

# A “Close Call”

This shows what can happen  
when the Top Gun mentality is  
carried to the extreme!

- Scenario: Two F/A-18s on a training sortie with two F14s out of Naval Air Station Oceana, 1966
- Unexpected Event: A too-close approach for the two F/A-18s
- Result: Two slightly used aircraft and two very lucky pilots

# Aircraft #1 Landing without five feet of the left wingtip trailing fuel



# Inspection of #1 Aircraft

- Port wing sheared off inboard of hinge
- ½ of left vert stabilizer missing
- Trailing edge flap folded back onto fuselage



# Closer View of #1



# View of #2 Aircraft

- Forward fuselage section missing, including radome, radar, and door 3
- Canopy and centerline fuel missing
- Starboard engine damaged

