Airborne Tactical Advantage Company (ATAC) recently completed supporting Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2018, the world's largest international maritime exercise.

DETAILS:

- ATAC aggressor aircraft flew nearly 100 hours in support of training U.S. Carrier Air Wing TWO, and the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, as well as the multinational naval force participating in RIMPAC. ATAC is the only Adversary Air Contracted Air Services company executing tactical jet flight operations in Hawaii. ATAC has participated in every RIMPAC exercise since 2006.
- ATAC’s aircraft flew simulated attack raids against participating warships, helping them hone their air defense skills against realistic, high-speed threats during the month-long training events conducted in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. ATAC also provided realistic threat simulations for U.S. Marine Corps F-18 Hornets and F-35 Joint Strike Fighters.
- Twenty-five nations, 46 surface ships, five submarines, 17 land forces, and more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel participated in RIMPAC 2018. This year's RIMPAC iteration marked the 26th in the series that began in 1971 and is now held every two years.

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