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UNIT 60148
FPO AP 96601-6239

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"J. D. Brunn Photograph"
(6) Airborne Photograph: "Kestrel CAG jet flying over
USS Abraham Lincoln"
(7) Command Website Data
(8) Command Facebook Page Data

1. Per reference (a), the following Command Operations Report is submitted on behalf of Strike Fighter Squadron 137 for calendar year 2011.

2. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure file types are Windows based including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Excel, and JPG.

3. My point of contact is Lieutenant [REDACTED], Public Affairs Officer and he can be reached at (559) [REDACTED] or email at [REDACTED]@navy.mil.


J. D. BRUNN

VFA-137 Command Operations Report
Calendar Year 2011

1. Command Data

- a. Name: Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN
- b. UIC: 55142
- c. Commanding Officer: Brunn, Jeremy D., CDR, USN
- d. Assumed Command: 4 November 2011
- e. Mission: On order, Strike Fighter Squadron 137 will deploy at sea and be prepared to conduct combat operations in support of national policy objectives. When required, we will destroy enemy aircraft and deliver fused ordnance on time, on target, first pass.
- f. Home Port: Naval Air Station Lemoore, California
- g. Immediate Superior: Operational – Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO
Administrative – Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific
- h. Task Force: None
- i. Forces under operational control: None
- j. Aircraft: 11 F/A-18E, 1 F/A-18F, tail code NE
- k. Tenant Activities: None
- l. Personnel Assigned: 24 officers, 178 enlisted
- m. Point of Contact: LT [REDACTED]
Public Affairs Officer
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(559) [REDACTED]
DSN: [REDACTED]

Commanding Officer
STRKFITRON 137
Unit 60148
FPO AP 96601-6239
- n. Organizational Structure:
 - Commanding Officer – CDR K. D. Harms Jan-Mar
CDR W. C. Shoemaker Apr-Nov
CDR J. D. Brunn Nov-Dec
 - Executive Officer – CDR J. D. Brunn Jan-Nov
CDR C. H. Hurst Nov-Dec
 - Command Master Chief – CMDCM (AW/SW) C.M. Scarano Jan-May
CMDCM (SS) B. T. Howat Jun-Dec
 - Command Career Counselor – NC1 (SW) [REDACTED] Jan-Dec

Administrative Officer –	LCDR [REDACTED] Jan-Nov ENS [REDACTED] Nov-Dec
Operations Officer –	LCDR [REDACTED] Jan-Aug LCDR [REDACTED] Aug-Dec
Maintenance Officer –	LCDR [REDACTED] Jan-Aug LCDR [REDACTED] Aug-Dec
Safety Officer –	LCDR [REDACTED] Jan-Aug LCDR [REDACTED] Aug-Dec

2. Commander's Assessment

2011 was a busy year for the Kestrels. The squadron completed a deployment, executed a short work-up cycle back in Lemoore, and was back on USS Abraham Lincoln before the year ended for another deployment. The squadron met all challenges head on and had a successful year.

The Kestrels began 2011 flying combat missions in support of OEF. The squadron achieved 100% combat sortie completion rate before leaving the Fifth Fleet AOR to return home to Lemoore, CA. CDR Harms was relieved of command in March 2010. CAPT Silkey led the Kestrels until CDR Shoemaker took command of the squadron upon return to NAS Lemoore.

The squadron enjoyed a well-earned rest with their families back home. The downtime did not last long; work-ups for a surge deployment began in May, 2011. The squadron traveled to Elmendorf AFB Alaska to participate in Northern Edge, a joint exercise with the Air Force. The Kestrels trained with Carrier Strike Group Nine assets, Air Force platforms, and representatives from the Navy and Air Force test communities and weapons schools. The exercise culminated in large force air defense scenarios, where Kestrel pilots honed their air to air combat skills.

Work-ups continued with a Carrier Qualification detachment aboard the Lincoln and SFARP to NAS Fallon. After SFARP, maintenance excelled at preparing squadron aircraft for a challenging three weeks off the coast of San Diego during COMPTUEX. The maintenance department achieved an impressive 100% sortie completion rate during this extremely high tempo training. VFA-137 participated in several exercises including a joint exercise with USS Carl Vinson.

With the conclusion of COMPTUEX the Kestrels were ready to embark once again aboard the Lincoln for deployment. The hard work of the squadron was recognized with two awards. The pilots achieved the highest landing grades in Carrier Air Wing Two during work-ups and received the CVW-2 Top Hook award. The Aviation Ordnance division was awarded the Scott Kirby Award for Ordnance Excellence, recognizing them as the top AOs among the 15 F/A-18 squadrons in Strike Fighter Wing Pacific.

The Kestrels excelled during 2011. The Sailors, chiefs and officers all stepped up to the challenge of completing one combat deployment and preparing for another. The squadron is on track to excel and reach new milestones in 2012.

