

U.S. MARINE CORPS AVIATION

Marine Corps aviation began in 1912 when Marine First Lieutenant Alfred Cunningham reported for duty at Naval Aviation Camp in Annapolis, Maryland.



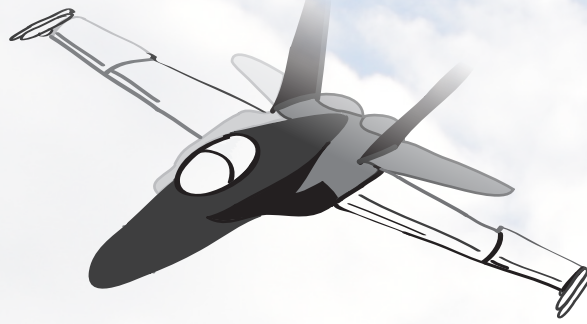
World War I was the first war Marine aviators participated in as part of the United States war effort.

During World War II, Marine pilots flew a wide variety of aircraft all over the world to complete different missions.

During the Korean War, Marine aviation moved from aircraft with propellers to aircraft with jet engines. Marine Corps helicopters were also flown for the first time in war.

During the Vietnam War, Marine aviators provided many different kinds of support from the air for troops on the ground.

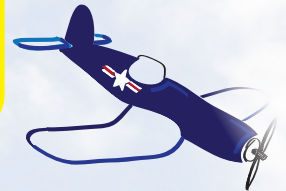
The different aircraft that our modern Marines are flying now are faster and more innovative than ever.



Aviation Word Search

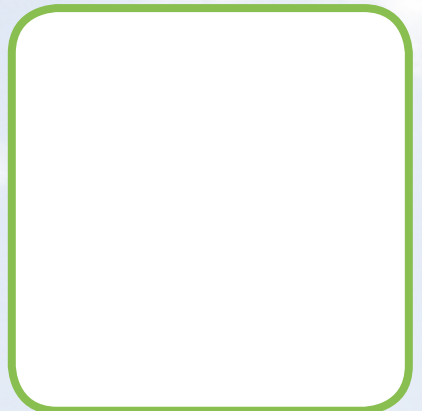
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- Cobra
- Harrier
- Hercules
- Hornet
- Huey
- Osprey
- Sea Knight
- Sea Stallion



Design your own insignia!

Most aviation squadrons identify themselves with different symbols and pictures called insignias!

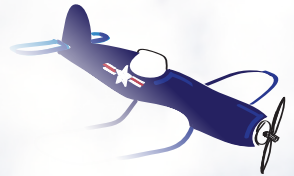


Did You Know?

Aviation means “to operate or fly aircraft”

Can you match these important names in Marine Corps aviation history with their story?

- A.** The U.S. Marine that was selected to become an astronaut for NASA.
- B.** The first African American Marine pilot, who also earned both a Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross.
- C.** She became the Marine Corps' first female aviator in 1995.
- D.** She became America's first female African American combat pilot.
- E.** The first Marine Aviator to become Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- F.** The first aviator of the U.S. Marine Corps.



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Did You Know?

The 35th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, General James F. Amos, was the **only** Commandant in history of the Marine Corps to also be a Marine aviator!

