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Total Force in Action

"The Navy Total Force drives mission success - the combined talent, dedication and professionalism within our active and reserve military, and our government civilians allow the Department of the Navy to excel in carrying out the Maritime Strategy around the world."

- **Hon. B.J. Penn, Acting Secretary of the Navy**

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

Active Component

- Approximately 6,000 Sailors from [USS Dwight D. Eisenhower \(CVN 69\)](#) are conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from the North Arabian Sea. In April, 577 [Carrier Air Wing missions](#) were flown in direct support of coalition ground forces in Afghanistan.
- More than 1,800 Sailors from USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62), USS Chafee (DDG 90) and USS Sea Wolf (SSN 21) engaged in the annual Indian-led [Exercise Malabar 2009](#) from April 26-May 3. The exercise is designed to increase interoperability between the Indian and U.S. militaries.
- Seabees from [Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40](#) and Underwater Construction Team 2 conducted humanitarian and civic assistance projects in Masbate and Sorsogon, Republic of the Philippines in support of Balikatan 2009. Projects included [construction of a school house](#), road maintenance and [water well drilling](#).

Civilian Component

- Seventeen [civilian personnel](#) assigned to the Arctic Submarine Laboratory spent the month of April examining data collected by USS Helena (SSN 725) and USS Annapolis (SSN 760) during [Ice Exercise 2009](#).
- More than 3,000 civil service mariners working for the [U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command](#) operated 34 MSC ships worldwide delivering food and fuel to U.S. Navy and coalition ships including [308,500 barrels of fuel](#) and [3,500 pallets of supplies](#) to ships operating in U.S. Central Command.
- More than 40,000 civilians from U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander Navy Installations Command help conduct the hurricane preparedness exercise, HURREX/Citadel Gale 09 from May 4-14, 2009. This annual exercise is designed to best prepare the Navy to respond to weather threats to U.S. coastal regions, and ensure Navy families are informed of the resources available to them and have a plan in the event of a disaster.

Reserve Component

- Four hundred and fifty-eight Reserve Sailors from Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group are performing customs inspection of units and equipment in the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility and expediting Marine Aviation repair parts.
- One hundred Reserve Sailors from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 3 are supporting the Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command rotation of prepositioned fleet hospital assets in Okinawa, which includes off loading and backloading containers, civil engineering support equipment and vehicles.
- Four Reserve Sailors are onboard USNS Navajo (T-ATF 169) serving as Atmospheric Diving System 2000 operators, pilots and supervisors while conducting submarine rescue operations.

Status of the Navy (as of 6 May)

<u>Navy Personnel</u>		<u>Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR</u>			<u>Sailors at Sea by AOR</u>	
Total Active Component	332,289	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	9,496
Total Reserve Component	118,637	Iraq	4,475	1,327	PACFLT	12,420
DoN Civilians	187,141	Bahrain	2,846	74	NAVSOUTH/C4F	3,301
		Kuwait	838	745	C2F	12,233
		Afghanistan	2,261	393	CNE-C6F	2,611
		Qatar	601	41		
		Total on ground, all countries		13,948		
<u>Global Support Assignments</u>					For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: www.navy.mil .	
Boots on Ground	1,905					