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President Barack Obama delivers remarks to an audience of Sailors and Marines before introducing President Barack Obama during a visit to U.S. Naval Air Station Jacksonville. During his visit he also met with gold star families-families that have lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan, to personally thank them for their sacrifice.

DoD releases defense reviews, 2011 budget proposal, 2010 war funding supplemental request

PRESS RELEASE
From Department of Defense

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama Feb. 1 sent to Congress a proposed defense budget of \$708 billion for fiscal 2011.

The budget request for the Department of Defense (DoD) includes \$549 billion in discretionary budget authority to fund base defense programs and \$159 billion to support overseas contingency operations (OCO), primarily in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This proposal continues the reform agenda established in the 2009 DoD budget request and builds on the initiatives identified by the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) and 2010 Ballistic Missile Defense Review (BMDR).

The QDR examines DoD strategies and priorities. It assesses the threats and challenges that the nation faces and re-balances DoD's strategies, capabilities, and forces to ensure the U.S. military has the flexibility to address today's conflicts and tomorrow's threats.

The BMDR evaluates the ballistic missile threat to the U.S. and its allies and articulates policy. It determines the appropriate role of ballistic missile defense in the country's national security and military strategies.

"The fiscal 2011 budget request builds on the reforms begun in last year's defense budget," said Defense Secretary Robert Gates. "These substantial changes to allocate defense dollars more wisely and reform the department's

processes were broadened and deepened by the analysis and conclusions contained in the Quadrennial Defense Review."

The fiscal 2011 base budget request represents an increase of \$18 billion over the \$531 billion enacted for fiscal 2010. This is an increase of 3.4 percent, or 1.8 percent real growth after adjusting for inflation. The DoD needs modest real growth to maintain, train, and equip the forces that sustain our wartime efforts.

The fiscal 2011 OCO request will provide additional resources needed to sustain U.S. forces in Operation Enduring Freedom – in Afghanistan and elsewhere – and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Included are funds for pay and benefits, logistics and other support, force protection, continuing efforts to counteract improvised explosive devices, as well as funding to fully support the buildup in Afghanistan and to carry out a responsible drawdown in Iraq.

"The choices made and priorities set in these budget requests and strategic defense reviews reflect America's commitment to succeed in the wars we are in while making the investments necessary to prepare for threats on or beyond the horizon," said Gates.

Also accompanying the 2011 budget proposal is a fiscal 2010 supplemental request of \$33 billion to support the added costs of the President's new strategy in Afghanistan and strengthen U.S. force levels with approximately 30,000 additional troops.

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Congressman John Murtha dies at 77

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Rep. John Murtha, a Pennsylvania powerhouse in Congress for 36 years and an early ally for Speaker Nancy Pelosi in her rise to the top of the House, died Monday, Feb. 1, as a result of complications from recent surgery.

An announcement from his office said Murtha died at 1:18 p.m. at the Virginia Hospital Center, where he had been admitted last week after having his gallbladder removed at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The U.S. Navy leadership expressed today



Congressman John Murtha (D - PA)

their deepest condolence for the death of Representative John Murtha (D-PA) at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus thanked Murtha for a life of service to the nation.

"The Navy and Marine Corps extend its deepest sympathies to the family of Chairman Murtha during this difficult time. Both in uniform and in the halls of Congress, Chairman Murtha dedicated his life to serving his country both in the Marine Corps and Congress. His unwavering support of our Sailors and Marines, and in particular our wounded warriors, was well known and deeply appreciated. The men and women of the naval service and all who have served will sorely miss this strong proponent of selfless service to our nation," said Mabus.

