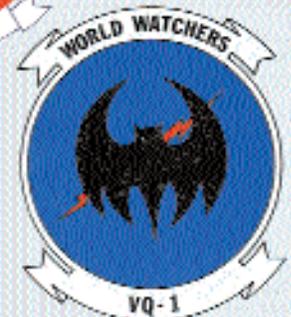


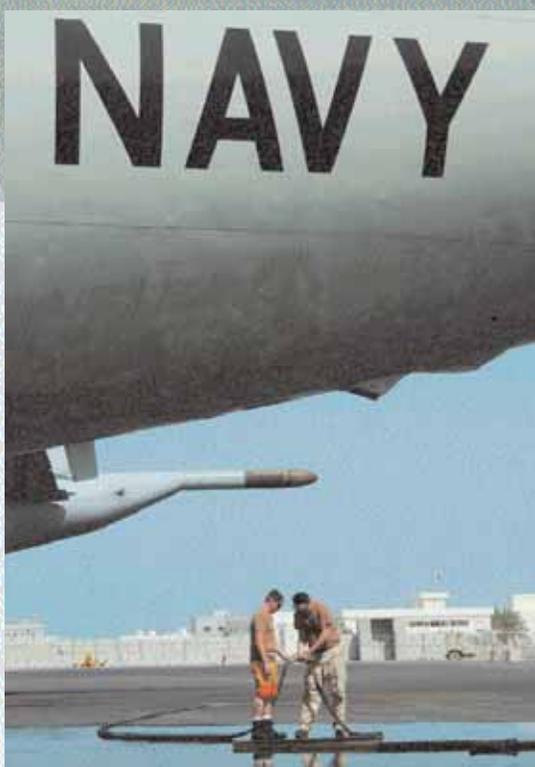


WHIDBEY P-3S RANGE FAR FROM HOME

Photos by PH2 Michael Sandberg

The throb of turboprops echoes through the skies of the Middle East. This series of photos highlights two NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.-based P-3 squadrons conducting missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Clockwise from above: plane captain AT3 Timothy Adams directs an EP-3E *Aries II* assigned to the Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 1 *World Watchers* on the ramp; flight engineer AE2 Jesse Olmstead assigned to the Patrol Squadron (VP) 1 *Screaming Eagles* calculates the fuel duration for a mission; VP-1 crew members, loaded with flight gear, walk toward their P-3C Orion; Sailors assigned to VP-1 make an adjustment to a water hose while they wash an Orion on the flight line; and the pilots and flight engineer bring their *Screaming Eagle* P-3 in for a landing upon return from a reconnaissance mission over the Arabian Gulf.





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