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## OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

NAVAL AVIATION PROVIDED COALITION FORCES WITH CRITICAL SEA- AND LAND-BASED SUPPORT. AIR SUPREMACY WAS DECLARED OVER ALL OF IRAQ ON 6 APRIL 2003.

Clockwise from above: two Fighter Squadron 32 F-14B Tomcats from *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) are photographed from an Air Force KC-10 Extender on the way to Iraq in early April 2003. A pair of AH-1W Super Cobras, low on fuel, land on a highway near Baghdad on 13 April next to a convoy from Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 on its way to set up a forward arming and refueling point. On 25 March CH-46 Sea Knights and Army UH-60 Blackhawks land on a road near the airstrip at Jalibah to take on additional fuel before continuing their mission. *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), top, and *Constellation* (CV 64) steam together on 13 April during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The two ships are the Navy's oldest operational carriers.

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