

SECNAV announces energy goals

During October, the Department of the Navy (DON) is participating in National Energy Awareness month.

This year's DON theme is "Strength Through Energy Security." Enhancing energy security makes the Navy and Marine Corps operationally stronger and is attained through energy efficiency and increased use of alternative energy sources.

Every Sailor, Marine, and civilian is responsible for managing energy as a critical resource, which means considering energy in every action taken and decision made.

As the U.S. government is work-

ing to reduce energy consumption and lead the Nation toward energy independence, the Secretary of the Navy has outlined five energy goals. These goals seek to enhance and better enable our combat capabilities, sustain the environment for future generations, and promote a clean energy economy.

SECNAV Energy Goals include:

- **Energy Efficient Acquisition:** Evaluation of energy factors will be mandatory when awarding contracts for systems and buildings.

- **Sail the "Great Green Fleet":** DON will demonstrate a Green Strike Group in local operations by

2012 and sail it by 2016.

- **Reduce Non-Tactical Petroleum Use:** By 2015, DON will reduce petroleum use in the commercial vehicle fleet by 50 percent.

- **Increase Alternative Energy Ashore:** By 2020, DON will produce at least 50 percent of shore-based energy requirements from alternative sources; 50 percent of DON installations will be net-zero.

- **Increase Alternative Energy Use DON-Wide:** By 2020, 50 percent of total DON energy consumption will come from alternative sources.

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