

Navy Legacy Flight Demonstration

Hello ladies and gentlemen! Welcome to the Navy Legacy Flight Demonstration! You are about to watch some truly amazing aircraft take to the skies that link the Navy's proud aviation past with the amazing aircraft the Navy flies today! By fully understanding the touchstones of the past, can we appreciate the present and future!

The Commander of the Naval Air Forces developed the concept of the Navy legacy flight to keep Naval Aviation's heritage alive and viable. Under this program, vintage Warbirds are flown alongside the high-tech aircraft from modern carrier aviation! It is through these flights that the commander of the Naval Air Forces wishes to inspire all those in the audience, the men and women who have served, and the best and brightest of tomorrow!

The annals of Naval Aviation History are rich. It was however, during WWII that the full capability of Naval Air Power was realized. The courageous efforts of only a few Naval Aviators changed the course of the Pacific War, playing decisive roles at the battles of the Coral Sea and at Midway. These aviations flew off of straight deck carriers. By the end of the war the aircraft carrier and its aviators replaced the battleship as the main weapon of the Navy.

Although it has been over 60 years since the conclusion of WWII, many of the aircraft used are still flying today! This is a testament not only to their survivability and durability, but to how well these aircraft have captured people's imaginations!

During the _____ Navy Legacy Flight Airshow season, there will be many vintage Naval Aircraft flying, in over 30 shows!

Flying today is/are the venerable _____ and _____, alongside a modern day Navy _____ aircraft.

Throughout the airshow season, many different aircraft will participate in Legacy flights throughout the country! The aviators who fly these aircraft do so on a voluntary basis! So please take a moment and visit with them after the show and thank them for sharing their own piece of Naval Aviation history with us here today!

The Hornet and Legacy Navy aircraft are joining up in formation, getting ready to make their flyby tribute to Naval Aviation...

And now I am proud to present the Navy Legacy Flight!

Leading the flight is the _____ flown by
_____ from _____!

(If two warbirds, then)

Flying off the wing of the _____ is the
_____ piloted by _____
from _____!

Last but not least is the Navy F/A-18, "Rhino", the pre-eminent
strike fighter in carrier aviation,

Or

Last but not least is the Navy F/A-18G, "Growler", the incredible
electronic countermeasures aircraft that leads Navy fighter and
attack aircraft into battle,

Or

Last but not least is the Navy F35, "Lighting", the pre-eminent
strike fighter in carrier aviation,

... flown by _____ from _____

On its first pass, the section of aircraft will cross airshow center
in a photo banana pass! Be sure and get your cameras ready, because
here they come!!!

Insert brief history on vintage aircraft being flown)

On the next pass, the section of aircraft will perform a head-on pass, directly towards, and over, the crowd.

Here comes history ... (followed by USN aircraft specific narration)

(For example):

The F/A-18 Rhino is one of the strongest and toughest fighter aircraft ever built. It has an array of air-to-air missiles, and is a formidable air-to-ground attack aircraft! It can fly at over mach 1.8 and weighs over 66,000lbs! It has been in service over 10 years and has been produced in 1 and 2 seat variations!

Keeping these modern day fighters up to speed and in the air today are the maintenance team from Navy Squadron _____ from

If you look overhead, you'll see the section preparing for an overhead break pass! Wow! They do look fantastic! Now all the aircraft will be preparing for landing, checking gear and flaps down. All except for the Rhino, which will be preparing for a high-speed carrier break to landing! It should be exciting!

We hope you have enjoyed today's Navy Legacy Flight Demonstration and have gained a better understanding of our Navy's past and present as we look to the future! For those of you who represent America's leadership of tomorrow, we hope you have been inspired by what you have seen here today.

(If USN Recruiting Booth available):

Following the flight, the pilots will be available to answer questions about their historic aircraft, current fleet aircraft, and Naval Aviation at the recruiting booth located

FLY NAVY!!