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Executing the Maritime Strategy

“Our Navy Total Force must be ready, innovative and adaptive to meet the challenges of the today and tomorrow. The Navy Reserve is proud to be an integral part of this force, providing valued capabilities across the full spectrum of essential naval warfighting, security assistance and humanitarian/disaster relief missions in a timely and cost-effective manner”.

- Vice Adm. Dirk J. Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve

Around the world, the Navy is executing the core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – some examples from around the fleet through the month of July were:

Forward Presence

- [USS Harry S. Truman \(CVN 75\)](#) Carrier Strike Group [completed 33 days on-station](#) in the northern Arabian Sea, marking the end of their first full month in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. Truman [launched 1,679 sorties](#) and flew nearly 670 cumulative hours in support of U.S. and coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.

Deterrence

- [USS George Washington \(CVN 73\)](#), with embarked Carrier Air Wing 5, [USS McCampbell \(DDG 85\)](#), [USS Lassen \(DDG 82\)](#), [USS Chung Hoon \(DDG 93\)](#), USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), USS Mustin (DDG 89), USS John S. McCain (DDG 56), [USS Tucson \(SSN 770\)](#) and two P-3C Orion aircraft [participated in exercise “Invincible Spirit” with the Republic of Korea navy.](#)

Maritime Security

- [Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training](#) Command Security Force Assistance Mobile Training Teams completed nine military-to-military training and subject matter expert exchanges in six African, Asian and Latin American countries.

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response

- [USNS John Ericsson's \(T-AO 194\) crew of civil service mariners rescued five Filipino fishermen](#) from the South China Sea, 10 miles off the coast of Luzon, Republic of the Philippines, nine hours after their [boat capsized in rough seas](#) from typhoon Conson.
- [Sailors](#) and [Marines](#) aboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), and embarked [Seabees](#) from Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 202 and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, conducted Continuing Promise 2010, a humanitarian and civic assistance mission, in Haiti.

Building Partnerships Through Maritime Security Cooperation

- USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20) and U.S. 6th Fleet staff participated in exercise FRUKUS 2010 alongside naval forces from France, [Russia](#), and the U.K. The [multinational](#) exercise, which included underway events, ashore maritime coordination and senior leadership tabletop plenary sessions, is designed to [increase interoperability](#) by developing individual and collective maritime proficiencies of participating nations, as well as promoting friendship, [mutual understanding and cooperation](#).
- Fourteen nations, including the participation of 32 ships, five submarines, more than 170 aircraft, and 20,000 active-duty and reserve personnel, conducted [Rim of the Pacific \(RIMPAC\)](#), the world's largest multinational maritime exercise. During RIMPAC, participating countries conducted [gunnery](#), [missile](#), [anti-submarine](#), and air defense exercises, as well as maritime interdiction and [vessel boardings](#), explosive ordnance disposal, diving and salvage operations, [mine clearance operations](#), and an [amphibious landing](#).

Status of the Navy (as of 1 August)

Navy Personnel		Ships, Submarines & Aircraft		Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component	331,185	Total deployable ships/subs	291	NAVCENT/C5F	10,181
Total Reserve Component	65,179	Ships underway	169 (58%)	PACFLT	15,570
DoN Civilians	198,434	Attack Subs underway	36(65%)	NAVSO/C4F	3,705
		Ships deployed	118 (41%)	C2F	4,166
		Subs deployed	25 (45%)	NAVEUR/NAVAF/C6F	5,545
Navy Forces on the Ground in NAVCENT AOR	~14,300	Expeditionary forces on mission	106 (56%)	For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: www.navy.mil .	
		Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+		