

# San Diego Air and Space Museum International Air and Space Hall of Fame

## Blue Angels

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San Diego Air & Space Museum - Historical Balboa Park, San Diego

#### Answer the below while reading the virtual museum exhibit on the Blue Angels.

- 1. The Blue Angels are the United States Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron.
- The Blue Angels were established to perform at air shows across our nation and in \_\_friendly\_ foreign nations.
- 3. What airframes have the Blue Angels flown? (extra credit for providing images of each airframe)
  - The Blue Angels first airframe was the Grumman F6F Hellcat. Since then, they have flown the Grumman F11-F1 Tiger, the McDonnell Douglas F-4J Phantom II, the A-4F Skyhawk II, and now fly the F/A-18 Hornet.
- 4. Where is the Blue Angels home base?
  The Blue Angels home base is The Naval Air Station (NAS) in Jacksonville, Florida.
- 5. Describe the Blue Angels mission and how they specifically address the mission. The Blue Angels mission is to assist in Navy and Marine recruiting efforts and to establish pride in our military presence. They accomplish their mission by serving as positive role models to the youth and goodwill ambassadors to countries abroad.
- 6. How many jets fly in formation with the Blue Angels?
- 7. What do the Blue Angels do during the months of January through March each year? In the months of January through March, the Blue Angels train new pilots and





team members at the Naval Air Base Facility El Centro, California.

8. At the time of publication of this virtual exhibit, how many fans have the Blue Angels performed for?

The Blue Angels have performed for more than 427 million fans.

9. When were the Blue Angels inducted into the San Diego Air and Space Museum Hall of Fame?
2009

### Watch the induction video and answer the questions below (continued on next page).

- 10. The Blue Angels were formed after what historic event? The Blue Angels were formed after World War II.
- 11. Why were the Blue Angels formed?
  The Blue Angels were formed to boost the Navy's morale, to demonstrate Naval air power, and to enhance the public's interest in Naval aviation.
- 12. What were the Blue Angels named after?

  The Blue Angels were named after New York City's Blue Angel nightclub.
- 13. Who were Satan's Kittens?

  Satan's Kitten's was Fighter Squadron 191, which was actually the Blue Angel team that was summoned to join the efforts of the Korean War aboard the Aircraft Carrier the USS Princeton.
- 14. The current airframe the Blue Angels fly is designed to do what in terms of fighting? The F/A Hornet is designed to hit both air and ground targets.
- 15. What is "Fat Albert Airlines"?

  Fat Albert Airlines is a C-130 Hercules aircraft that transports the Blue Angels team and their support staff of 40 members.

#### **Further Enrichment Opportunity:**

U.S. Navy Blue Angels - YouTube

