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## F-18 FLYOVER TO TAKE PLACE DURING CMA CEREMONIES

VALLEJO – California Maritime Academy officials announced recently that three Navy F-18 Hornets would perform a flyover during upcoming graduation ceremonies.

The planes are expected to arrive over the CMA campus between 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, according to Lt. Cmdr. Chris Stewart. The planes will arrive from the southwest, fly over the campus and then return to their base.

"The flyover is part of the college's graduation ceremonies," Stewart said. "It's aimed at helping promote Navy Air for the Merchant Marine Reserve students."

Stewart said 10 graduates will be getting commissions, and over 100 cadets will be graduating at the ceremonies.

The F/A-18 Hornet, an all-weather aircraft, is used as an attack aircraft as well as a fighter. In its fighter mode, the F/A-18 is used primarily as a fighter escort and for fleet air defense; in its attack mode, it is used for force projection, interdiction and close and deep air support.

The F/A-18 is a twin engine, mid-wing, multi-mission tactical aircraft. The F/A-18A and C are single seat aircraft. The F/A-18B and D are dual-seaters. The B model is used primarily for training, while the D model is the current Navy aircraft for attack, tactical air control, and forward air control and reconnaissance squadrons.

The California Maritime Academy is a marine-oriented college of business and technology offering degrees in Business Administration, Facilities Engineering Technology, Marine Engineering Technology, Marine Transportation and Mechanical Engineering.

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