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VMFA-232 Red Devils 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-232 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.

1969 – Chu Lai Air Base, South Vietnam

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 ? x? & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	Mk.4 HIPEG	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER ? x? & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.82 x3 & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	MER ?	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER Mk.82 x3 & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER LAU-10 x3 & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	MER Mk.82 x4 <i>(Inboard & Outboard Stations)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER LAU-10 x3 & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	370 Gallon Fuel Tank

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1972-73 – Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, & Nam Phong Air Base, Thailand

Although most of the below chart is air-to-ground roles, one of VMFA-232's primary missions during this period was also the air-to-air role in support of Operations Linebacker and Linebacker II strikes.

RIGHT OUTBOARD PYLON	RIGHT INBOARD PYLON	RIGHT FUSELAGE WELLS		CENTERLINE	LEFT FUSELAGE WELLS		LEFT INBOARD PYLON	LEFT OUTBOARD PYLON
		REAR	FRONT		FRONT	REAR		
MER Mk.82 x2 <i>(Front & Rear Lower Stations)</i>	TER Mk.82 x3 & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER Mk.82 x3 & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	MER Mk.82 x2 <i>(Front & Rear Lower Stations)</i>
MER CBU-24 x2 <i>(Front & Rear Outboard Stations)</i>	TER Mk.82 x3	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER Mk.82 x3	MER CBU-24 x2 <i>(Front & Rear Outboard Stations)</i>
MER Mk.82 x5 <i>(Front Lower Station Empty)</i>	TER LAU-10 x1 <i>(Lower Station)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER LAU-10 x1 <i>(Lower Station)</i>	MER Mk.82 x5 <i>(Front Lower Station Empty)</i>
MER Mk.20 x2 <i>(Front & Rear Lower Stations)</i>	TER Mk.82 x2 <i>(Outboard & Lower Stations)</i> & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER Mk.82 x2 <i>(Outboard & Lower Stations)</i> & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	MER Mk.20 x2 <i>(Front & Rear Lower Stations)</i>
TER Mk.82 x3	TER Mk.82 x3	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER Mk.82 x3	TER Mk.82 x3
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER LAU-10 x2 <i>(Inboard & Outboard Stations)</i> & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	MER Mk.82 (or 81?) x6	<i>(empty)</i>	<i>(empty)</i>	TER LAU-10 x2 <i>(Inboard & Outboard Stations)</i> & LAU-33 <i>(Inboard Rail)</i>	370 Gallon Fuel Tank

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1972-73 (continued)

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	AIM-9G x2	<i>(empty)</i>	AIM-7E	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	AIM-7E	<i>(empty)</i>	AIM-9G x2	370 Gallon Fuel Tank