



Chief of Naval Operations' Monthly Update

"The requirements of our fleet are clear – to have the capacity and capability to operate across the six core capabilities- a forward presence, deterrence, power projection, sea control, humanitarian assistance and disaster response and maritime security; to be ready materially and competently, to fight and win."

– Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

In January, CNO visited [Afghanistan](#) to engage with leadership and Sailors, hosted two separate executive sessions with three and four star admirals at the Washington Navy Yard, was the keynote speaker at the [Surface Naval Association Symposium Banquet](#) in Washington and at the Santa Barbara Navy League annual meeting in Santa Barbara, Calif. Mid-month, CNO placed [USS Independence \(LCS 2\) in commission](#) in Mobile, Ala. At the end of the month, CNO represented the maritime domain at the Center for a New American Security's Contested Commons roll-out, spoke as part of the National Defense University's Distinguished Lecture Program, [commissioned Fleet Cyber Command and re-commissioned U.S. 10th Fleet](#) at Fort Meade, Md. and was a panelist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on the [legacy and strategic prowess of Admiral Arleigh Burke](#).

Current Readiness – Haiti Disaster Relief Efforts

CNO recorded a [podcast on the Navy's role in Haiti](#) and discussed how Sailors are assisting the people and rebuilding infrastructure in the country. He said the Navy is prepared to endure the longevity of the effort. CNO commented on the extraordinary work Sailors are currently doing in Haiti and how it is indicative of what the Navy has always been doing – validating that our Navy is truly a 'Global Force for Good.'

"Right now, what we are doing is responding to the most urgent needs that are there... We are looking at ways that we can provide immediate relief, provide the medical capability that is required, provide the mobility that we can provide with our helicopters and also get some of the basic services back on line again."

Future Readiness – Commissioning Fleet Cyber Command and Re-Commissioning of U.S. 10th Fleet

CNO re-commissioned U.S. 10th Fleet and commissioned Fleet Cyber Command at Fort Meade on January 29. 10th Fleet's re-commissioning is accompanied by the recent establishment of a Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance and the Naval Warfare Integration Group. CNO said that together, these three entities will set the strategic and operational requirements for our Navy's future. Fleet Cyber Command will be the Navy's principle point of contact for cyber warfare, information operations and space. CNO said technology is vastly changing and evolving and the 10th Fleet will constitute the Navy's best to operate its overall mission while embracing the challenge of a constantly transforming domain.

"The cyber domain is a domain all its own - one of great opportunity, new discoveries and vexing challenges – and it is one into which Fleet Cyber Command must forge boldly ahead."

People – Total Force Vision

CNO recorded a [podcast about the Navy's Total Force survey](#). He said that for the first time, the Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Naval Personnel and Chief of Navy Reserve have come together to issue a Total Force Vision for the 21st century, which includes active, reserve and civilian personnel. The vision articulates the Navy's future as a Total Force. CNO said the Total Force survey evaluates job satisfaction, organizational commitment and career intentions so the Navy can to better understand the present environmental climate, while creating innovative recommendations for the future.

"...It will provide a broad input from our active, reserve and civilian communities on what is on the mind of the force, so that we can develop and adjust policies and programs and services to make ourselves better, and to be able to better support our Sailors and civilians and our families as we look to the future."