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### **Two West Coast U.S. Marine Jets Collide over the water**

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, California (November 9, 2016)** – Two Third Marine Aircraft Wing single-seat F/A-18 Hornets, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, experienced a mid-air collision, during a training mission over the water in the vicinity of San Diego, California at approximately 11:43 a.m. (PST), November 9, 2016.

One of the pilots safely ejected from the aircraft. Search and rescue (SAR) assets received a distress call at approximately 12:11 p.m. (PST) and recovered the pilot that ejected at approximately 12:41 p.m. (PST). The pilot was recovered by SAR assets from the USS Carl Vinson. The other pilot landed safely at Naval Air Station North Island, California. Both pilots are in stable condition and have been taken to medical facilities for observation.

The cause of the crash is currently under investigation.

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