Murtha a Marine veteran of the Vietnam War, the 77-year-old Democrat won national fame for

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Norfolk-based Strike Group making a difference in Haiti

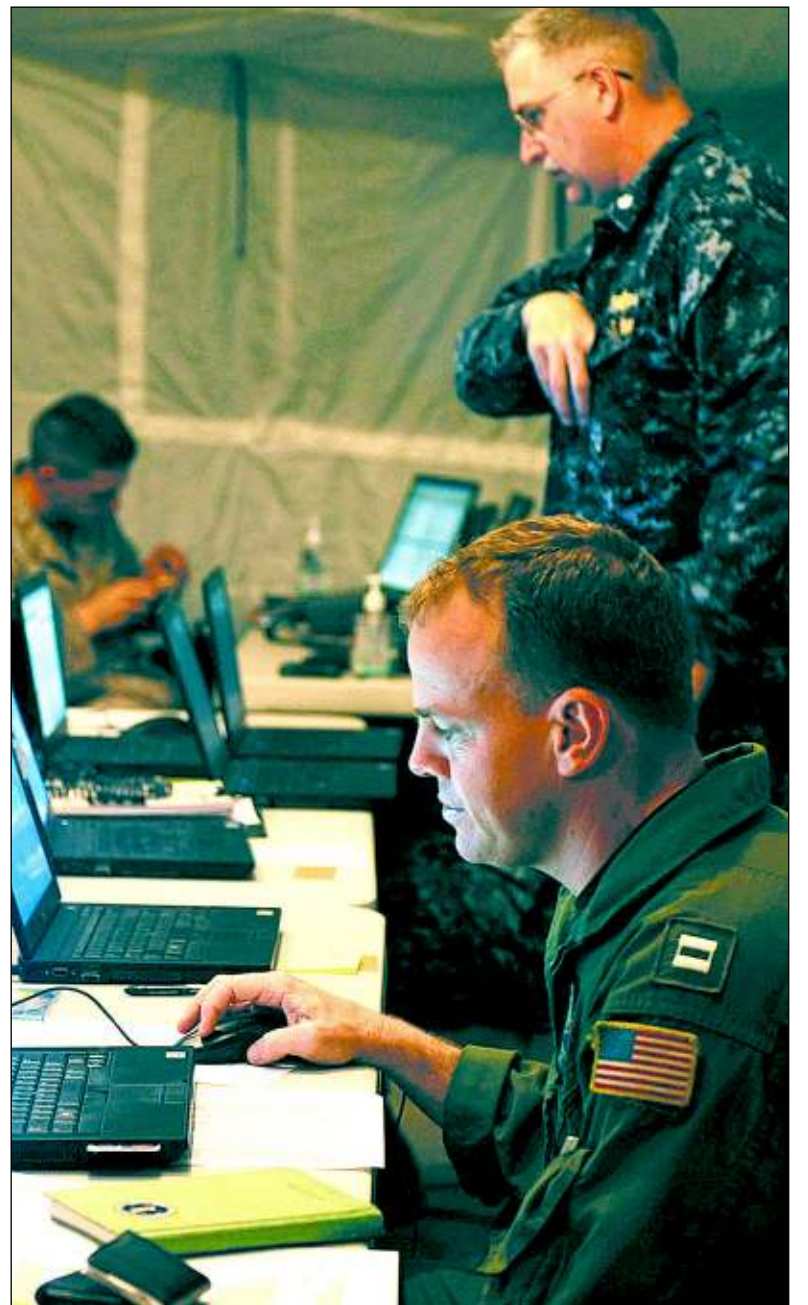
PRESS RELEASE
Carrier Strike Group Two Public Affairs

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The sailors assigned to Carrier Strike Group 2 (CSG 2) find themselves in a unique position to render assistance to the relief efforts in Haiti. They are "Boots dry" in Port-Au-Prince.

The Norfolk-based Strike Group, which will eventually embark on America's newest Aircraft Carrier, USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), travelled in large numbers in the direction of Haiti shortly after the devastating earthquake struck the nation Jan. 12. There are now 172 sailors from the Strike Group taking part in Operation Unified Response, most of them living in tents and working in the Joint Task Force (JTF) Haiti command center just outside the United States Embassy in Port-Au-Prince.

