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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Our Navy-Marine Corps team stands ready to answer the nation's call across the full spectrum of military operations - be it defending the homeland; promoting peace and security through our theater security cooperation; conducting mutual exercises with our friends and allies; or responding to humanitarian crisis quickly and effectively."

- Vice Adm. Richard Hunt, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet

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

Forward Presence

- [Harry S. Truman \(CVN 75\) Carrier Strike Group](#) launched 1,369 sorties, including 582 combat sorties, spanning [3,633 cumulative hours](#) from the [northern Arabian Sea](#) in support of U.S. and coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.

Maritime Security

- [Marines](#) embarked aboard USS Dubuque (LPD 8) with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's [Maritime Raid Force](#) boarded and seized control of [M/V Magellan Star](#) from Somali pirates, who had attacked and boarded the vessel in the Gulf of Aden.

Deterrence

- Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) conducted a port call to [Chinhae, Republic of Korea](#), and [USS Hawaii \(SSN 776\) visited Yokosuka, Japan](#), marking the first time in the history of U.S. 7th Fleet that a Virginia-class submarine visited the region.
- [USS Preble \(DDG 88\)](#) conducted three [Tomahawk Operational Test Launches \(OTLs\)](#) off the coast of Southern Calif. Launching one Tomahawk missile each day, Preble conducted the OTLs with coordination from 2nd, 3rd, and 6th Fleets; the Washington Planning Center; Naval Air Systems Command; Naval Sea Systems Command; Marine Corps Systems Command; and 3rd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company.

Sea Control

- USS Hawaii (SSN 776) conducted an [anti-submarine warfare exercise](#) off the coast of Guam with the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USS Winston S. Churchill \(DDG 81\)](#) rendered assistance to a [disabled skiff](#) while conducting operations in the Gulf of Aden and saved 62 people, who were subsequently [transferred to the USS Pearl Harbor \(LSD 52\)](#).
- [USS Iwo Jima \(LHD 7\)](#) brought health care and other services to communities in [Guatemala](#), [Nicaragua](#) and [Panama](#) in support of Continuing Promise 2010, a four-month humanitarian and civic assistance deployment.

Building Partnerships Through Maritime Security Cooperation

- USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) supported special operations forces (SOF) during [Jackal Stone 10](#), a Special Operations Command Europe-led SOF exercise with 1,300 SOF personnel from Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, and the U.S.
- Canadian navy Victoria-class long-range patrol submarine HMCS Corner Brook (SSK 878) returned to Canada after participating in a [torpedo exercise](#) with USS Memphis (SSN 691) and USS Mason (DDG 87).

Status of the Navy (as of 1 October)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	329,629	Total deployable ships/subs	288	NAVCENT/C5F	11,979
Total Reserve Component	65,314	Ships underway	150 (52%)	PACFLT	20,705
DoN Civilians	201,539	Attack Subs underway	32(59%)	NAVSO/C4F	1,665
		Ships deployed	113 (39%)	C2F	2,783
		Subs deployed	21 (38%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,702
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	~14,800	Expeditionary forces on mission	134 (68%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .	
		Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+		