



RHUMB LINES

Straight Lines to Navigate By



May 5, 2011

Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Operation Tomodachi demonstrated the ability of deployed naval forces to respond quickly, the diverse set of capabilities that they possess and the value of our alliance and interoperability with Japan. These things don't just happen. They must already be in place before a crisis occurs."

- Vice Adm. Scott R. Van Buskirk, commander, U.S. 7th Fleet

Around the world, the Navy is executing the core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy; examples from April include:

Forward Presence

- [USS Ronald Reagan \(CVN 76\)](#), USS Reuben James (FFG 57), [USS Stethem \(DDG 63\)](#), [USS Sterett \(DDG 104\)](#) and Indian navy assets participated in joint exercise [Malabar 2011](#) in the [Western Pacific](#).
- The [Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group](#) flew 2,945 hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and [250 hours](#) in support of Operation New Dawn.
- [USS Boxer \(LPD 4\)](#) and [USS Green Bay \(LPD 20\)](#) flew 750 hours in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Power Projection

- Sailors aboard USS O'Kane (DDG 77) successfully conducted a flight test of [Aegis ballistic missile defense](#), resulting in the intercept of a target over the Pacific Ocean.
- [USS Florida \(SSGN 728\)](#) returned to its [homeport](#) of Kings Bay, Ga., following a [15-month historic deployment](#), participating in Operation Odyssey Dawn and launching 90 Tomahawk missiles.

Maritime Security

- [USS Comstock \(LSD 45\)](#) completed more than 240 hours of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance collection using [Scan Eagle](#) unmanned aerial vehicles in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus](#), as well as [dignitaries](#) and senior military leaders [from Japan](#), thanked [U.S. 7th Fleet Sailors and Marines](#) and [Ronald Reagan's crew](#) for their support of [Operation Tomodachi](#).
- [Strike Fighter Squadron 147](#) helped locate 12 isolated pockets of tsunami survivors and assisted in the delivery of more than 100,000 pounds of life-saving supplies in Japan.
- Military Sealift Command hospital ship [USNS Comfort's \(T-AH 20\) crew](#) performed 126 [surgeries](#), treated 560 physical therapy and 1,186 [dental patients](#) and gave out 3,161 pairs of eyeglasses in Kingston, Jamaica, in support of [Continuing Promise 2011](#).

Building Maritime Partnerships

- USS Enterprise (CVN 65), [USS Leyte Gulf \(CG 55\)](#) and USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) provided support to United Arab Emirates forces during the rescue of the motor vessel Arrilah-I crew from suspected pirates.
- [USS Robert G. Bradley \(FFG 49\)](#) completed its second multinational exercise during Africa Partnership Station (APS) West in [Dakar, Senegal](#), and began the [third "hub"](#) of APS West in [Lagos, Nigeria](#).
- [USS Cleveland \(LPD 7\)](#) arrived in [Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu](#), to begin the second phase of [Pacific Partnership 2011](#). [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133](#), from Gulfport, Miss., [constructed three schools](#) in the city.

Status of the Navy (as of May 2)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	328,530	Total deployable ships/subs	286	NAVCENT/C5F	14,907
Total Reserve Component	65,117	Ships underway	152 (53%)	PACFLT	19,246
DoN Civilians	203,632	Attack subs underway	29 (53%)	NAVSO/C4F	2,273
		Ships deployed	117 (41%)	C2F	10,672
		Subs deployed	20 (37%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	10,576
Navy Forces on the Ground		Expeditionary forces on mission	70 (39%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .	
in NAVCENT AOR	12,640	Total operational aircraft	3,700+		