

US Navy 14 Tomcat Units of Operation Iraqi Freedom: Combat Aircraft #52

The US Navy's F-14 Tomcat was one of the most iconic combat aircraft of the Cold War era. It was a powerful and versatile fighter that could perform a variety of missions, including air-to-air combat, ground attack, and reconnaissance. The Tomcat was also used extensively in the US Navy's carrier air wings, where it provided air superiority and protection for carrier strike groups.



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In 2003, the US Navy deployed 14 Tomcat units to the Persian Gulf to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom. These units flew a wide range of missions in support of the invasion of Iraq and the subsequent occupation of the country. The Tomcats flew combat air patrols, conducted air strikes, and provided close air support for ground troops. They also played a key role in the enforcement of the no-fly zone over Iraq.

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The Tomcat Units of Operation Iraqi Freedom

The following 14 US Navy Tomcat units participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom:

* VF-1 Wolfpack * VF-2 Bounty Hunters * VF-31 Tomcatters * VF-32 Swordsmen * VF-41 Black Aces * VF-84 Jolly Rogers * VF-102 Diamondbacks * VF-114 Aardvarks * VF-143 Pukin' Dogs * VF-154 Black Knights * VF-211 Fighting Checkmates * VF-213 Black Lions * VFA-106 Gladiators * VFA-136 Knights

These units were based on the aircraft carriers USS Enterprise, USS Nimitz, USS Carl Vinson, USS Theodore Roosevelt, and USS George Washington.

The Tomcat's Combat Missions

The Tomcats of Operation Iraqi Freedom flew a wide range of combat missions, including:

* **Air-to-air combat:** The Tomcats were responsible for providing air superiority over Iraq. They flew combat air patrols to intercept and destroy enemy aircraft. * **Ground attack:** The Tomcats also conducted air strikes against enemy targets on the ground. They used their powerful radar and weapons systems to destroy tanks, artillery, and other military targets. * **Close air support:** The Tomcats provided close air support for US and

allied ground troops. They flew over the battlefield and attacked enemy forces that were threatening friendly troops. * **Reconnaissance:** The Tomcats also conducted reconnaissance missions. They used their sensors to collect intelligence on enemy positions and movements.

The Tomcat's Combat Performance

The Tomcats of Operation Iraqi Freedom performed admirably in combat. They flew over 10,000 combat sorties and destroyed numerous enemy targets. The Tomcats also helped to protect US and allied forces from air attack.

In addition to their combat missions, the Tomcats also played a key role in the enforcement of the no-fly zone over Iraq. The Tomcats flew patrols over Iraq to prevent enemy aircraft from flying. They also intercepted and destroyed any enemy aircraft that violated the no-fly zone.

The Tomcats of Operation Iraqi Freedom were a major asset to the US Navy. They performed a wide range of combat missions and helped to protect US and allied forces from air attack. The Tomcats were a key factor in the success of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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The F-14 Tomcat was a powerful and versatile combat aircraft that served the US Navy with distinction for over three decades. The Tomcat was

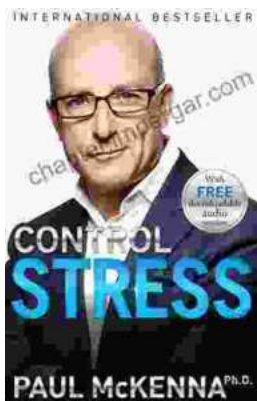
retired from service in 2006, but its legacy continues to live on. The Tomcat is a reminder of the US Navy's proud history of naval aviation.



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