

# Maintainers in the Trenches



Braving wind and rain, aviation ordnancemen assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron Two Five (VFA-25) huddle around a bomb rack trying to finish their checks before the rain becomes an impediment to safety. Navy photo by MC2 Christopher Blachly.



A troubleshooter assigned to the "Stingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron One One Three (VFA-113) assists in pushing back an FA-18C Hornet on the flight deck aboard USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN-76). Navy photo by MCSN Joshua Scott.



Marines assigned to Marine Attack Squadron Three One One (VMA-311) load a GBU-38 Joint Attack Direct Munition onto the wing of a AV-8B Harrier during a synchronization test. Navy photo by MC3 Marvin Thompson Jr.



Aircraft directors listen to the flight plan for the day (a good ORM step) and go over all safety precautions during the U.S. and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) exercise ANNUALEX aboard USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63). Navy photo by MCSN Matthew Patton.