

Desert Storm was the last hurrah of the A-7 as a Navy attack aircraft. VAs 46 (shown here) and 72 compiled an impressive war record.



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## 1991 Carrier and Air Wing Deployments

### Saratoga (CV-60)

CVW-17 (Tail Code: AA)  
Mediterranean/Red Sea  
(Desert Shield/Storm)  
07 Aug 90 - 28 Mar 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VF-74     | F-14A+     |
| VF-103    | F-14A+     |
| VFA-83    | FA-18C     |
| VFA-81    | FA-18C     |
| VA-35     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-125   | E-2C       |
| VAQ-132   | EA-6B      |
| HS-3      | SH-3H      |
| VS-30     | S-3B       |

### John F. Kennedy (CV-67)

CVW-3 (Tail Code: AC)  
Mediterranean/Red Sea  
(Desert Shield/Storm)  
15 Aug 90 - 28 Mar 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VF-14     | F-14A      |
| VF-32     | F-14A      |
| VA-46     | A-7E       |
| VA-72     | A-7E       |
| VA-75     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-126   | E-2C       |
| HS-7      | SH-3H      |
| VAQ-130   | EA-6B      |
| VS-22     | S-3B       |

### Midway (CV-41)

CVW-5 (Tail Code: NF)  
Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf  
(Desert Shield/Storm)  
02 Oct 90 - 17 Apr 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VFA-195   | FA-18A     |
| VFA-151   | FA-18A     |
| VFA-192   | FA-18A     |
| VA-185    | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VA-115    | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-115   | E-2C       |

| Squadrons  | Aircraft |
|------------|----------|
| VAQ-136    | EA-6B    |
| HS-12      | SH-3H    |
| VRC-50 det | C-2A     |

Japan to West Coast Transfer  
10 Aug 91 - 14 Sep 91

CVW-5 (Tail Code: NF)  
Japan to Hawaii  
10 Aug 91 - 22 Aug 91

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| VFA-195    | FA-18A     |
| VFA-151    | FA-18A     |
| VFA-192    | FA-18A     |
| VA-115     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-115    | E-2C       |
| VAQ-136    | EA-6B      |
| HS-12      | SH-3H      |
| VRC-50 det | US-3A/C-2A |

CVW-14 (Tail Code: NK)  
Hawaii to West Coast  
28 Aug 91 - 14 Sep 91

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| VFA-113    | FA-18A     |
| VFA-151    | FA-18A     |
| VFA-25     | FA-18A     |
| VA-196     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-113    | E-2C       |
| HS-8       | SH-3H      |
| VAQ-139    | EA-6B      |
| VRC-30 det | C-2A       |

### Ranger (CV-61)

CVW-2 (Tail Code: NE)  
Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf  
(Desert Shield/Storm)  
08 Dec 90 - 08 Jun 91

| Squadrons  | Aircraft |
|------------|----------|
| VF-1       | F-14A    |
| VF-2       | F-14A    |
| VA-155     | A-6E     |
| VA-145     | A-6E     |
| VAW-116    | E-2C     |
| VAQ-131    | EA-6B    |
| HS-14      | SH-3H    |
| VS-38      | S-3A     |
| VRC-30 det | C-2A     |

### America (CV-66)

CVW-1 (Tail Code: AB)  
Red Sea/Persian Gulf  
(Desert Shield/Desert Storm)  
28 Dec 90 - 18 Apr 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VF-102    | F-14A      |
| VF-33     | F-14A      |
| VFA-82    | FA-18C     |
| VFA-86    | FA-18C     |
| VA-85     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-123   | E-2C       |
| HS-11     | SH-3H      |
| VAQ-137   | EA-6B      |
| VS-32     | S-3B       |

CVW-1 (Tail Code: AB)  
North Atlantic  
(Exercise North Star)  
21 Aug 91 - 11 Oct 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VF-102    | F-14A      |
| VF-33     | F-14A      |
| VFA-82    | FA-18C     |
| VFA-86    | FA-18C     |
| VA-85     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-123   | E-2C       |
| HS-11     | SH-3H      |
| VAQ-137   | EA-6B      |
| VS-32     | S-3B       |

CVW-1 (Tail Code: AB)  
North Atlantic/Med/Red Sea/Persian Gulf  
02 Dec 91 - 06 Jun 92

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VF-102    | F-14A      |
| VF-33     | F-14A      |
| VFA-82    | FA-18C     |
| VFA-86    | FA-18C     |
| VA-85     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-123   | E-2C       |
| HS-11     | SH-3H      |
| VAQ-137   | EA-6B      |
| VS-32     | S-3B       |

