

Stennis’ Execution in OEF Missions is a Joint Effort

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USS JOHN C. STENNIS, At sea – The face of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group (JCSG) is a little different than most ships operating in the Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Operation (AOO).

Aboard Stennis, there are Navy, Marine Corps and Army personnel working together in an environment where joint execution is essential to ensuring the mission success of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Afghanistan.

“This is the epitome of a joint operation,” said Rear Adm. Kevin Quinn, commander Carrier Strike Group 3. “Our primary mission is to conduct air operations in support of joint and coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan. Every single mission we conduct is a joint one.” — [Full Story](#)



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Iraqi Police, Marines work together to restore security to Habbaniyah

By Lance Cpl. Christopher Zahn
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HABBANIYAH — Marines from Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, recently conducted their first joint security patrol with the Iraqi Police since arriving in Al Anbar late January. The historic operation marked a turning point for the future of Habbaniyah. The local populace has grown accustomed to seeing Marines and Iraqi Army soldiers patrol the streets, but not with the Iraqi Police. — [Full Story](#)



Staff Sgt. Michael S. Richard, 30, from Merrimack, N.H., speaks to an Iraqi civilian while on patrol with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, and the Iraqi Police. The IPs, pictured here wearing ski masks to avoid being identified, face a constant threat of death from insurgents frustrated by the diligent work of policemen dedicated to cleaning up the streets of the city. Photo by Lance Cpl. Christopher Zahn.

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EXPOSING THE ENEMY

**MUJAHIDEEN ARMY IN IRAQ
ISSUES VIDEO OF DOWNING
A BLACK HAWK IN AL-NIBA’I**



The Mujahideen Army, an insurgency group in Iraq, issued a 11:33 minute video today, Monday, February 26, 2007, depicting the downing of a Black Hawk helicopter in the area of al-Niba’i, north of Baghdad. This operation, named as “The Attack of the Wind of Anger”, is indicated to be an act of revenge for Muslim women and a response to “Al-Maliki’s masters and his dogs of the governmental forces”. The date of the attack is unclear; a message introducing the availability of the video explains that the downing occurred at sunrise following dawn prayer, but does not give the date. — [Full Text](#)

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When Staff Sgt. Turner and Spc. Ivanov first deployed to Afghanistan as combat medics attached to an Afghan National Army (ANA) brigade, they had a hard time earning respect -- especially from Afghan soldiers, who had never seen women in combat before. Yet all that changed as they proved themselves time and again during high-risk missions and during life-saving operations in the midst of battle.

During one patrol, Kandak soldiers were ambushed by insurgents; without hesitation, Turner, who was driving a Humvee for embedded trainers, drove her vehicle directly into the firefight while another soldier manned the weapon in the turret and helped cut off the enemy’s direct line of fire. — [Full Story](#)

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