



The aircraft carrier pictured is the USS *Kitty Hawk*. This aircraft carrier deployed several times during the Vietnam War. In the fall of 1972, USS *Kitty Hawk* was the scene of an intense race riot. After an extended deployment, tensions ran high and chaos broke out aboard the ship. Before order was restored, over 45 sailors had been injured. This incident was highly publicized in the United States. The magazine *The Black Panther* ran an exposé on race in the Navy in the November 16, 1972 issue. The tagline, “You Can’t Be Black and Navy, Too” stood in stark contrast to the Navy recruitment poster released earlier that year.

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