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VMFA-212 Lancers Ordnance Loadouts

By no means all-inclusive, this loadout chart was primarily compiled from in-theater photographs and monthly squadron reports and is provided as only a guide to show some of the known loads used by VMFA-212 during the Vietnam War. The Mk.81 (250lbs) and Mk.82 (500lbs) bombs were the most commonly used ordnance, both being used in either low drag (“slick”) or high drag (“snake-eye”) configurations. Fuze extenders, primarily 36” extension, known as “daisy cutters” were also occasionally utilized on the bombs. NOTE: Ordnance did *not* have the rough thermal ablative coating that was eventually introduced later in the war (the ablative coating was indicated by two yellow stripes rather than single stripe).

Those marked with ‘?’ are unknown/unconfirmed as a result of either not being visible in photograph or not clear enough to identify.

RIGHT OUTBOARD PYLON	RIGHT INBOARD PYLON	RIGHT FUSELAGE WELLS		CENTERLINE	LEFT FUSELAGE WELLS		LEFT INBOARD PYLON	LEFT OUTBOARD PYLON
		REAR	FRONT		FRONT	REAR		
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk. 82 x3	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	MER Mk.82 x6	AIM-7E	<i>(empty)</i>	TER Mk. 82 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.20 x2 <i>(Inboard & Outboard Stations)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	AIM-7E	MER Mk.82 x6	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER Mk.20 x2 <i>(Inboard & Outboard Stations)</i>	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER ? x?	<i>(empty)</i>	?	MER Mk.77 x3 <i>(Front Sides & Rear Lower Stations)</i>	?	<i>(empty)</i>	TER ? x?	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER ? x?	<i>(empty)</i>	?	Mk.4 HIPEG	?	<i>(empty)</i>	TER ? x?	370 Gallon Fuel Tank