Not yet embarked on CVN 77 as it conducted Sea Trials and Flight Deck Certification, the Strike Group was in a unique position of availability after the earthquake struck to assist in the humanitarian assistance mission. Initially, the staff reported to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to stand-up the Joint Logistics Hub at the base air strip. In that capacity, CSG 2 provided the command and control and expertise to manage the movement of food, water, medical supplies and relief personnel to

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U.S. Navy photo by LSI Kelly Chastlain

Bystander intervention: Looking out for your shipmates

BY FLTCM (SW/AW) TOM HOWARD
Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

A recent incident involving a female Sailor in San Diego has me very concerned, and at the same time, encouraged by the action of someone who stepped up to 'do the right thing'.

The Sailor from one of the local commands was being harassed by a male Sailor from another command while in a public area of a new single Sailor bachelor housing unit, and the situation quickly escalated to what could be defined as a physical sexual assault. Although others observed what was going on but weren't quite sure whether to involve themselves, a female bystander quickly intervened, removed the victim from the situation, and convinced the victim to report the incident to base police.

This is a perfect example of why 'Bystander Intervention' is a crucial element of sexual assault prevention and why ev-

ery Sailor should be trained, brought up to speed on the term and made aware of the affect it can have on this horrible yet avoidable assault.

I recall recently a situation where a young girl was sexually assaulted by a group of males while upwards of 20 people may have witnessed the assault but stood idly by and did nothing. I cringe each time I think about how this could happen.

There can be many forms of bystander intervention. It could be someone who witnesses an accident and calls for help, or perhaps someone who directly steps in or supports a shipmate when he or she is experiencing some type of harassment.

The fact is, all of us may be bystanders at some point in one way or another to a broad spectrum of events leading to sexual violence. Each of us may be faced or may observe situations in which an individual makes an inappropriate comment or act

of a sexual nature or perpetrates sexual harassment.

Incidents of sexual assault erode the very fabric of our Navy culture; shipmates take care of shipmates, and it's impossible to think that at one moment we can expect a shipmate to be there when we need them in the event of crisis or damage and the next moment attempt to assault them, in this case in a sexual nature. The two do not coexist.

In a recent opportunity to "define" what a shipmate is and means, Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Brown wrote: "Shipmate" is a term with inherent connotations of teamwork, camaraderie and belonging. It embodies duty, honor, courage, commitment and excellence. "Shipmate" exclaims the spirited commonality of all Sailors: One Team! One Fight! It illustrates hardships shared, victories won. "Shipmate" defines common purpose: ships, seas, defense of freedom. It carries echoes of war, heroes,

and the fallen. "Shipmate" is a fire-hardened, selflessly earned title that boasts, "I am a United States Sailor!"

We, you and I, must strive for an environment where behavior of this nature [sexual assault] is not tolerated and bystanders intervene when a shipmate is being forced to do something against their will.

Here are some ways to act through bystander intervention:

- Let your friends know that sexual assault or any form of sexual misconduct isn't going to work with you and you're going to engage if confronted with it.
- Don't hesitate to speak up upon an observation of a potential victim in a hostile situation. Make sure the victim is okay and seek assistance.
- If you are uncomfortable with approaching a situation alone, ask a friend, then ask them if he or she will accompany you while approaching the situation.

INSIDE: **2010 POLAR PLUNGE WINTER FESTIVAL A8**
Polar Plunge 2010 was full of superheroes
The 18th Annual festival raised \$861,000 (and counting) for Special Olympics Virginia.

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Eisenhower Sailors cheer on the big game in style
Eisenhower Sailors were able to view a live broadcast of Super Bowl XLIV while at sea.

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Sweets for your sweetie
Schokolad Chocolate Factory in Virginia Beach serves up a variety of fresh made European style chocolates.



