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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"RIMPAC, the world's largest international maritime exercise, is yet another example of the Navy's standing commitment to our maritime strategy. It is the culmination of many months of preparation and planning by the 22 participating nations, and is spearheaded by leadership that for the first time includes non-U.S. component commanders."

- Vice Adm. Gerald R. Beaman, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet

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

Forward Presence

- [The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group \(CSG\)](#) arrived in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR) to conduct maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.
- [USNS Laramie \(T-AO 203\)](#) conducted replenishments-at-sea with coalition navy ships from seven different nations while supporting counter-piracy operations off the Horn of Africa.

Maritime Security

- [USS Nicholas \(FFG 47\)](#) recovered 112 bales of cocaine, weighing approximately 4,910 pounds, with an estimated street value of more than \$367 million, while operating in the Eastern Pacific in support of [Operation Martillo](#).
- USS Benfold (DDG 65) departed for an eight-month deployment to the Western Pacific and the U.S. Central Command AOR in support of Navy ballistic missile defense, maritime domain awareness and to conduct counter-piracy operations.

Deterrence

- [The George Washington CSG](#) conducted a [trilateral exercise](#) with ships and aircraft from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and the Republic of Korea navy.
- [USS Chicago \(SSN 721\)](#) arrived at Fleet Activities Yokosuka for its first port visit as part of its Western Pacific deployment.

Power Projection

- [The Abraham Lincoln CSG](#) flew 207 sorties, totaling 1,234 hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, counter-piracy and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.
- [USS New York \(LPD 21\)](#) landed U.S. Army [AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters](#) for the first time during a joint training exercise while on its maiden deployment in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.

Building Maritime Partnerships

- Sailors assigned to [Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit \(EODMU\) 5](#) provided training of EOD X-ray equipment to members of the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency during demolition materials, procedures and unexploded ordnance training during [Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2012](#) Malaysia.
- Sailors from USS Simpson (FFG 56) worked alongside Sailors from the [Senegalese](#) and [Gambian](#) navies as they enforced their exclusive economic zones during a combined Africa maritime law enforcement partnership patrol.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USNS Mercy \(T-AH 19\)](#) performed more than 1,500 dental procedures and [200 surgeries](#), gave out 4,000 eyeglasses and vaccinated 2,200 animals in [Indonesia](#) as part of [Pacific Partnership 2012](#).
- Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 conducted roof and building repairs to the Sekondi Naval Clinic in Sekondi, Ghana, as part of a humanitarian civic affairs project in support of Africa Partnership Station.

Status of the Navy (July 2)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	321,053	Total deployable ships/subs	286	NAVCENT/C5F	14,685
Total Reserve Component	106,317	Ships/subs deployed/underway	142 (50%)	CPF/C3F/C7F	20,698
DoN Civilians	203,609	Ships/subs deployed	112 (39%)	NAVSO/C4	2,513
Navy Forces on the Ground		Exped. forces on mission	92 (53%)	USFF	8,213
in NAVCENT AOR	9,456	Total operational aircraft	3,700+	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	9,954
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