Strategic Maritime Crossroads

Operate Forward: Strategic Maritime Crossroads
Navy Alignment with Defense Strategic Guidance

CNO Sailing Directions

• We will deliver credible capability for deterrence, sea control, and power projection.

• Cyberspace will be operationalized

• Operate forward at strategic maritime crossroads

• Our forward presence will build on and strengthen our partnerships…

Defense Strategic Guidance

• Counter Terrorism and IW

• Deter and Defeat Aggression

• Counter WMD

• Operate Effectively In Space and Cyberspace

• Defend the Homeland and provide support to Civil Authorities

  • Provide Stabilizing Presence

  • Conduct STABOPS and COIN

  • Conduct HADR and Other Ops
Improving Fleet—SOF Synergy

- Enhanced Language, Regional Expertise and Culture (LREC) training
- Expanded Fleet-Special Operations Forces pre-deployment training – Agile Quest
- Closer Navy Component Commander-Theater Special Operations Command coordination to design innovative preventive security initiatives
- Integrate near shore maritime capabilities with Joint Special Operations Task Forces (e.g. Navy Expeditionary Combat Command’s Maritime Expeditionary Security Force, partnership stations, information dominance activities)
More Can Be Done . . .

- Language Skills, Regional Expertise, and Cultural Awareness (LREC)
- Improve Interagency knowledge and understanding
- Improve Platform Capability and Capacity
- Partnerships / Building Partner Capacity
- Maritime Domain Awareness
- Unmanned Systems
- Cyber Security
- Persistent ISR
- Fusion Tools

Adapting to Confront Irregular Challenges