

Flying Desert Fox





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The streak of afterburners from an F/A-18 *Hornet* lights up the night as Captain Marty Chanik, left, CO of *Enterprise* (CVN 65), monitors the first wave of strike aircraft launching to attack targets in Iraq during Operation Desert Fox. Above, an F/A-18 *Hornet* launches from *Enterprise*; below, a fighter pilot from the VFA-37 *Bulls* discusses her mission into Iraq with another member of her squadron. The strikes, intended to reduce Iraq's capability to produce weapons of mass destruction following Saddam Hussein's repeated refusals to fully cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors, began on 17 December 1998.



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