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COVERS—Front: An F/A-18F is directed forward on the catapult for launch from *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) during *Super Hornet* follow-on sea trials for carrier suitability in March 1999. Back: The early morning light casts a golden glow aboard *Truman* as shipboard personnel conduct a foreign object debris walkdown. Photos © Erik Hildebrandt





Farewell, Scooter

After 28 years of service, the beloved A-4 *Skyhawk* will be formally retired as the Naval Air Training Command's advanced jet trainer during ceremonies at NAS Pensacola, Fla., on 25-27 June. The VT-7 *Eagles* are the last active duty training squadron to fly the TA-4J, which they began using in October 1971. In August, VT-7 will graduate its final *Skyhawk*-trained class at NAS Meridian, Miss. Photo by Ted Carlson