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VMFA-115 Silver Eagles Ordnance Loadouts

By no means all-inclusive, the loadouts below were primarily compiled from in-theater photographs and is provided to show some of the known loads used by VMFA-115 during the Vietnam War. The Mk.82 bomb was the most 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 because of either not being visible in photograph or not clear enough to identify.

Part 1: 1968-71 – Chu Lai & Da Nang Air Bases, South Vietnam

RIGHT OUTBOARD PYLON	RIGHT INBOARD PYLON	RIGHT FUSELAGE WELLS		CENTERLINE	LEFT FUSELAGE WELLS		LEFT INBOARD	LEFT OUTBOARD
		REAR	FRONT	CENTERLINE	FRONT	REAR	PYLON	PYLON
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	AIM-9B x2	(empty)	(empty)	Mk.4 HIPEG	(empty)	(empty)	AIM-9B x2	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	AIM-9B x2	(empty)	AIM-7E	(empty)	AIM-7E	(empty)	AIM-9B x2	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER M117 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	MER M117 x3 (Front Sides & Rear Lower Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	TER M117 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER LAU-10 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	?	(empty)	(empty)	TER LAU-10 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	<u>TER</u> LAU-10 x3	(empty)	(empty)	?	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> LAU-10 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.77 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	MER Mk.77 x3 (Front Sides & Rear Lower Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	TER Mk.77 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.77 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	AIM-7E	Mk.4 HIPEG	AIM-7E	(empty)	TER Mk.77 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank

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RIGHT OUTBOARD PYLON	RIGHT INBOARD PYLON	RIGHT FUSELAGE WELLS		CENTEDINE	LEFT FUSELAGE WELLS		LEFT INBOARD	LEFT OUTBOARD
		REAR	FRONT	CENTERLINE	FRONT	REAR	PYLON	PYLON
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.81 x1 (Inboard Station) & LAU-33 (Inboard Rail)	(empty)	(empty)	MER Mk.77 x3 (Front Sides & Rear Lower Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.82 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	(empty)	(empty)	(empty)	TER Mk.82 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.82 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations) & LAU-33 (Inboard Rail)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.82 x6	(empty)	(empty)	TER Mk.82 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations) & LAU-33 (Inboard Rail)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	(empty)	AIM-7E	MER Mk.77 x3 (Front Sides & Rear Lower Stations)	AIM-7E	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.82 x6	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	(empty)	(empty)	Mk.4 HIPEG	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	T <u>ER</u> Mk.82 x3 & AIM-9G x2	(empty)	AIM-7E	MER Mk.82 x1(?) (Rear Lower Station)	AIM-7E	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3 & AIM-9G x2	370 Gallon Fuel Tank

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1968-71 (continued)

RIGHT OUTBOARD PYLON	RIGHT INBOARD PYLON	RIGHT FUSELAGE WELLS		CENTEDUNE	LEFT FUSELAGE WELLS		LEFT INBOARD	LEFT OUTBOARD
		REAR	FRONT	CENTERLINE	FRONT	REAR	PYLON	PYLON
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.82 x3 & AIM-9G x2	(empty)	AIM-7E	MER Mk.82 x3 (Rear Stations)	AIM-7E	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3 & AIM-9G x2	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.82 x3 & LAU-33 (Inboard Rail)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.77 x3 (Front Sides & Rear Lower Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	TER Mk.82 x3 & LAU-33 (Inboard Rail)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER LAU-3 x1 (Inboard Station)	(empty)	AIM-7E	MER Mk.77 x3 (Front Sides & Rear Lower Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> LAU-3 x1 (Inboard Station)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER LAU-3 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.82 x6	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> LAU-3 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER LAU-10 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations) & LAU-33 (Inboard Rail)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.20 x4 (Front Sides & Rear Sides)	(empty)	(empty)	TER LAU-10 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations) & LAU-33 (Inboard Rail)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	(empty)	(empty)	MER Mk.82 x4 (Front Sides & Rear Sides)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank

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RIGHT OUTBOARD PYLON	RIGHT INBOARD PYLON	RIGHT FUSE REAR	LAGE WELLS	CENTERLINE	LEFT FUSEL	AGE WELLS REAR	LEFT INBOARD PYLON	LEFT OUTBOARD PYLON
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER CBU-24 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.82 x6	(empty)	(empty)	TER CBU-24 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.20 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.82 x6	(empty)	(empty)	TER Mk.20 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	(empty)	(empty)	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x3	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER Mk.82 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.82 x6	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> Mk.82 x2 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	TER LAU-10 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	(empty)	(empty)	<u>MER</u> Mk.82 x6	(empty)	(empty)	<u>TER</u> LAU-10 (Inboard & Outboard Stations)	370 Gallon Fuel Tank
370 Gallon Fuel Tank	AIM-9G x2	?	AIM-7E	600 Gallon Fuel Tank	AIM-7E	?	AIM-9G x2	370 Gallon Fuel Tank