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"A Cooperative Strategy for the 21st Century Seapower"

*Greetings from your Public Relations Officer*



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As many of you may have read, the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard unveiled a new Maritime Strategy known as "A Cooperative Strategy for the 21st Century Seapower" at the International Seapower Symposium at the Naval War College, in Newport, R.I. Oct. 17th. For those that may not have read it the 20 page document outlines six imperatives. These include limiting regional conflicts with forward deployed, decisive maritime power; deterring major power war; winning the nation's wars; contributing to homeland defense in depth; fostering cooperative relationships with more international partners; and preventing or containing local disruptions before they impact the global system. The core capabilities focus on: Forward Presence, Deterrence, Sea Control and Power Projection, and are being expanded to include Maritime Security, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response. The goal is to enhance maritime security and stability at sea to prevent mitigating threats short of war, including piracy, terrorism, weapons proliferation, drug trafficking and other illicit activities. "In proactive humanitarian assistance we develop the relationships, we develop the procedures, we develop the methods that allow us to be more effective should (a natural disaster) happen," said Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead regarding the humanitarian assistance and disaster response portions. This plan was mostly develop for implementation overseas, however I would like to look closer to home. The last few weeks have been painful for residents of southern California as wild fires have devastated the countryside and surrounding communities. Thousands of local residents have been forced to leave their homes and seek refuge. There is room for optimism as Navy, Marine and Coast Guard asset are all chipping in to provide much needed relief to the firefighting effort (listed below). I know this is not quite what the Joint chiefs had in mind when they developed the Maritime Strategy. I think this is a step in right direction. Hopefully this is a good sign of things come and displays what we are capable of bringing to the table in a time of crisis.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) : as reported from the FEMA national website

•[http://www.fema.gov/hazard/wildfire/ca\\_2007.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/wildfire/ca_2007.shtm)

### Personnel

- Approximately 32 Active Duty, 83 civilian personnel, and just over 1,500 National Guard personnel are directly engaged in immediate response, supporting firefighting response, command and control, logistics support, security, communications and relief operations.
- 550 Marine Corps (Active Duty) and 17,301 National Guard (California) at Twenty Nine Palms are available.

### Aviation Support:

A total of 14 helicopters from the National Guard, U.S. Navy, and Marine Corps are supporting aerial firefighting activities.

- The National Guard is supporting with one CH-47 and five UH-60 helicopters.
- The U.S. Navy is supporting with two SH-60 with FLIR and two MH-60 bucket-equipped aircraft.
- The U.S. Marine Corps has one CH-46 and three CH-53 water bucket-capable helicopters on standby at MCAS Miramar, and one additional helicopter on standby at MCAS Camp Pendleton.
- U.S. Northern Command confirms a total of five National Guard and Air Force Reserve C-130s equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems have arrived at Point Magu, Calif. and the sixth aircraft is en route.

### Ground Firefighting Support:

- 19 fire engines and support equipment along with 83 DoD firefighters from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, with supporting equipment and incident management team support.

### Evacuee Support:

- Manpower data center reports approximately 300,000 DoD personnel, dependents and beneficiaries are in the San Diego area.
- 1,442 DoD members and their families have been evacuated to 3 USN installations (Coronado, El Centro and San Diego), clearing civilian shelters for more evacuees. The U.S. Navy also has initiated a full muster for all USN personnel and their families.
- Marines have evacuated aircraft from MCAS Miramar.
- One Aegis cruiser, one guided missile destroyer and two fast frigates are remaining in port to support evacuation and movement of dependents.
- Local DoD installations have provided approximately 10,000 cots to local evacuation sites.
- March Air Reserve Base in Riverside is the primary forward staging area for federal supplies coming from FEMA's logistics centers.
- North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego is the secondary forward staging area

### U.S. COAST GUARD (USCG)

- USCG to provide aircraft to support cargo movement.
- USCG providing transportation/ heavy lift assets
- USCG Elizabeth City C-130 is transporting FEMA's Atlanta FIRST team to San Diego.

### NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

- More than 1,500 California National Guardsmen are providing firefighting, security, support to law enforcement, interoperable communications, transportation, medical, and command and control in support of firefighting operations in Southern California.
- More than 17,000 California Guardsmen are available if needed
- The National Guard is repositioned in 3,200 communities across the nation.

### Upcoming Events:

Chapter Monthly Meeting  
-November 14th, 1200,  
NSA West bank

Coast Guard Innovation  
Expo  
NOLA,LA  
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 0800-1700  
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 0800-1200

Veterans Day  
-11<sup>th</sup> Nov , Observed on  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov

### Welcome:

### Farewell:

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