



F/A-18E/F SUPER HORNET



F/A-18 & EA-18G, PMA-265

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF FLEET EXCELLENCE

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Built on the nation's first strike fighter, the F/A-18 Hornet, today's F/A-18E/F Super Hornet is an attack aircraft as well as a fighter through selected use of external equipment and advanced networking capabilities to accomplish specific missions. This "force multiplier" capability gives the operational commander more flexibility in employing tactical aircraft in rapidly changing battle scenarios. In its fighter mode, it provides escort and fleet air defense. In the attack mode, it provides force projection, interdiction, and close and deep air support.

Developed on cost and ahead of schedule, the Super Hornet achieved its initial operational capability in 2001. With 565 Super Hornets

scheduled to be delivered by the end of 2015, the aircraft is expected to be in service beyond 2035. Open architecture design principles enhance future development capabilities.

The Super Hornet provides aircrew the capability and performance necessary to face 21st century threats. In Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, it performed new combinations of varied and distinct missions - including air superiority, fighter escort, defense suppression, all-weather day/night precision strike, reconnaissance, and aerial refueling.

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