3. Chronology and Narrative

2011 FEB 03 – 2011 FEB 08: Port of Call in Singapore, Malaysia

2011 MAR 10 – 2011 MAR 14: Port of Call in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

2011 MAR 18 – 2011 MAR 18: VFA-137 concludes deployment. Returns to NAS Lemoore.

2011 JUN 08 – 2011 JUN 26: Squadron detachment to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska to participate in Northern Edge, a joint Air-to-Air training exercise.

2011 JUL 18 – 2011 JUL 23: Embarked USS LINCOLN (CVN 72) for Carrier Qualifications.

2011 AUG 12 – 2011 AUG 27: Air Wing Fallon in Fallon, Nevada. Air Wing Fallon exercises allowed VFA-137 to work with the entire CVW-2 Air Wing.

2011 SEP 08 – 2011 SEP08: VFA-137 fires an AIM-7M missile as part of a training exercise.

2011 SEP 15 – 2011 SEP 15: VFA-137 aircraft executes a high speed abort at NAS Lemoore resulting in a brake fire. Class "A" mishap.

2011 SEP 26 – 2011 OCT 13: Embarked USS LINCOLN (CVN 72) for Composite Training Unit Exercise.

2011 NOV 04 – 2011 NOV 04: Change of Command. CDR Shoemaker transfers command to CDR Brunn.

2011 DEC 12 – 2011 DEC 31: Squadron Embarked on USS LINCOLN (CVN72) for deployment to FIFTH Fleet AOR.

4. Supporting Reports

a. Statistical Data:

i. Hours Flown

Ashore:	2785	Embarked:	2509
Total:	5294		

ii. Sorties

Ashore:	1413	Embarked:	1202
Total:	2615		

iii. Carrier Landings:

Day:	706	Night:	615
Total:	1321		

b. "Battle Efficiency Award" submissions

i. Data Spreadsheet

c. Scott Kirby Award for Ordnance Excellence

5. Published Documents

a. Professional Articles:¹

- i. "KESTRELS IN COMBAT" LTJG [REDACTED] *The Hook*, Spring 2011
- ii. "Kestrels hold TAD appreciation night Jan. 21" LTJG [REDACTED], *The Golden Eagle*, 18 February 2011
- iii. "VFA-137 ends combat operations" LTJG [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 4 March 2011
- iv. "Kestrels celebrate traditional 'Wog Day' crossing equator" LTJG [REDACTED], *The Golden Eagle*, 11 March 2011
- v. "Kestrels return from deployment" LTJG [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 8 April 2011
- vi. "Kestrels salute Scarano's 31-year career" YN2 [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 22 April 2011
- vii. "Kestrel Goat Locker named Broadsword award winners" LTJG [REDACTED], *The Golden Eagle*, 13 May 2011

- viii. "VFA-137 spends time ashore wisely" LTJG [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 1 July 2011
- ix. "VFA-137 RECEIVES ACCOLADES" LTJG [REDACTED] *The Hook*, Summer 2011
- x. "Kestrels remember one of their own" LT [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 15 July 2011
- xi. "Kestrels soar in Alaska" LT [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 12 August 2011
- xii. "Kestrels back from Lincoln CQ Det" LT [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 7 July 2011
- xiii. "Our Greatest Danger" LT [REDACTED] *Approach*, Jul-Aug 2011
- xiv. "VFA-137 welcomes CMC Howat" LT [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 23 September 2011
- xv. "Kestrel Sailors recount Sept. 11" LT [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 7 October 2011
- xvi. "Kestrels excel during workups" LT [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 4 November 2011
- xvii. "KESTRELS SOAR IN ALASKA" LT [REDACTED] *The Hook*, Fall 2011
- xviii. "Kestrels hold change of command" LT [REDACTED] *The Jet Observer*, 30 November 2011
- xix. "Kestrels hold change of command" LT [REDACTED] *The Golden Eagle*, 2 December 2011

b. Command Website: http://vfa-137.af.mil/Main_Page.htm
 Command Facebook Site: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/VFA-137-Kestrels/103181329729303>

c. Biography of Commander: "CDR J. D. Brunn, USN"

6. Photographs

- a. Commanding Officer's Official Photograph: "CDR J. D. Brunn, USN"
- b. Kestrel CAG jet flying over USS Abraham Lincoln.

ⁱ This report is being submitted while embarked and electronic copies of articles are only available ashore.

