

# Navy Combat Artist Captures Prowlers



**A**rtist John Charles Roach sketched this drawing of an early morning flight by EA-6B *Prowlers* from Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4 and an Air Force KC-135 tanker crossing over the Gibraltar Straits during their 12-hour transatlantic transit. The finished painting is part of a series produced for an art exhibit by

Roach, a Naval Reserve captain who was brought on active duty to depict the NATO nations responsible for the implementation of the Dayton Accord peace agreement. The paintings are part of the Navy Art Collection in the Naval Historical Center.

This drawing was based on descriptions given to Roach by Captains Steve Olmstede and

George Obser, USMC, with assistance from Lieutenant Commander Brunnier, USN. The Marine EA-6B pilots from MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., were flying their first Bosnian mission as part of Operation Deny Flight. During the short deployment, the *Prowlers* fired three high-speed anti-radiation missiles at well-disguised Serbian radar sites. ✈