### **Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71)**

CVW-8 (Tail Code: AJ)  
Red Sea/ Persian Gulf/Med  
(Desert Shield/Storm, Provide Comfort)  
28 Dec 90 - 28 Jun 91

| Squadrons  | Aircraft |
|------------|----------|
| VF-41      | F-14A    |
| VF-84      | F-14A    |
| VFA-15     | FA-18A   |
| VFA-87     | FA-18A   |
| VA-65      | A-6E     |
| VA-36      | A-6E     |
| VAW-124    | E-2C     |
| HS-9       | SH-3H    |
| VAQ-141    | EA-6B    |
| VS-24      | S-3B     |
| VRC-40 det | C-2A     |

### **Nimitz (CVN-68)**

CVW-9 (Tail Code: NG)  
WestPac/Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf  
25 Feb 91 - 24 Aug 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft      |
|-----------|---------------|
| VF-211    | F-14B         |
| VF-24     | F-14B         |
| VFA-146   | FA-18C        |
| VFA-147   | FA-18C        |
| VA-165    | A-6E/KA-6D    |
| VAW-112   | E-2C+         |
| HS-2      | SH-60F/HH-60H |
| VAQ-138   | EA-6B         |
| VS-33     | S-3A          |

### **Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72)**

CVW-11 (Tail Code: NH)  
WestPac/Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf  
28 May 91 - 28 Nov 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft      |
|-----------|---------------|
| VF-114    | F-14A         |
| VF-213    | F-14A         |
| VFA-22    | FA-18C        |
| VFA-94    | FA-18C        |
| VA-95     | A-6E/KA-6D    |
| VAW-117   | E-2C+         |
| HS-6      | SH-60F/HH-60H |
| VAQ-135   | EA-6B         |
| VS-29     | S-3A          |

### **Kitty Hawk (CV-63)**

CVW-15 (Tail Code: NL)  
Around Cape Horn (east to west)  
18 Oct 91 - 11 Dec 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft      |
|-----------|---------------|
| VF-51     | F-14A         |
| VF-111    | F-14A         |
| VFA-97    | FA-18A        |
| VFA-27    | FA-18A        |
| VA-52     | A-6E/KA-6D    |
| VAW-114   | E-2C+         |
| HS-4      | SH-60F/HH-60H |
| VAQ-134   | EA-6B         |
| VS-37     | S-3A          |
| VR-30 det | C-2A          |

### **Forrestal (CV-59)**

CVW-6 (Tail Code: AE)  
Mediterranean  
(Provide Comfort)  
30 May 91 - 21 Dec 91

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VF-11     | F-14A      |
| VF-31     | F-14A      |
| VFA-132   | FA-18A     |
| VFA-137   | FA-18A     |
| VA-176    | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-122   | E-2C       |
| HS-15     | SH-3H      |
| VAQ-133   | EA-6B      |
| VS-28     | S-3B       |

### **Independence (CV-62)**

West Coast to Japan Transfer  
05 Aug 91 - 11 Sep 91  
CVW-14 (Tail Code: NK)  
West Coast to Hawaii  
05 Aug 91 - 22 Aug 91

| Squadrons  | Aircraft |
|------------|----------|
| VF-154     | F-14A    |
| VF-21      | F-14A    |
| VFA-113    | FA-18C   |
| VFA-25     | FA-18C   |
| VA-196     | A-6E     |
| VAW-113    | E-2C     |
| HS-8       | SH-3H    |
| VAQ-139    | EA-6B    |
| VS-21      | S-3B     |
| VRC-30 det | C-2A     |

CVW-5 (Tail Code: NF)  
Hawaii to Japan  
28 Aug 91 - 11 Sep 91

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| Squadrons  | Aircraft   |
|------------|------------|
| VF-154     | F-14A      |
| VF-21      | F-14A      |
| VFA-192    | FA-18C     |
| VFA-195    | FA-18C     |
| VA-115     | A-6E       |
| VAW-115    | E-2C       |
| VAQ-136    | EA-6B      |
| HS-12      | SH-3H      |
| VS-21      | S-3B       |
| VRC-50 det | US-3A/C-2A |

### **Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69)**

CVW-7 (Tail Code: AG)  
Med/Red Sea/Persian Gulf/North Atlantic  
26 Sep 91 - 02 Apr 92

| Squadrons | Aircraft   |
|-----------|------------|
| VF-143    | F-14B      |
| VF-142    | F-14B      |
| VFA-136   | FA-18C     |
| VFA-131   | FA-18C     |
| VA-34     | A-6E/KA-6D |
| VAW-121   | E-2C       |
| HS-5      | SH-3H      |
| VAQ-140   | EA-6B      |
| VS-31     | S-3B       |

Midway (CV-41) (foreground) and Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) are seen evacuating military personnel and dependents from Subic Bay following the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

