## Carrier Squadrons and Non-Carrier Based Squadrons Involved in 1986 Libyan Operations

(24 March–15 April 1986)

### Carrier Based Squadrons

**America (CV 66) with CVW-1 (Tail Code AB)**
- VA-34: A-6E and KA-6D
- VA-46: A-7E
- VA-72: A-7E
- VF-33: F-14A
- VF-102: F-14A
- VS-32: S-3A
- VAW-123: E-2C
- HS-11: SH-3H
- VMAQ-2 Det: EA-6B
- VQ-2 Det: EA-3B

**Coral Sea (CV 43) with CVW-13 (Tail Code AK)**
- VFA-131: F/A-18A
- VFA-132: F/A-18A
- VA-55: A-6E and KA-6D
- VAW-127: E-2C
- VAQ-135: EA-6B
- VQ-2 Det: EA-3B
- VMFA-314: F/A-18A
- VMFA-323: F/A-18A
- HS-17: SH-3H

**Saratoga (CV 60) with CVW-17 (Tail Code AA)**
- VA-81: A-7E
- VA-83: A-7E
- VF-74: F-14A
- VF-103: F-14A
- VA-85: A-6E and KA-6D
- VAQ-137: EA-6B
- VAW-125: E-2C
- VS-30: S-3A
- HS-3: SH-3H
- VQ-2 Det: EA-3B

**Guadalcanal (LPH 7) (Tail Code EG for HMM-263)**
- HMM-263: AH-1T, CH-53E and CH-46E

*Note: Dets (Detachments) aboard the carriers did not use the same Tail Code assigned to the air wing (CVW).*

### Non-Carrier Based Squadrons

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See the chronology section for March and April 1986 for a more detailed account of these operations.

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*VAQ-138 was under the control of Commander Medium Attack Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet and did not have a permanently assigned tail code until it became part of CVW-8 in June 1986.*
GBU-10E/B Paveway II laser-guided bombs are prepared for war on the deck of John F. Kennedy the day before Desert Storm began.

Saratoga operating in the Red Sea during Desert Storm and the flight deck of John F. Kennedy is in the foreground with F-14 Tomcats on deck.