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## AMEC Ellen Darby

watches as an F-14B Tomcat assigned to his squadron, the *Swordsmen* of Fighter Squadron 32, launches on 15 April 2004.



*At Sea with the Carriers:  
Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)*



**Lt. John Snyder**

signals to fire one of four steam-powered catapults on the flight deck on 16 April 2004 as the carrier undergoes Tailored Ship's Training Availability exercises off the Atlantic coast.



**ATAN Vivian Yu**

assigned to Sea Control Squadron 22 stands ready to begin maintenance for squadron S-3 Vikings on 9 April 2004.