

NOTTOWAY HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

Cadets Attend Naval Air Station Oceana

Air Show

Nottoway, Virginia | Saturday, September 22



Cadets from the Nottoway High School NJROTC unit experienced aviation excellence, military pride, and real-world exposure to Navy and joint-force career paths during the annual NAS Oceana Air Show.

Nottoway, VA - Cadets from the Nottoway High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) unit had the opportunity to attend the annual Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana Air Show, home to the Navy's East Coast Master Jet Base, on Saturday, September 22. The weather was perfect, setting the stage for an unforgettable day of aviation excellence and military pride.

The air show highlighted the Navy's Carrier Air Wing aircraft, showcasing the capabilities of a fighting force prepared to support national missions anywhere in the world. Among the most anticipated performances was the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team from Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia. With 43,340 pounds of advanced air superiority and unmatched maneuverability, the Raptor impressed cadets with complex tactical maneuvers no other fighter aircraft can replicate.



NAS Oceana’s own Rhino Demo Team thrilled the crowd with breathtaking maneuvers in the F/A-18 Super Hornet, a high-performance, twin-engine, multirole fighter known for its power and versatility. Cadets also experienced the cutting-edge capabilities of the F-35C Lightning II, performed by the VFA-125 “Rough Riders” from NAS Lemoore, California.

In addition to military demonstrations, world-class aerobatics were on full display. Aerobatic pilot Kevin Coleman wowed the cadets with precision flying in the Red Bull Air Force’s Extra 300 SHP, while the Smoke N Thunder Jet Truck tore down the runway with a roaring 12,000-horsepower jet engine and full afterburner, leaving cadets awestruck.

For the Nottoway cadets, the air show was more than just entertainment. It was a chance to see the Navy’s power, professionalism, and pride in action. The event gave them a deeper appreciation of naval aviation and the extraordinary men and women who serve as America’s defenders in the skies.

In addition to enjoying the performances, the Nottoway cadets were able to interact with and meet cadets from William Byrd High School’s NNDCC program. Friendships were made, and a spirit of friendly rivalry began to form, with both schools looking forward to future competitions together.

“Taking the cadets to the airshow gave them the opportunity to get out of the classroom and to see potential career paths, and any day that we are able to do trips like this is a good day.”

— Chief Lynn, Naval Science Instructor