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U.S. Marine Corps Announces Dates for 2018 AV-8B Harrier and MV-22 Osprey Demonstration Selection Board

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS –The U.S. Marine Corps will conduct its annual selection board in late August to determine which events in calendar year 2018 will receive an AV-8B Harrier or a MV-22 Osprey demonstration.

Those interested in hosting the Harrier or Osprey must submit their completed DD Form 2535 with FAA approval to hqmc.comrel@usmc.mil not later than Aug. 18.

The exact number of aerial demonstrations is approved by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Due to the current operational and training requirements of the Corps' Harrier and Osprey squadrons, the average number of demonstrations per year is 8.

Events selected will receive formal notification via e-mail, phone or the website.

The Department of Defense requires all support provided by Marine Corps assets to be incidental to the hosting event.

Any changes to event dates, points of contact, or telephone numbers, or other key information regarding the request after submission must be directly communicated through the above email address. Failure to report any changes from the original request prior to the convening of the selection board will disqualify the event for consideration in 2018. While the Marine Corps makes every effort to ensure those sites which have been selected will receive the aerial support that was requested, Marine Corps aviation units may be forced to cancel a scheduled appearance at any time due to unforeseen operational, training or safety requirements.