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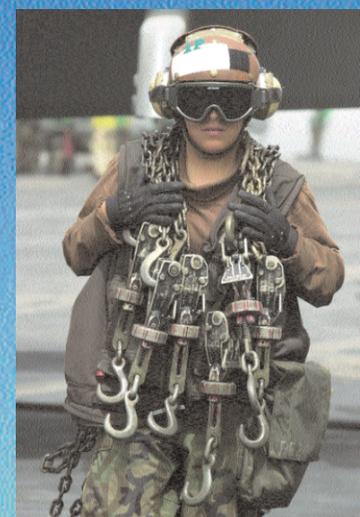
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AT SEA WITH THE CARRIERS: Nimitz (CVN 68)



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Top, an F/A-18 Hornet of VFA-94 conducts a mission over Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom on 15 April. Above, a VFA-41 F/A-18F Super Hornet carrying Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, Fifth Fleet Vice Admiral Timothy Keating lands aboard *Nimitz* on 25 August. Left, laden with tie-down chains, Airman Ana Tavira crosses the carrier's busy flight deck.

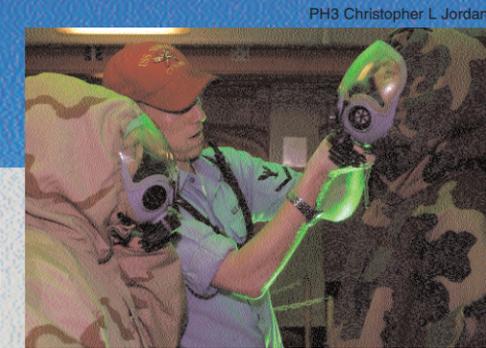


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Above, a naval flight officer with VS-29 adjusts his radar during preflight checks aboard *Nimitz* on 13 April. Below left, an EA-6B Prowler of VAQ-135 is illuminated by moonlight during a mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on 18 May. Below, DC3 Jeremiah Layman instructs shipmates aboard *Nimitz* in the proper use of the advanced chemical protective garment on 24 March. Bottom, *Nimitz* and the high-speed experimental vessel Joint Venture conduct vessel boarding search and seizure training in the Central Command area of responsibility on 25 May.



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