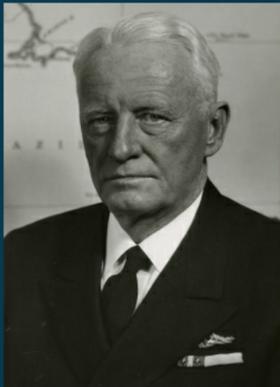


Since
1946

History of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels



Mission: The mission of the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron is to showcase the pride and professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps by inspiring a culture of excellence and service to country through flight demonstrations and community outreach.



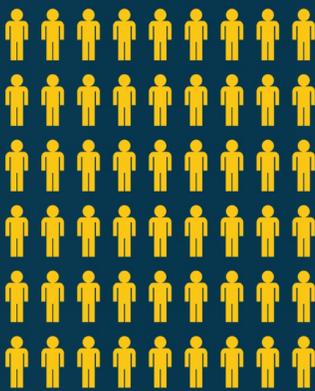
In 1946, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Chester Nimitz, had a vision to create a flight exhibition team in order to raise the public's interest in naval aviation and boost Navy morale. Audiences have been thrilled with Blue Angels precision combat and aerobatic maneuvers over the years.

The Blue Angels Have Had 10 Flight Demonstration Aircraft

F6F Hellcat 1946
F8F Bearcat 1946 - 1949
F9F-2 Panther 1949 - 1950
F9F-5 Panther 1951 - 1955
F9F-8 Cougar 1955 - 1957
F11F-1 Tiger 1957 - 1968
F-4J Phantom II 1969 - 1974
A-4F Skyhawk II 1974 - 1986
F/A-18 Hornet A/B 1986 - 2010
F/A-18 Hornet C/D IN TRANSITION



U.S. Navy Blue Angels Crest



x10 Million

Since its inception, the team has flown for more than 450 million spectators worldwide.



June 15
1946

First Flight
Demonstration

July
1946

Team was
introduced as the
"Blue Angels"

1947

Blue Angels
Diamond
formation
introduced

1949

"Dusty" Rhodes designed
the first official
Blue Angels insignia or
"crest."