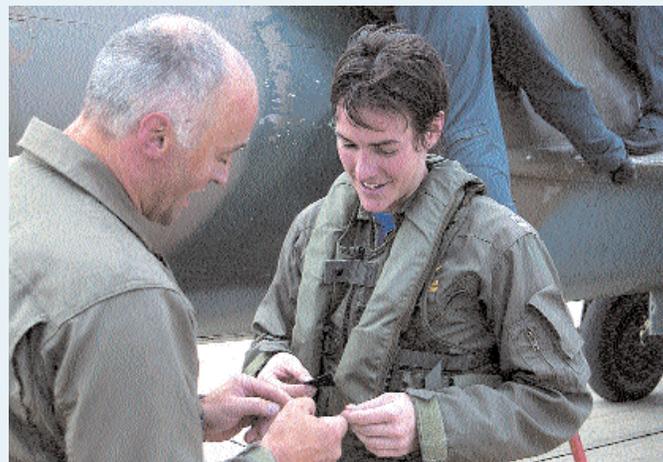


# JOINT WINGS 2002



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**A** detachment from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 embarked on board *George Washington* (CVN 73) participated with the Croatian air force in Joint Wings 2002. The multinational exercise is designed to practice intelligence gathering. *George Washington* was nearing the end of a scheduled six-month deployment after completing combat missions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch.



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Facing page: above, a pair of F-14 *Tomcats* from VF-103 fly formation with a Croatian air force MiG-21. Bottom, Croat Lt. Col. Ivan Selak presents Lt. Rebecca Adams of VFA-83 aircraft and squadron patches for her flight jacket after her flight in a MiG-21 Fishbed. This page: above,

F/A-18 *Hornets* from VFA-83 make a dual runway takeoff while conducting multinational operations in the region. Below, a VF-103 Tomcat leads a formation of Hornets from VFAs 34, 81 and 83, along with two Croat MiG-21s.

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