U.S. Navy photo by LS1 Kelly Chastain

HAITI: CSG 2 Sailors in unique position to render assistance to the earthquake relief efforts

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Haiti and ships operating off the coast.

Most of the staff departed Cuba for Haiti Jan. 28 to support the Carrier Strike Group Commander, Rear Adm. Dave Thomas, as he assumed command of Task Force 41 (CTF 41), the U.S. Navy's sea-based element supporting JTF-Haiti. Thomas took command Feb. 1st, after USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) and its Carrier Strike Group staff and leadership departed the area. Thomas is embarked aboard the task force's new flagship, the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), but a majority of the staff stayed behind in Haiti to remain coordinated with the rest of the JTF on the ground.

"I am so very proud of each and every member of

my team," said Rear Adm. Thomas. "Helping the people of Haiti in their hour of need has required everyone to live and work outside of their normal comfort zone. Like everyone involved in this mission, they've quickly and enthusiastically adapted to the unique circumstances and performed magnificently to help save lives."

Living in tents and working in a makeshift command center amidst the rubble and devastation in Haiti is indeed new ground for the staff, which normally resides on-board an Aircraft Carrier.

"It is absolutely amazing," said Information Systems Technician (IT) Seaman Apprentice Andrea Frank, the Strike Group's most junior sailor. "I thought I'd be sleeping on a ship when I joined the Navy, not outside in a tent. But it feels so good to

be a part of this kind of team and get the opportunity to help people."

The Strike Group staff manning is currently augmented by 84 personnel from Navy Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202. A small number of personnel remained in Cuba, and 13 personnel are on board BATAAN providing support to Rear Adm. Thomas. For the rest of the staff living and working outside of the embassy, they are getting an up-close perspective on how much the relief effort is making a difference for the people of Haiti.

"You hear about the Navy's Global Force for Good slogan," said Capt. Jeff Austin, the Strike Group's Operations Officer. "Well, we are living it right now. It makes me so proud to be in the United States Navy."

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"To make sure we have the resources needed to support our troops deploying to the Afghanistan theater, I will be asking the Congress to enact the supplemental by spring 2010," said Gates.

Key highlights of the proposed DoD budget are outlined in the attached summary and charts. For more information and to view the entire fiscal 2011 budget proposal, please visit www.budget.mil and download the "FY 2011 Budget Request Overview

Book." The 2010 QDR and BMDR are available online at www.defense.gov/DefenseReviews.

Transcripts from applicable budget and strategic defense review briefings can also be viewed at www.defense.gov/transcripts.

MURTHA: Rep. John Murtha died from complications of a recent surgery, Feb. 1

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standing up against U.S. military involvement in Iraq. But in Congress itself, he also symbolized an old-school generation going back to Tip O'Neill and the Democratic heyday of the '70s, when the House was less divided by partisan ideology than by often regional interests.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead said the Navy has lost a huge supporter.

"Our Navy is saddened by the passing of Chairman Murtha. He cared deeply for the men and women of our Navy and their families. Since 1974, Sailors and their families have known they have had a tireless advocate working on their behalf, and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Murtha family during this

most difficult time," said Roughead.

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Jack Murtha," wrote Sec-

Murtha a Marine veteran of the Vietnam War, the 77-year-old Democrat won national fame for standing up against U.S. military involvement in Iraq.

retary of Defense Robert Gates in a recent statement. "America has lost a true patriot who served his country faithfully first

in uniform as a decorated combat Marine, and then as an elected representative."

"I've known Jack and worked with him for more than two decades, starting back in the Reagan administration when I was at CIA," Gates continued. "I will always remember and be grateful for Congressman Murtha's personal efforts on behalf of the Afghan resistance fighting the Soviets - efforts that helped bring about the end of the Cold War."

Gates concluded by writing, "In our dealings over the years, Jack and I did not always agree, but I always respected his candor, and knew that he cared deeply about the men and women of America's military and intelligence community. My condolences to Joyce and the rest of the Murtha family."

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