

Carrier and Air Wing Deployments, 1996

America (CV 66)

CVW-1 (Tail Code: AB)
Mediterranean/Persian Gulf
28 Aug 95-24 Feb 96

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-102	F-14B
VFA-82	F/A-18C
VFA-86	F/A-18C
VMFA-251	F/A-18C
VAW-123	E-2C
VMAQ-3	EA-6B
VQ-6 Det A	ES-3A
VRC-40 Det 4	C-2A
VS-32	S-3B
HS-11	HH-60H/SH-60F

Nimitz (CVN 68)

CVW-9 (Tail Code: NG)
WestPac/Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf
27 Nov 95-20 May 96

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-24	F-14A
VF-211	F-14A
VFA-146	F/A-18C
VFA-147	F/A-18C
VA-165	A-6E
VAW-112	E-2C
VAQ-138	EA-6B
VQ-5 Det C	ES-3A
VRC-30 Det 4	C-2A
VS-33	S-3B
HS-8	HH-60H/SH-60F

George Washington (CVN 73)

CVW-7 (Tail Code: AG)
Mediterranean/Persian Gulf
26 Jan-23 Jul 96

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-143	F-14B
VFA-131	F/A-18C
VFA-136	F/A-18C
VA-34	A-6E
VAW-121	E-2C
VAQ-140	EA-6B
VQ-6 Det B	ES-3A
VRC-40 Det 1	C-2A
VS-31	S-3B
HS-5	HH-60H/SH-60F

Independence (CV 62)*

CVW-5 (Tail Code: NF)
Contingency Operations:
China/Taiwan area
5 Mar-24 Mar 96

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-154	F-14A
VA-115	A-6E
VFA-192	F/A-18C
VFA-195	F/A-18C
VAW-115	E-2C
VAQ-136	EA-6B
VQ-5 Det A	ES-3A
VRC-30 Det 5	C-2A
VS-21	S-3B
HS-14	HH-60H/SH-60F

Kitty Hawk (CV 63)

CVW-11 (Tail Code: NH)
WestPac
11 Apr-9 Oct 96

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-213	F-14A
VFA-22	F/A-18C
VFA-94	F/A-18C
VFA-97	F/A-18C
VAW-117	E-2C
VAQ-135	EA-6B
VQ-5 Det B	ES-3A
VRC-30 Det 2	C-2A
VS-29	S-3B
HS-6	HH-60H/SH-60F

Carl Vinson (CVN 70)

CVW-14 (Tail Code: NK)
WestPac/Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf
14 May-14 Nov 96

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-11	F-14D
VF-31	F-14D
VFA-25	F/A-18C
VFA-113	F/A-18C
VA-196	A-6E
VAW-113	E-2C
VAQ-139	EA-6B
VQ-5 Det D	ES-3A
VRC-30 Det 1	C-2A
VS-35	S-3B
HS-4	HH-60H/SH-60F

Enterprise (CVN 65)

CVW-17 (Tail Code: AA)
Mediterranean/Persian Gulf
28 Jun-20 Dec 96

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-103	F-14B
VFA-81	F/A-18C
VFA-83	F/A-18C
VA-75	A-6E
VAW-125	E-2C
VAQ-132	EA-6B
VQ-6 Det C	ES-3A
VRC-40 Det 2	C-2A
VS-30	S-3B
HS-15	HH-60H/SH-60F

Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)

CVW-3 (Tail Code: AC)
Mediterranean/Persian Gulf
25 Nov 96-22 May 97

Squadrons	Aircraft
VF-32	F-14A
VFA-37	F/A-18C
VFA-105	F/A-18C
VMFA-312	F/A-18C
VAW-126	E-2C
VAQ-130	EA-6B
VQ-6 Det D	ES-3A
VRC-40 Det 3	C-2A
VS-22	S-3B
HS-7	SH-60F/HH-60H

* *Independence* (CV 62), below, is forward deployed and operates from her home port in Yokosuka, Japan.

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