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From: Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 137  
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Encl: (1) VFA-137 Command History Calendar Year 2000

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded for calendar year 2000.

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VFA-137 Command History  
Calendar Year 2000

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Command Short Title/UIC: STRKFITRON ONE THREE SEVEN/55142

b. Command Mission: To provide a combat ready, trained and educated force to the Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO enabling sustained, carrier based air power projection.

c. Organizational Structure:

Commanding Officer - CDR L. D. Burt, Jan - Jun  
- CDR M. S. White, Jun - Dec

Executive Officer - CDR M. S. White, Jan - Jun  
- CDR D. M. Dober, Jun - Dec

Command Master Chief - LNCM(AW/SW) McPherson, Jan - Dec

Command Career Counselor - AD1(AW) ██████, Jan - Nov  
YN1(AW) ██████, Nov - Dec

Administrative Officer - LCDR ██████, Jan - Feb  
- ENS ██████, Feb - Dec

Operations Officer - LCDR ██████, Jan - Oct  
- LCDR ██████, Oct - Dec

Maintenance Officer - LCDR ██████, Jan - Oct  
- LCDR ██████, Oct - Dec

Safety Officer - LCDR ██████, Jan - Apr  
- LCDR ██████, Apr - Dec

d. Strike Fighter Squadron 137 reports to the Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO

e. The squadron is homeported at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California.

f. The squadron operates 12 F/A-18C Hornet Aircraft; tailcode NE.

2. Chronology

19 - 30 Mar 00	SFWT BFM Det	Key West, FL
03 Apr - 12 May 00	Top Gun SFTI	Fallon, NV
1 June 00	Change of Command	Lemoore, CA
10 - 28 Jul 00	SFARP	Fallon, NV
21 - 25 Aug 00	Coronet Sentry	Mt. Home, ID
01 Oct - 09 Nov 00	TSTA/COMPTUEX	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
26 Nov - 15 Dec 00	Airwing Det	Fallon, NV

### 3. Narrative

19 - 30 Mar - Eight aircraft and 105 personnel detached to NAS Key West, FL, to conduct Air to Air training for the Strike Fighter Weapons and Tactics syllabus. 146.2 flight hours were flown during 124 sorties.

03 Apr - 12 May - Two aircraft and 14 maintenance personnel detached to NAS Fallon, NV, to support Top Gun in the training of fleet Strike Fighter Tactics Instructors.

1 June - CDR M. S. White relieved CDR L. D. Burt in a ceremony held in Hangar 3 at NAS Lemoore, CA. The guest speaker was CAPT G. R. Beaman, Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO.

10 - 28 Jul - Eight aircraft and 210 personnel detached to NAS Fallon, NV, for Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP). 304.1 hours and 265 sorties were flown.

21 - 25 Aug - Five aircraft and 65 personnel detached to Mt Home AFB, ID, in support of the Joint Exercise "Coronet Sentry". 48.4 hours and 43 sorties were flown, primarily as opposing forces against USAF large force exercises.

01 Oct - 09 Nov - Nine aircraft and 230 personnel embarked in USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) for TSTA and COMPTUEX. 763.6 hours were flown during 469 sorties including 504 arrested landings.

26 Nov - 15 Dec - Ten aircraft and 215 personnel detached to NAS Fallon, NV, for CVW-2 Airwing Detachment. 231 hours were flown over 187 sorties, consisting of unit level training and practice large force strikes.

### 4. Support Information. Statistical Data for 2000 as follows:

a. Total hours flown in the FA-18

Embarked Day:	536	Embarked Night:	288
Non-Embarked Day:	<u>2,525</u>	Non-Embarked Night:	<u>384</u>
Total Day:	3,061	Total Night:	672
Total Hours:	3,733		

b. Total CV Landings:

Day:	414
Night:	<u>215</u>
Total:	629