

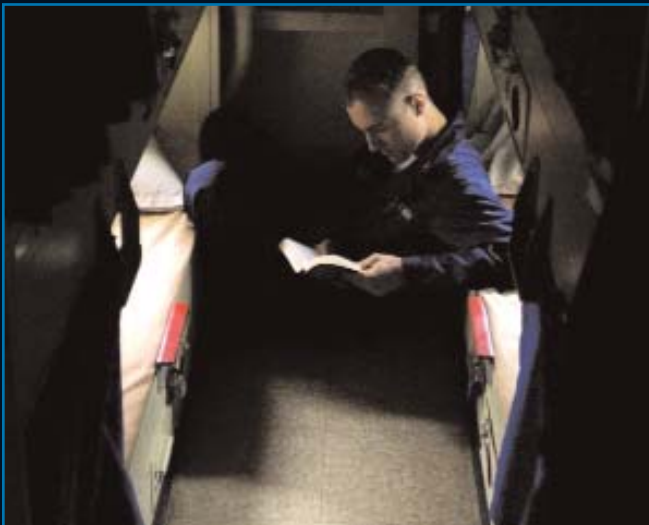
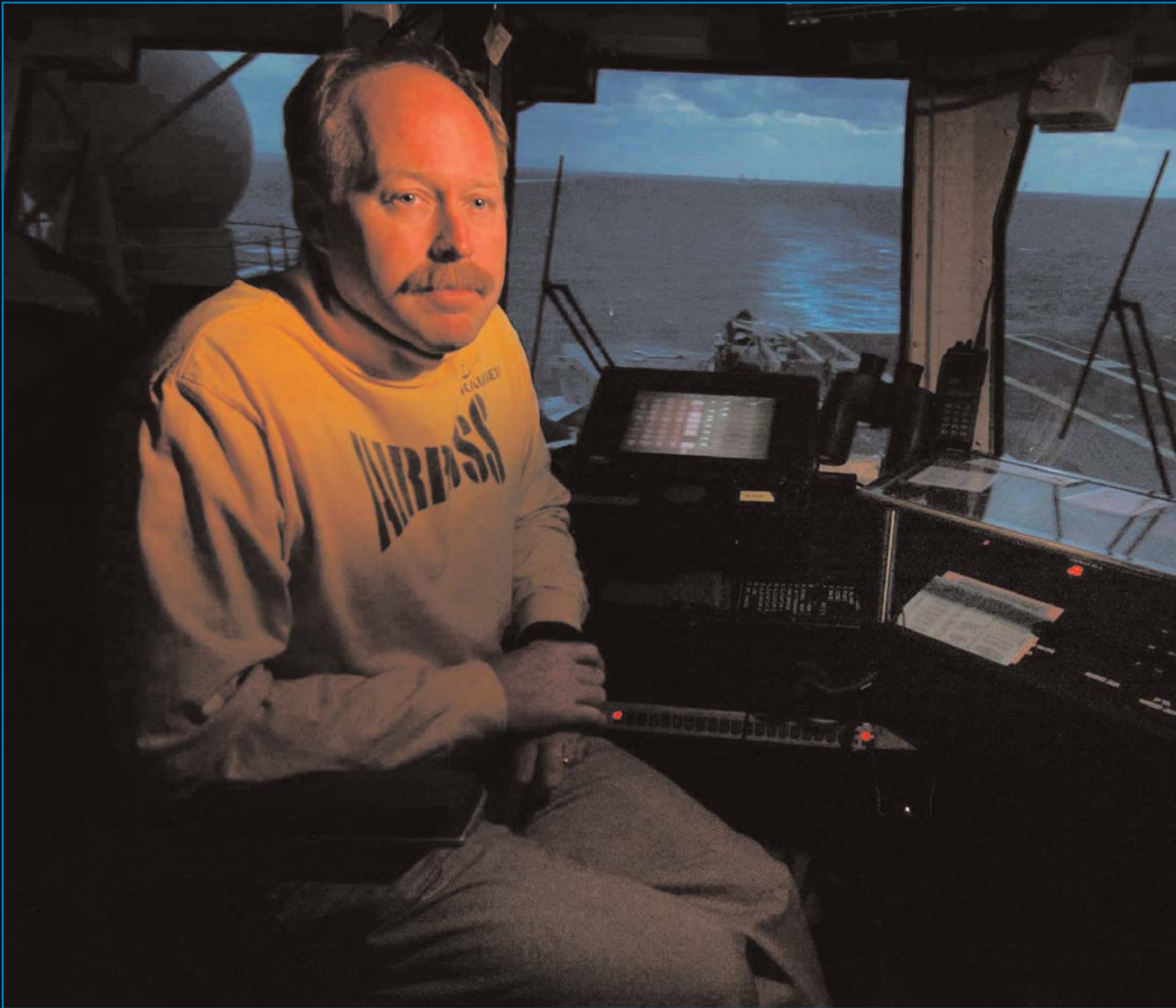


At Sea with the Carriers

At any given time, U.S. aircraft carriers are conducting a variety of missions in locations around the globe. From the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arabian Gulf, from training exercises to maritime security operations during regular deployments, the carriers ensure readiness while maintaining a global presence. The following images highlight the activities of some of our carriers as they were in fall 2005.

An F-14D Tomcat of VF-213 holds in the landing pattern while operating on board *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) in the Arabian Gulf on 26 October. Photo by Ltjg. Scott Timmester.





Above, Air Boss Cdr. Craig Kauber mans Primary Flight Deck Control during an Alert 5 aircraft launch as *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) transits the Tsugaru Strait on 12 November. Photo by PHAN Kyle D. Gahlau. Left, MM3 Les Sheffield takes advantage of some downtime on board *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) during the carrier's COMPTUEX in the Pacific Ocean on 18 October. Photo by PH3 Konstandinos Goumenidis. Facing page, top, an E-2C Hawkeye of VAW-123 lands on *Enterprise* (CVN 65) during the carrier's Tailored Ship's Training Availability in the Atlantic Ocean on 10 November. Photo by PH3 Milosz Reterski. Facing page, bottom, OS3 Richard Taylor, left, and OSSN Zachary Machnics post updates at their workstation in the Combat Direction Center on *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) as the carrier conducts maritime security operations in the Arabian Gulf on 21 December. Photo by PH2 Matthew Bash.





Above, a double rainbow sets the background for an F/A-18E Super Hornet of VFA-27 launching from *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) on 7 December. Photo by PHAN Joshua Wayne LeGrand. Below, an F-14 Tomcat of VF-213 launches from *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) on 15 December. Photo by PHAN Javier Capella. Facing page, *Kitty Hawk* prepares to conduct flight operations after completing a formation sail in the Pacific Ocean with ships from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force on 15 November. Photo by PHC Todd Chichonowicz.



