



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE THREE SEVEN
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From: Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 137

To: Director, Naval Historical Center

Subj: VFA-137 COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) VFA-137 Command History for Calendar Year 2004

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


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VFA-137 Command History
Calendar Year 2004

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 W. H. Stammer III, Jan - May
CDR C. W. Yager, May - Dec

Executive Officer - CDR C. W. Yager, Jan - May
CDR H. M Flanagan, May - Dec

Command Master Chief - CMDMCM(AW/SW) A. R. Driver, Jan - Oct
CMDMCM(SW) J. L. Stone, Oct - Dec

Command Career Counselor - NC1(SS/SW) [REDACTED], Jan - Dec

Administrative Officer - ENS [REDACTED], Jan - Mar
CWO2 [REDACTED], Mar - Dec

Operations Officer - LCDR [REDACTED], Jan
LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Sep
LCDR [REDACTED], Sep - Dec
LCDR [REDACTED], Dec

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

Safety Officer - LCDR [REDACTED], Jan
LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Sep
LCDR [REDACTED], Sep - 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 operated 12 F/A-18E Super Hornet Aircraft tail code NE from Jan-Dec.

2. Chronology and Narrative

01 Mar 04 - 07 Mar 04: Detached at Kirtland AFB for air-to-air and air-to-ground training. Personnel flew 126 sorties with members of the Army, Air Force and National Guard.

19 Apr 04 - 25 Apr 04: Embarked USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) for carrier qualification.

07 Jun 04 - 25 Jun 04: Detached at NAS Fallon, NV for Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP) during which the Kestrels recorded the highest kill ratio to date (24:1).

23 Aug 04 - 17 Sep 04: Embarked on USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) as part of Carrier Air Wing TWO for Tailored Ships Training at Sea (TSTA).

22 Sep 04: Awarded COMPACFLT Retention Honor Roll for Third Quarter FY 04.

06 Oct 04: Nineteenth anniversary of Class "A" Mishap Free flight hours.

19 Oct 04 - 01 Mar 05: Embarked on USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) as part of Carrier Air Wing TWO for Western Pacific Deployment.

05 Nov 04 - 08 Nov 04: Port Call in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

22 Nov 04 - 28 Nov 04: Port Call in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

24 Dec 04 - 27 Dec 04: Port Call in Hong Kong, PRC.

26 Dec 04: Tsunami strikes southwestern Pacific and Indian Oceans.

29 Dec 04: Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE commenced.

3. Statistical Data

i. Hours Flown

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| Embarked Day: | 1110 | Embarked Night: | 626 |
| Ashore Day: | 2023 | Ashore Night: | 597 |
| Total Day: | 3133 | Total Night: | 1223 |

Total Hours: 4356

ii. Carrier Landings

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| Day: | 771 |
| Night: | 536 |
| Total: | 1307 |