, parts, and fuel at sea; built relationships with our Malaysian and Singaporean navy counterparts; [visited with blind Malaysian children](#) to help make their quality of life better; and steamed more than 4,000 miles through two different oceans. That's what carrier strike groups are all about."

- Rear Adm. Mark D. Guadagnini, Commander, Carrier Strike Group NINE

Around the world, the Navy is executing the core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – some examples from throughout the fleet in the month of October were:

Forward Presence

- [USS Harry S. Truman \(CVN 75\)](#) conducted 4,478 hours of [flight operations](#), to include 54 combat sorties (243.2 hours) in support of Operation New Dawn, and 429 combat sorties (2,540.5 hours) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 18 and NMCB 40 constructed watchtowers, continued to [build new combat outposts](#), and expanded existing forward operating bases to support combat operations and mission success for both coalition and Afghan security forces involved in Operation Hamkari in Southern Afghanistan.

Maritime Security

- USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) completed an independent deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, where she conducted maritime interdiction operations and supported anti-insurgency operations in the Sulu Sea.
- USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 50), with embarked divers from Mobile Dive and Salvage Unit One, conducted [Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training \(CARAT\) Cambodia 2010](#), which marked the last CARAT exercise of the year.

Deterrence

- [Sea](#) and air assets assigned to the [George H.W. Bush \(CVN 77\) Carrier Strike Group](#) [successfully sunk ex-USNS Saturn](#) (T-AFS 10) during an exercise in the Atlantic Ocean.
- USS Lassen (DDG 82) participated in Republic of Korea-led exercise [Eastern Endeavor](#) under the Proliferation Security Initiative aimed at deterring trade of weapons of mass destruction.
- Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Maryland (SSBN 738) completed its 57th strategic deterrent patrol.
- On the waters off Faslane, Scotland, crews from USS Bainbridge (DDG 96), USS Nitze (DDG 94), USS Stout (DDG 55) and USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195) participated in [exercise Joint Warrior 10-2](#) – a biannual multinational exercise designed to improve interoperability between allied navies.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), with embarked [Continuing Promise 2010 – Partnership of the Americas](#) teams, delivered medical, dental, veterinary and engineering support, and participated in medical and military subject matter expert exchanges in [Panama](#), [Guyana](#) and [Suriname](#).

Status of the Navy (as of 1 November)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	328,059	Total deployable ships/subs	288	NAVCENT/C5F	16,973
Total Reserve Component	65,006	Ships underway	140 (49%)	PACFLT	17,460
DoN Civilians	202,597	Attack Subs underway	30(55%)	NAVSO/C4F	2,860
		Ships deployed	110 (38%)	C2F	2,933
		Subs deployed	20 (37%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	1,898
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	~15,500	Expeditionary forces on mission	108 (57%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .	
		Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+		