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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Together with our allies and partners, we will continue our commitment to maritime security and freedom of the seas in the Asia-Pacific region. We tangibly demonstrate this commitment through credible, purposeful forward presence. Our presence must prioritize the current warfighting readiness necessary to operate as an effective force across the full range of our Maritime Strategy."

- Adm. Cecil D. Haney, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

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

Forward Presence

- [The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group](#) flew 760 sorties totalling more than 1,090 hours of support for maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the [U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations](#).
- Ninety-eight U.S. Navy Reserve Sailors assigned to Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group Forward provided air cargo, fuels support, and expeditionary support services in Kuwait and Afghanistan.

Maritime Security

- [USS Kidd's \(DDG 100\)](#) visit, board, search and seizure team boarded [Iranian-flagged fishing dhow Al Molai](#) and detained 15 suspected pirates who had reportedly held the 13-member Iranian crew hostage for two months.
- Detachments and boats from [Riverine Squadrons 1, 2, and 3](#) deployed alongside U.S. Coast Guard personnel and Royal Netherlands marines to patrol waterways and beaches at Camp Lejeune, N.C., during [Bold Alligator 2012](#).

Deterrence

- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 4 teams protected Military Sealift Command vessels and other high-value units in Kuwait, the Horn of Africa, and Rota, Spain.
- USS McClusky (FFG 41) departed San Diego for an independent deployment to the eastern Pacific Ocean in support of Combatting Transnational Organized Crime operations.

Power Projection

- Commander, Task Force 57 flew 198 sorties totalling 1,490 hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, counter-piracy and Partnership Strength Presence.
- [USS New Orleans \(LPD 19\)](#) conducted joint training with the U.S. Army, qualifying [AH-64 Apache helicopters](#) for landing on the ship's flight deck and demonstrating the U.S. military's flexibility and interoperability.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- MV Strong Mariner unloaded 602 pieces of U.S. Marine Corps cargo in support of exercise Cobra Gold, held annually in Thailand.
- [High Speed Vessel \(HSV 2\) Swift](#) participated in [Southern Partnership Station 2012](#) conducting more than 20 [subject matter expert exchanges](#) with more than 300 civilian and military partners in Panama, [Guatemala](#), and [Peru](#).

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- An aircrew assigned to [Patrol Squadron 47](#), operating from [Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily](#), helped [rescue 68 people](#) adrift on a powerless raft in the Mediterranean Sea.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team 205 trained local medical personnel on proper medical incineration procedures and certified a medical incinerator used to prevent the spread of HIV in eastern Kenya.

Status of the Navy (Feb. 3)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	323,773	Total deployable ships/subs	285	NAVCENT/C5F	14,600
Total Reserve Component	63,971	Ships underway	106 (37%)	CPF/C3F/C7F	16,242
DoN Civilians	203,609	Attack subs underway	18 (33%)	NAVSO/C4	2,007
		Ships deployed	99 (35%)	USFF	21,568
Navy Forces on the Ground		Subs deployed	9 (16%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	2,066
in NAVCENT AOR	10,300	Exped. forces on mission	90 (50.5%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy , visit: www.navy.mil .	
		Total operational aircraft	3,700+		