

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

For outstanding performance and impressive levels of operational and maintenance readiness from 1 January to 31 December 2019. The “Red Devils” of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232 (VMFA-232) started the year with exceptional maintenance inspection results and impressively supported the Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility by averaging ten mission capable aircraft, flying over 1,450 flight hours, and employing over 74,000 pounds of ordnance on the six-month deployment. VMFA-232 remained ready to fight in garrison by executing a long-range aerial interdiction and long-range armed reconnaissance mission across the United States, demonstrating their capability to attack multiple targets separated by over 2,000 miles, conduct expeditionary advanced base operations, and integrate with fifth-generation aircraft within one day. The squadron’s success is a result of the commitment to excellence from every Marine and Sailor in the command. This devotion to duty exhibited by the Red Devils of VMFA-232 reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.



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