

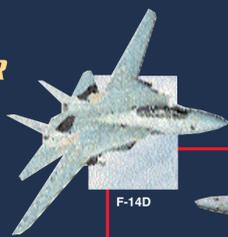
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STRIKE FIGHTER

- Tomcat**
- F-14A Carrier-based fighter/attack
- F-14B Improved engines
- Super Tomcat**
- F-14D Improved engines and avionics
- Hornet**
- F/A-18A Carrier-based fighter/attack
- F/A-18B Two-place F/A-18A
- F/A-18C Improved F/A-18A
- F/A-18D Two-place F/A-18C
- Super Hornet**
- F/A-18E Redesigned airframe
- F/A-18F Two-place F/A-18E



F-14D



F/A-18C



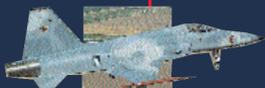
F/A-18E



F/A-18F

ADVERSARY

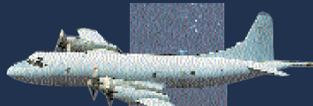
- Tiger II**
- F-5E Adversary aircraft
- F-5F Two-place adversary



F-5E

PATROL, ASW

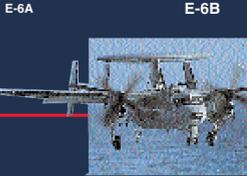
- Orion**
- P-3B Land-based patrol, ASW
- P-3C ASW/ASUW, patrol; integrated avionics
- Pioneer**
- RQ-2A Reconnaissance drone
- Twin Condor**
- RU-38A USCG surveillance
- Viking**
- S-3B Carrier-based ASW/ASUW aircraft



S-3B

EARLY WARNING, C³I

- Hawkeye**
- E-2C Carrier-based early warning
- Mercury**
- E-6A Strategic communications relay
- E-6B E-6A with airborne command post



E-2C

ATTACK

- Harrier**
- AV-8B V/STOL attack aircraft



AV-8B

ELECTRONIC WARFARE

- Prowler**
- EA-6B Carrier-based electronic countermeasures
- Aries II**
- EP-3E Electronic reconnaissance
- Orion**
- EP-3J Electronic aggressor
- Shadow**
- ES-3A Carrier-based electronic reconnaissance



ES-3A



EA-6B



AH-1W

AIR ASSAULT

- Osprey**
- MV-22B Tilt-rotor assault transport



MV-22B

HELICOPTER ATTACK

- Sea Cobra**
- AH-1W Gunship
- AH-1Z Remanufactured gunship



TA-4J



T-2C



T-34C



T-44A



T-45A

TRAINING

- Skyhawk**
- TA-4J Two-place advanced strike trainer
- Buckeye**
- T-2C Basic jet trainer
- Turbo-Mentor**
- T-34C Primary trainer
- Sabreliner**
- T-39D Utility transport or research
- T-39N Contract trainer
- King Air**
- T-44A Advanced multiengine trainer
- Goshawk**
- T-45A Advanced strike trainer
- T-45C Glass cockpit model
- TAV-8B Two-place trainer for AV-8B
- TC-12B Advanced multiengine trainer
- TC-18F Crew trainer for E-6
- TE-2C Trainer for E-2C
- TP-3A Trainer for P-3
- TH-6B Cayuse TPS trainer
- OH-58C Kiowa TPS trainer
- UH-60A TPS trainer
- T-38A Talon TPS trainer
- NU-1B Otter TPS trainer
- U-6A Beaver TPS trainer
- U-21F Ute TPS trainer
- X-26A TPS trainer glider

CARGO, TRANSPORT, UTILITY

- Greyhound**
- C-2A Carrier logistics
- Academe**
- VC-4A USCG transport
- Skytrain II**
- C-9B Cargo/personnel transport
- DC-9 Former airliner similar to C-9B
- Huron**
- UC-12B Utility transport
- UC-12F Improved engines and avionics
- UC-12M Improved instruments and radios
- C-20B USCG executive transport
- C-20D Executive transport
- Gulfstream IV**
- C-20G Executive transport



C-2A



VC-4A



UC-12B



C-9B



C-130T



C-20G



HU-25B



CT-39G

- Hercules**
- C-130T Logistics transport
- DC-130A Drone launcher
- HC-130H USCG long-range rescue
- KC-130F Tanker/transport
- KC-130J Improved tanker/transport
- KC-130R Improved tanker/transport
- KC-130T Improved tanker/transport
- LC-130F Ski-equipped transport
- LC-130R Improved ski-equipped transport
- TC-130G Logistics transport for Blue Angels
- Guardian**
- HU-25A USCG SAR, surveillance, utility
- HU-25B Improved surveillance equipment
- HU-25C Improved radar
- Orion**
- VP-3A Executive transport
- UP-3A Utility transport/project test
- UP-3P Utility transport
- Sabreliner**
- CT-39G Rapid-response airlift

HELICOPTER TRANSPORT, UTILITY

- Iroquois**
- HH-1N Search and rescue
- UH-1N Utility/observation
- UH-1Y Remanufactured UH-1N
- Sea King**
- VH-3A Executive transport
- VH-3D Executive transport
- UH-3H Utility/rescue
- Sea Knight**
- CH-46D Vertical replenishment
- CH-46E Assault transport
- HH-46D Utility/rescue
- UH-46D Vertical replenishment
- Sea Stallion**
- CH-53D Heavy assault transport
- Super Stallion**
- CH-53E Three-engine heavy assault transport
- Sea Dragon**
- MH-53E Mine countermeasures/transport
- Seahawk**
- HH-60H Carrier-based strike rescue
- Knighthawk**
- VH-60N Executive transport
- Jayhawk**
- HH-60J USCG rescue version
- Dolphin**
- HH-65A USCG short-range rescue



UH-1N



CH-46E



CH-53E



HH-65A



HELICOPTER ASW

- Seasprite**
- SH-2G LAMPS ship-based ASW
- Sea King**
- SH-3H Carrier-based ASW/rescue
- Seahawk**
- SH-60B Sea-based LAMPS ASW helicopter
- SH-60F Carrier-based LAMPS ASW helicopter
- SH-60R Remanufactured SH-60B/F and HH-60H



SH-2G

SH-3H

HELICOPTER TRAINING

- Sea Ranger**
- TH-57B Basic helicopter trainer
- TH-57C Advanced instrument trainer



TH-57C

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION

- NAV-8B Permanently modified for test roles
- RC-12F Range control aircraft
- RC-12M Improved range control aircraft
- QF-4N/S Target drone
- YF-4J Ejection seat testing
- NF-14A/B/D Permanently modified for test roles
- NF/A-18A/C/D Permanently modified for test roles
- YCH-60 Prototype for fleet combat support role
- NVH-3A Permanently modified for test roles
- NMH-53E Permanently modified for test roles
- YCH-60 Prototype for fleet combat support role
- NSH-60B Permanently modified for test roles
- YSH-60F Prototype for SH-60F
- NP-3B/C Permanently modified for test roles
- NP-3D Oceanographic research
- NT-34C Modified for avionics testing

Acronyms
 • ASW: antisubmarine warfare • ASUW: antisurface warfare • C³I: command, control, communications and intelligence • LAMPS: Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System • SAR: search and rescue • TPS: U.S. Naval Test Pilot School • USCG: U.S. Coast Guard • V/STOL: vertical/short takeoff and landing