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Compiled Data

VFA-137

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	Value				
Cost-wise Readiness Metrics - 40 points	41.3				Overall Weight
Operational Efficiency - TRRAT (0%)	0.00				0%
Aircraft Material Readiness (AMR) (50%)	97.10%				20%
Schedule Performance Index (50%)	1.10				20%
Cost Performance Index (0%)	0.000				0%
Performance Readiness Metrics - 60 points					
Operational Achievements (25%)					
CV Landing Grade (Index)	0.99	2.5	10.0%	1.50%	
Day Boarding Rate (Index)	1.00	2.5	10.0%	1.50%	
Night Boarding Rate (Index)	0.98	2.5	10.0%	1.50%	
Operational Missions	1524	5	20.0%	3.00%	
Operational Mission Completion Rate	98.3%	2.5	10.0%	1.50%	
Total Embarked Hours	4324.1	5	20.0%	3.00%	
Total Night Carrier Landings	870	2.5	10.0%	1.50%	
Actual Combat Expenditure	10	2.5	10.0%	1.50%	
Training and Readiness (20%)					
Non-FRP Exercise/Detachment Mission Completion Rate	97.6%	3.2	16.0%	1.92%	
Weapons Training Efficiency	95	3.2	16.0%	1.92%	
Simulator Utilization	76.1%	1.6	8.0%	0.96%	
SFWT Progress	36.8%	12	60.0%	7.20%	
Inspections (10%)					
NATOPS Unit Evaluation	100.0	10		6.00%	
CWTPI	100.0	5	50.0%	3.00%	
		5	50.0%	3.00%	
Material Readiness (15%)					
Aviation Maintenance Inspection (AMI)	79.8%	3.0	20.0%	1.80%	
Material Condition Inspection (MCI)	50.0%	3.0	20.0%	1.80%	
Cannibalization Rate	8.7%	2.0	13.3%	1.20%	
NEC Fit	83%	3.0	20.0%	1.80%	
Qualified Proficient Technician (QPT) Fit	0.80	4.0	26.7%	2.40%	
Personnel Readiness (10%)					
Retention Rate - Zones A, B & C	55.3%	3	30.0%	1.80%	
Advancement Rate	14.2%	2	20.0%	1.20%	
Passed but Not Advanced (PNA) Rate	85.3%	1	10.0%	0.60%	
Physical Readiness Standards	99.2%	2	20.0%	1.20%	
Medical Readiness Score	93.8	1	10.0%	0.60%	
Health Promotion Score	88.8	1	10.0%	0.60%	
Aviation Safety (10%)					
Class A mishaps	0	2	20.0%	1.20%	
Class B mishaps	100	1	10.0%	0.60%	
Chargeable FOD occurrences	0	1	10.0%	0.60%	
HAZREPS submitted	9	1	10.0%	0.60%	
NATOPS changes submitted	8	1	10.0%	0.60%	
NATOPS changes accepted	1	1	10.0%	0.60%	

Safety articles submitted	3
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NAMDRP reports submitted	42
Weapons and Tactics Development (5%)	
Tactical documents submitted	0
Tactical documents published	0
Tactical projects completed	0
TACMAN changes submitted	0
TACMAN changes accepted	0
Professional articles submitted	16
Professional articles published	16
General Contributions (5%)	
Bomb Derby Participant	0
Bomb Derby Winner	0

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KESTRELS OF VFA-137 AS THE WINNER OF
THE COMSTRKFIGHTWINGPAC 2011 SCOTT KIRBY AWARD FOR ORDNANCE EXCELLENCE. THIS
AWARD RECOGNIZES PROFICIENCY, PROFESSIONALISM AND SAFETY IN ORDNANCE HANDLING AND
DELIVERY IN HONOR OF CHIEF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN SCOTT F. KIRBY.

2. HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WINNING PROGRAMS INCLUDED: CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY INSPECTION (CWTP), MATERIAL CONDITION INSPECTION (MCI),
AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT EQUIPMENT (AAE) REPORTING, READY SERVICE LOCKER (RSL)
MAINTENANCE, WEAPONS REQUISITIONING PROCEDURES, AND ZERO EXPLOSIVE MISHAPS.

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HONORABLE MENTION TO THE FOLLOWING COMMANDS FOR TOP
SCORES IN EACH CATEGORY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS):

COMMAND	CATEGORY
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VFA-86/VFA-94/VFA-102

CONVENTIONAL WEAPON TECHNICAL
PROFICIENCY INSPECTION
MATERIAL CONDITION INSPECTION

VFA-22/VFA-137/VFA-151/
VFA-154/VFA-147

VFA-94/VFA-41/VFA-137

AWIS REPORTING

VFA-137/VFA-146/VFA-147/
VFA-154

READY SERVICE LOCKER MAINTENANCE

VFA-192/VFA-94/VFA-2

WEAPONS REQUISITION PROCEDURES

VFA-113/VFA-147/VFA-22/
VFA-146

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4. BZ TO THE BLACK KNIGHTS OF VFA-154(1st RUNNER UP) AND THE MIGHTY SHRIKES OF
VFA-94 (2nd RUNNER UP) FOR THEIR HARD WORK, DETERMINATION AND STEADFAST PROGRAMS.

5. THE COMPETITION WAS EXTREMELY CLOSE THIS YEAR FOR ALL SQUADRONS.

VFA-137'S ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND TOP FIVE PERCENT SCORES IN EACH CATEGORY WERE
THE DECIDING FACTORS. WELL DONE. COMMODORE SENDS.// BT

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