

VFA-137 Command History
Calendar Year 2002

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 D. M. Dober, Jan - Dec

Executive Officer - CDR W. H. Stammer III, Jan - Dec

Command Master Chief - CMDCM(AW/SW) McPherson, Jan - Mar
CMDCM(AW/SW) Driver, Mar - Dec

Command Career Counselor - YNC (AW) [REDACTED], Jan - Dec

Administrative Officer - LTJG [REDACTED] Jan - Jul
ENS [REDACTED] Jul - Dec

Operations Officer - LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Jul
LCDR [REDACTED], Jul - Nov
LCDR [REDACTED], Nov - Dec

Maintenance Officer - LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Nov
LCDR [REDACTED], Nov - Dec

Safety Officer - LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Aug
LCDR [REDACTED], Aug - Dec

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

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

f. The squadron operates 12 F/A-18C Hornet Aircraft tail code NE.

2. Chronology

27 JAN 02 - 01 FEB 02	Deck Certification	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
01 MAY 02 - 19 MAY 02	SFARP	NAS FALLON, NV
19 JUN 02 - 26 JUL 02	TSTA/COMTUEX	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
13 AUG 02 - 01 SEP 02	CVW-2 DETATCHMENT	NAS FALLON, NV
15 OCT 02 - 29 OCT 02	FLEETEX/JTFEX	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
02 NOV 02 - 31 DEC 02	DEPLOYED WESTERN PACIFIC/ ARABIAN GULF	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)

3. Narrative

27 Jan - 01 Feb: Four aircraft and 35 personnel embarked USS CONSTELLATION (CVN 64) for the carrier's deck certification and carrier qualification. 37 hours were flown and the squadron had 60 arrested landings.

01 May - 19 May: Eight aircraft and over 80 personnel deployed to NAS Fallon, NV in support of squadron exercises practicing advanced fighter tactics in the Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP).

19 Jun - 26 Jul: Embarked on USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) as part of Carrier Air Wing TWO for TSTA/COMPTUEX in support of Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE. 11 Aircraft and 190 personnel embarked to provided a 94% sortie completion rate in while successfully dropping ordnance on 100% of all assigned targets.

13 Aug - 01 Sep: The squadron deployed with CVW-TWO to NAS Fallon, NV participating in three weeks of intense large force exercises. The Kestrel's led the way flying over 400 hours with a 98% sortie completion rate.

15 Oct - 29 Oct: Embarked on USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) as part of Carrier Air Wing TWO for Joint Task Force/Fleet Exercise in support of Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE. 12 Aircraft and 200 personnel embarked to provided a 95% sortie completion rate in support of force tasking.

2 Nov - 31 Dec: Embarked on USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) as part of Carrier Air Wing TWO and COMCRUDESGRU ONE for Western Pacific Deployment. Operated in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from 2 November to 31 December with a sortie completion rate of 96% and combat sortie completion rate of 100%.

4. Support Information. Statistical Data for 2002 as follows:

a.	Total hours flown in F/A-18			
	Embarked Day:	1,080	Embarked Night	501
	Non-Embarked Day	2,152	Non-Embarked Night	406
	Total Day	3,232	Total Night:	907
	Total Hours:	4,139		
b.	Total CV Landings:			
	Day:	808		
	Night:	375		
	Total:	1183		