

# Surge Operations

(L-R) AO3 Thomas Moore of San Diego, Calif., AOAA Daniel E. Fabian from Deer Park, Texas, AO2 James Staford of Edgetown, Ohio, and AO2 Jim Andrews from Gulf Shores, Ala., all assigned to the Weapons department G-3 division onboard Nimitz, prepare inert bombs to be staged in a weapons magazine.



(below) A VF-211 F-14A Tomcat rockets off the deck during Surge Ops during a late dusk launch.



(middle right) Pilots like (l-r) LT Dan Greene, LT Jeff Carlton and LT Chris Johnson didn't have time to change out of their flight suits between missions to catch a bite to eat during the 96-hour exercise. An average of 240 sorties were launched daily during the operation.

(right) AN Lawrence Flores of V-1 division directs tractor driver AN Joshua Browning on the proper placement of an F-14A Tomcat.

***“Even though it was a training operation, great pains were taken to make it as realistic as possible.”***

CDR Cliff Weber  
Strike Operations Officer

