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FY10 Department of Navy Posture

"By maintaining U.S. maritime dominance, our Sailors and Marines promote security, stability, and trust around the world. Together, we provide a persistent forward presence, power projection abroad, and protection of the world's sea lanes."

– **Hon. Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy**

"Sustaining our Navy's maritime dominance requires the balance of capability and capacity for the challenges of today and those we are likely to face in the future. It demands our Navy remain agile and ready."

– **Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations**

Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations recently testified before a number of Congressional committees about the status of the Navy today and what we need for tomorrow.

Meeting the missions of today

- The Navy is globally deployed, persistently forward and actively engaged defending our nation and our interests alongside our global partners. The Navy stands ready to answer the nation's call across the full spectrum of military operations.
- Sailors fully support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan on the ground, in the air, and at sea.
- The Navy remains an expeditionary force with operations that range from tracking attempted ballistic missile launches from North Korea to fighting piracy off the Horn of Africa.

Building and balancing tomorrow's Navy

- The Department of the Navy will continue to balance programs, choosing to maintain or establish only those that are achievable, affordable, and responsive to our nation's needs.
- The Navy needs a stable shipbuilding program that provides a balanced fleet with the right capability and capacity while preserving the nation's industrial base.
- Current imbalance in procurement plans has increased future warfighting, personnel, and force structure risk. Risk is moderate today trending toward significant in the future because of challenges associated with fleet capacity, increasing operational requirements and growing manpower, maintenance, and infrastructure costs.
- The FY 2010 budget increases baseline funding, yet the Navy continues to rely on contingency funding to meet current operational requirements and remain the nation's strategic reserve across the entire spectrum of conflict.

Develop and support Sailors, Navy civilians and their families

- The men and women, active and reserve, Sailor and civilian, of our Navy are extraordinarily capable, motivated, and dedicated to preserving our national security and prosperity.
- The Navy is committed to providing the necessary resources and policies to ensure personnel and their families are personally and professionally supported in their service the nation.
- We must support and strive to find ways to improve the initiatives that provide for the physical and mental welfare of our Navy.

Key Messages

- Talented and dedicated Sailors and Navy civilians are the critical component to the Maritime Strategy.
- The Navy is fully committed to the current fight and to ensuring continued U.S. global leadership in a cooperative world.
- The Navy will continue to meet worldwide commitments, while simultaneously developing a force capable of meeting the challenges of the future.

Facts & Figures

The complete posture statements for the hearings can be found at:

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