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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"Partnership and cooperation are paramount to maintaining security and stability in this region. Working with coalition and regional partners who share a common cause is what gets the job done."

- Vice Adm. John W. Miller, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ U.S. 5th Fleet

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

Forward Presence

- [The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group](#) flew more than 1,200 sorties totaling more than 4,103 hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, counter-piracy and theater security cooperation efforts in the [U.S. 5th Fleet](#) area of responsibility (AOR).
- [USS Makin Island \(LHD 8\)](#), along with the embarked 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, completed a four-day port visit to Sepangar, Malaysia.

Maritime Security

- [USS Nicholas \(FFG 47\)](#) assisted partner nation forces in the eastern Pacific with the [interdiction](#) of a vessel carrying nearly 2,200 kilograms of cocaine, with an estimated street value of more than \$363 million.
- [Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2](#) participated in [Exercise Frontier Sentinel 2012](#), a combined exercise with Joint Task Force Atlantic, U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area and U.S. Fleet Forces Command along the U.S. eastern seaboard and Sydney, [Nova Scotia](#).

Deterrence

- [USS Louisiana \(SSBN 743\)](#) and [USS Henry M. Jackson \(SSBN 730\)](#) returned to their homeport of Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Wash., following the completion of strategic deterrent patrols.
- [USS George Washington \(CVN 73\)](#) departed [Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka](#) for its 2012 patrol in support of maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Asia-Pacific region.

Power Projection

- [The Enterprise Carrier Strike Group](#) flew [1,445 sorties](#), totaling 3,585 hours in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.
- Combined Task Force 57 flew 249 sorties, totaling 1,358 hours in support of maritime security operations, theater security cooperation and counter-piracy operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8 and USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51) trained with divers from partner nations in Constanta, Romania, during [Eurasian Partnership Dive 2012](#).
- [USS Blue Ridge \(LCC 19\)](#) participated in an exchange exercise with Royal Australian navy frigate [HMAS Ballarat \(FF 155\)](#) to help demonstrate the two ships' commitment to regional partnerships.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USNS Mercy \(T-AH 19\)](#) departed for a four-and-a-half month deployment to Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia in support of [Pacific Partnership 2012](#), a humanitarian and civic action exercise.
- Sailors assigned to [USS Underwood \(FFG 36\)](#) rescued six [Peruvian fishermen](#) from a disabled vessel after being adrift at sea for 10 days off the coast of Peru.

Status of the Navy (June 4)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	321,053	Total deployable ships/subs	285	NAVCENT/C5F	15,875
Total Reserve Component	64,059	Ships/subs deployed/underway	144 (51%)	CPF/C3F/C7F	12,702
DoN Civilians	203,609	Ships/subs deployed	107 (38%)	NAVSO/C4	2,312
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	10,321	Exped. forces on mission	91 (47%)	USFF	3,500
		Total operational aircraft	3,700+	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	4,186

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