FLY NAVY
CELEBRATING THE FIRST CENTURY OF NAVAL AVIATION

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- **1957**: Minitrack (satellite tracking net developed by the NRL)
- **1957**: Truculent Turtle lands with world distance record unraveled
- **1957**: Patrol aviation transferred to aircraft carrying trains

**Columbus Day**

- **1972**: 1st takeoff from USN aircraft carrier by LCDR Virgil Griffin
- **1921**: 1st compressed air, turntable catapult to launch NF-19 seaplanes

**E-2C Hawkeye with VAW-112 stationed at NAS Point Mugu, California. VAW-117 going “feet dry” into Pakistan after driving along the “Boulevard” January 14, 2010.
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VFC-111 Sundowners are already going to the merge in the F-5 Tiger II before most of us even get out of bed. The morning commuter lane at NAS Key West.
January 1, 2011

1. 1st production flight of TBF-1 AVENGER
2. 1st enlisted flight training class in Pensacola, FL
3. 1st flight of Grumman F2F-1
4. 1st flight of Grumman XFB-2, Avenger Series
5. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
6. 1st flight of Grumman F9F-8 COUGAR
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1. New Year’s Day

January 15, 2010 overhead Mom: CVN-68 with a mixed division of Rhinos and Hornets with CAG 11. VFA-41 Pilot/WSO getting ready for a pinky launch into harm’s way.
A RQ-4 Global Hawk flies near PAX River, MD. At an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, the tireless sentinel spools up for an eighteen-hour plus shift in near space.

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**February 2011**
### March 2011

*A ride with the Blue Angels is amazing on its own, add in the Golden Gate and San Francisco, and it is an un-toppable combination.*

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- **1973**: Women begin pilot training for U.S. Navy.
- **2003**: Operation Iraqi Freedom begins.

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Universally considered the home of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, Florida and the surrounding beaches provide a great background for Navy pilot training.
The latest variant of the Sikorsky Seahawk is the MH-60S now operational with HSC-22 based at Norfolk. HSC-2515 forward deployed to Basra, Iraq in the DUSTOFF mission.

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**MEMORIAL DAY**

1919 - NC-4 completes the 1st trans-Atlantic flight to an American port

**NATIONAL MARITIME DAY**

1919 - NC-4's transatlantic mission ends at Plymouth, England

**ADMIRAL FORCÉ PATTON DAY**

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**FLEET WEEK**

1919 - USS Enterprise

**NATIONAL NAVY WEEK & MIDDLEABY AIR SHOW**

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1919 - USS Enterprise
MQ-8B Fire Scout recently achieved operational status having deployed to South America aboard the USS McInerney. Fire Scout images by Chad Slattery.
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**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

1911- The Navy’s 1st aircraft makes a successful flight

1916- Thomas Edison becomes head of Naval Consulting Board

1945- Third Fleet carriers begin air strikes on Japanese Home Islands

1990- 1st woman to command an operational aviation squadron

1936- 1st flight of Grumman XF3F-2

1969- 1st moonwalk by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin

1942- 1st flight of Grumman XF6F-1 HELLCAT

1954- 1st flight of Grumman F11F-1 TIGER

1912- Rear Admiral Fiske receives a patent for a torpedo plane/warship bomb

1937- 1st flight of Grumman F3F-2

1947- 1st Navy all jet squadron receives its 1st aircraft (FH)

1993- 1st woman Marine selected for naval aviation training: Sarah Deal

1912- 1st airborne radio communications from naval aircraft to ship

1948- President Harry S. Truman orders development of a joint armed services IFF: to send radio communications from naval aircraft to ship

1954- 1st flight of Grumman F6F-5
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1937- 1st flight of Grumman F2F-2
### AUGUST 2011

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

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**1945**  Atomic bomb detonated over Hiroshima, Japan

**1941**  1st flight of Grumman XSF-1

**1932**  1st flight of Grumman XSF-1

**1948**  1st flight of Grumman XF9F-3 PANTHER

**1950**  1st flight of Grumman F9F-4 PANTHER

**1944**  1st flight of Grumman XF8F-1 BEARCAT

**1962**  Last flight of Navy airship made at NAS, Lakehurst, NJ

**1957**  1st test of Automatic Carrier Landing System

**1950**  1st flight of Grumman XF9F-3 PANTHER

**1955**  Inertial Automatic Carrier Landing System

**1944**  LT Joseph Kennedy, Jr., SRCN, killed in mid-air explosion

**1949**  1st use of pilot-ejection seat for emergency escape in U.S.

**1919**  Construction of rigid airship ZR-1 (Shenandoah) authorized

**1945**  Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan

**1916**  1st Naval aircraft production contract (N-9s)

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**1949**  1st flight of Grumman AVENGER

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**Fargo Navy Week and Air Show**

**The Great State of Maine Air Show**

*The drama of carrier night operations has been difficult to capture in photographs until the latest generation of digital cameras, January 14, 2010 USS Nimitz, Gulf of Oman.*
28 SEPTEMBER 2011

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Patrol Day

2011-22 Ospreys with YMM-261 at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan. Formation lights on the rotor tips stir up the dawn as the sun rises in the east.
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**ELECTION DAY**

**1969-** HS-4 recovers Apollo 12's all-Navy crew of astronauts

**1943-** 1st flight of Grumman XF7F-1 TIGERCAT

**1941-** 1st flight of Grumman F4F-4 WILDCAT

**1950-** 1st Navy pilot to shoot down jet aircraft, LCDR Amen

**1912-** 1st launching of airplane by catapult by LT Theodore Ellyson

**1938-** 1st flight of Grumman XF3F-3

**1939-** 1st flight of Grumman JRF-1 GOOSE

**1947-** Navy's 1st Night Fighter squadron established

**1949-** 1st flight of Grumman AF-2W GUARDIAN

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USN Test Pilot School operates the last military U-6A Beavers and NU-1B Otters in the world. TPS still operates some of the last T-38s in the Navy.
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- **Monday, December 1, 2011**: X-47B Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle is slated to become the first ever fixed-wing carrier operated UCAV. Pre-first flight retouched images by Chad Slattery.

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- 1951 - 1st flight of helicopter with gas-turbine engine
- 2001 - Saddam Hussein captured by U.S. Army special forces
- 1983 - Two F-14s flying over Lebanon are fired upon
- 1941 - Aircraft from USS Enterprise attack and sink Japanese Submarine I-70
- 1931 - 1st flight of XFF-1, the 1st Grumman aircraft
- 1960 - HS-3 and HU-2 helicopters rescue 27 men from downed F-8F
- 1949 - 1st flight of Grumman AF-2S GUARDIAN
- 1949 - 1st flight of Grumman UF-1 (HU-16C) ALBATROSS
- 1941 - 1st flight of Grumman F4F-7 WILDCAT
- 1944 - 1st flight of Grumman F8F-1 BEARCAT
- 1951 - 1st helicopter landing aboard a hospital ship
- 1983 - Saddam Hussein captured by U.S. Army special forces
- 1998 - Navy cruise missiles attack Iraq in Operation Desert Fox
- 1941 - Admiral Chester Nimitz assumes command of U.S. Pacific Fleet
- 1940 - 1st flight of Grumman F6F - TOMCAT
- 1941 - 1st flight of Grumman F6F - HELLCAT
- 1941 - 1st flight of Grumman AF1 - HUNTER