



20703-N-AI693-006 PACIFIC OCEAN (July 3, 2012) - Former Commanding Officer of the "Royal Maces" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 27, Cmdr. Steven M. Barr, embraces arriving Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Braden O. Briller, following his last recovery on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73). George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Marissa Beasley/RELEASED)



20703-N-AI693-067 PACIFIC OCEAN (July 3, 2012) - A F/A-18E Super Hornet from the " Royal Maces" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 27 conducts a touch -and-go on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) during the change of command ceremony for the squadron. George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Marissa Beasley/RELEASED)