



# RHUMB LINES

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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"Readiness begins and ends with high quality Sailors. We risk our ability to retain high quality Sailors if we do not provide them with the tools, the training and the time required to deploy, confident in their ability to accomplish their assigned missions."*

- Adm. John C. Harvey Jr., Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Around the world, the Navy is executing the core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – some examples from around the fleet through the month of August were:

### Forward Presence

- [USS Harry S. Truman \(CVN 75\)](#) Carrier Strike Group completed 65 days on-station in the northern Arabian Sea. Truman launched 1,491 sorties, including 582 [combat sorties](#), spanning 3,633 cumulative hours in support of U.S. and coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan. Additionally, Truman and embarked Carrier Air Wing 3 [rescued eight local mariners](#) after their small boat caught fire.

### Deterrence

- Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine [USS Rhode Island \(SSBN 740\)](#) transited the Atlantic Ocean during its 49th strategic deterrent patrol.
- [USS Albany \(SSN 753\)](#) returned to her homeport in Norfolk, Va., after a [six-month deployment](#) conducting Maritime Security Operations and supporting national security interests while in 6th Fleet's area of responsibility.

### Maritime Security

- [USS Crommelin \(FFG 37\)](#) supported the U.S. Coast Guard, conducting law enforcement operations in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, in support of the Coast Guard's initiatives to enhance maritime strategy.

### Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- Helicopters from [USS Peleliu \(LHA 5\)](#) and [15th Marine Expeditionary Unit](#) conducted relief efforts in support of the Government of Pakistan following devastating floods in that region, contributing to the rescue of 10,051 people and overall delivery of 1,895,038 pounds of relief supplies to citizens affected by the severe flooding.
- Military Sealift Command hospital ship [USNS Mercy \(T-AH 19\)](#) concluded [Pacific Partnership 2010](#), a U.S. Pacific Fleet [humanitarian civic assistance mission](#) aimed at strengthening regional relationships with host and partner nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania. In August, Mercy visited [Indonesia](#) and [Timor-Leste](#). Pacific Partnership personnel treated more than 101,000 patients.
- The ships of the [Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group deployed early](#) to provide continued U.S. humanitarian assistance to Pakistan in support of flood relief from the recent monsoon.
- [USS Iwo Jima \(LHD 7\)](#) Sailors, engineers and medical units took part in engineering, [veterinary](#), [community relations](#) and medical projects in [Covenas, Columbia](#), and [Limon, Costa Rica](#), during [Continuing Promise 2010](#), treating more than 8,300 patients and dedicating more than 4,500 man-hours at two engineering sites.

### Building Partnerships Through Maritime Security Cooperation

- [USNS Grasp \(T-ARS 51\)](#), with embarked Navy divers from [Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2](#), participated in Navy Diver-Southern Partnership Station, a multinational partnership engagement designed to increase interoperability and partner nation capacity through diving operations, in Panama City, Panama.

## Status of the Navy (as of 3 September)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	330,729	Total deployable ships/subs	288	NAVCENT/C5F	9,993
Total Reserve Component	65,314	Ships underway	128 (44%)	PACFLT	26,855
DoN Civilians	201,352	Attack Subs underway	32(59%)	NAVSO/C4F	2,746
		Ships deployed	104 (36%)	C2F	6,239
		Subs deployed	22 (41%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,361
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	~14,800	Expeditionary forces on mission	105 (56%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: <a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a> .	
		Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+		