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Executing the Maritime Strategy

"We execute operations across the full spectrum, from major combat operations to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. In peace, we promote stability, enable prosperity and deter aggression. In war, we must be supremely confident we will prevail. This demands an unwavering focus on warfighting readiness, expanding our maritime partnerships and maximizing our force posture."

– Vice Adm. John M. Bird, Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

Deterrence

- The [USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group](#) and the Essex Amphibious Ready Group, along with the embarked [31st Marine Expeditionary Unit](#), sailed to Australian waters for Talisman Saber 2009 (TS 09). The exercise, which includes more than 30,000 Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines from the U.S. and Australia, focuses on warfighting readiness and combat training. Forward-deployed forces participating in exercises like TS09 demonstrate interoperability and provide deterrence in the Western Pacific.

Sea Control

- Destroyer Squadron 40, [USS Kauffman \(FFG 59\)](#), USS Doyle (FFG 39), USS Ford (FFG 53) and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 43 Detachment 4 participated in [Exercise Team Work South](#) with ships and aircraft from Brazil, Chile, France, the United Kingdom and the U.S. Team Work South 2009 focuses on anti-submarine warfare, coordinated defense against surface littoral threats and surface gunnery exercises.

Power Projection

- [USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group](#) participated in Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) June 9-July 3. [COMPTUEX](#) is an intermediate-level exercise that brings ships and aircraft together to project force as a strike group in the interest of global maritime security and protecting our nation's homeland security.

Maritime Security

- Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 5 and U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Unit 301 (PSU 301) are deployed to Kuwait Naval Base and the Kuwaiti port of Ash Shuaybah. The units provide harbor security, port protection, and high value asset shipping escort within the ports as well as anti-terrorism protection on selected oil platforms in the Northern Arabian Gulf.
- [USS Crommelin \(FFG 37\)](#) participated in a U.S. Coast Guard operation in the vicinity of Kwajalein to protect the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone. The ship is providing maritime domain awareness support by monitoring, deterring, and reporting illegal and unreported/unregulated fishing in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. This partnership furthers the goal of providing persistent maritime surveillance and security in the region.
- USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) conducted Africa Partnership Station port visits to Djibouti, Djibouti, and Mombasa, Kenya, and Port Victoria, Seychelles. [Sailors worked with East African counterparts on maritime safety and security training](#). The ship also conducted at-sea training with the Kenyan Navy that involved topics from basic ship handling drills to visit, board, search and seizure training.

Status of the Navy (as of 6 July)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	332,479	Countries ≥400	AC	RC	NAVCENT/C5F	9,778
Total Reserve Component	111,925	Iraq	4,157	1,300	PACFLT	22,095
DoN Civilians	191,000	Bahrain	2,634	86	NAVSOUTH/C4F	3,511
<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>		Kuwait	912	1,214	C2F	14,982
Total deployable ships/subs	284	Afghanistan	2,937	315	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	3,926
Ship underway	121 (43%)	Qatar	489	13		
Attack Subs underway	29 (54%)	Total on ground, all countries		14,411		
Ships deployed	111 (39%)					
Subs deployed	24 (44%)					
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+					

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