



Above, two Marines from Combat Service Support Battalion 7, 1st Force Service Support Group, assist the CH-53E aircrew from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 465 by retrieving the chains after the helicopter dropped its load. Left, a CH-53E of HMMH-465 hauls an external cargo load across western Iraq to a forward operating base. HMMH-465

and its sister squadron, HMMH-466, deliver heavy cargo to Marine units throughout western Iraq. Photos by Sgt. Nathan K. LaForte. Below, Marine Fighter Attack (All Weather) Squadron 242 ordnance technicians arm a Maverick missile on an F/A-18D Hornet before takeoff at Al Asad, Iraq. Photo by Cpl. Paul Leicht.



Naval Aviation Supports the Global War on Terrorism



Around the globe, afloat and ashore, Navy and Marine aviation squadrons support the global war on terrorism (GWOT). *Naval Aviation News* highlights some of these squadrons, shown here operating in Iraq, the Arabian Gulf and Afghanistan.

Left, Lt. Col. Joel Powers, commanding officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced), watches as two of his unit's CH-46E Sea Knights lift off from Kandahar airfield, Afghanistan. Photo by Cpl. Jesse Alvarez.





Above, two CH-46E Sea Knights from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced), the aviation combat element of the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), swoop low over a forward operating base in Afghanistan's Oruzgan province. Photo by GSgt. Keith A. Milks.



An MH-60S of Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 6 delivers cargo to *Bulkeley* (DDG 84) during a vertical replenishment with USNS *Supply* (T-AOE 6) in the Arabian Gulf while participating in exercises aimed at fighting the global war on terrorism. Photo by PH1 Brien Aho.



Above, Maj. Gen. James F. Amos, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, right, greets Capt. Wynn D. Hodgins, an AV-8B Harrier II pilot with Marine Attack Squadron 542, after he landed at Al Asad, Iraq, below. VMA-542 and VMA-214 have traveled around the globe to support 1st Marine Expeditionary Force operations in Iraq. Photos by Sgt. Nathan K. LaForte. Right, an SH-60B Seahawk assigned to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 42, embarked aboard *Vicksburg* (CG 69), flies over Kuwait. Photo by PH2 Michael Sandberg.

