



## Northrop Grumman Delivers 100th EA-18G Airborne Electronic Attack Kit

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BETHPAGE, N.Y., Jan. 28, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has delivered the 100<sup>th</sup> airborne electronic attack (AEA) kit for the EA-18G Growler aircraft. The AEA kit is a critical component of the aircraft, which allows warfighters to target and attack the most complex enemy communication and air defense systems.

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"This delivery milestone demonstrates the dedication of the Northrop Grumman team to the EA-18G Growler program. Every airborne electronic attack subsystem they have produced is of the highest quality, allowing us to stay ahead of current and evolving threats," said Capt. Frank Morley, U. S. Navy F/A-18 and EA-18G program manager.

The AEA kit features wing tip pods and gun bay pallets, in addition to antennas and receivers. The ALQ-218 Antenna/Tactical Jamming System Receiver allows for selective reactive jamming capability and accurate emitter identification, location and analysis. At the same time, the AN/ALQ-227 Communication Countermeasures Set/Electronic Attack Unit intercepts, processes and jams signals, while determining their direction.

"With the 100<sup>th</sup> delivery of the EA-18G AEA kit, we continue to provide a high-quality product to those who protect our nation each and every day," said Doug Shaffer, director of information operations and electronic attack, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. "We are proud to carry on the company's legacy in developing and producing world-class airborne electronic attack technology platforms."

The various AEA kit components are designed and manufactured at Northrop Grumman facilities in Bethpage, N.Y., St. Augustine, Fla., and Baltimore, Md., and by an expert supplier team. The 100<sup>th</sup> kit was formally delivered to the EA-18G prime contractor, Boeing, Nov. 26, a week ahead of the contract date.

The Growler is the newest and most advanced airborne electronic attack platform used by U.S. Armed Forces, NATO and coalition forces around the world. Since reaching full-rate production and initial operational capability in 2009, the work of these aircraft in the fleet has been notable, whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or Libya. In 2019, Growlers will have replaced all of the Northrop Grumman-built EA-6B Prowlers operated by the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Once this happens, the EA-18G Growler will serve as the only Joint Force airborne electronic attack option.

Northrop Grumman has delivered all 100 AEA kits on time and on budget, demonstrating the company's commitment to its customers. In addition to the kit, Northrop Grumman also produces the center/aft fuselage and vertical tails of the EA-18G Growler.

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