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From: Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 201
To: Director of Naval History, N78H, Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, DC

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2004

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

Encl: (1) Command History for 2004
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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E. H. HILL

COMMAND COMPOSITION/ORGANIZATION

1. Strike Fighter Squadron 201 Mission Statement: The mission objective of VFA-201 is to safely, efficiently and effectively achieve combat readiness, support the fleet and answer the call of this nation in its time of need.

a. Mission. Fleet Contributory Support and Maintaining Strike Fighter Mobilization Readiness and Training and Administrative of the Reserve.

b. Command short title and UIC: FITRON TWO ZERO ONE/09309

c. Organizational structure:

(1) Immediate Superior Command: Commander, Carrier Air Wing Reserve 20/CAPT M. Cross

(2) Chain of Command:

Commanding Officer: CDR Edward H. Hill

Executive Officer: CDR Alan D. Beal

Officer in Charge: LCDR [REDACTED]

Command Master Chief: CMDMC(AW) Donald K. Shaft

Admin Department Head: LCDR [REDACTED]

Maintenance Department Head: LCDR [REDACTED]

Operations Department Head: LCDR [REDACTED]

Safety Department Head: LCDR [REDACTED]

Training Department Head: LCDR [REDACTED]

d. Duty Station: Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, TX 76127

e. Type and number of aircraft assigned: F/A-18A, 12 aircraft assigned, Tailcode AF.

f. Personnel assigned:

TAR Officers: 8

SELRES Officers: 17

TAR Enlisted: 125

SELRES Enlisted: 87

2. Chronology

04FEB19: Squadron detachment to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida for 2 weeks of air-to-air Fleet replacement training with VFA-106

04APR18: Squadron detachment to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida for 2 weeks of air-to-air Fleet replacement training with VFA-106

04JUN20: Squadron detachment to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida for 2 weeks of air-to-air Fleet replacement training with VFA-106

04AUG11: Squadron detachment to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska for 10 days of air-to-air Fleet replacement training with CVW-20

04OCT17: Squadron detachment to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida for 2 weeks of air-to-air Fleet replacement training with VFA-106

04NOV04: Squadron detachment to Kaneohe, Hawaii for 2 weeks of air-to-air Fleet replacement training with CVW-20

3. Narrative

The Hunters of Strike Fighter Squadron 201 executed 2,215 sorties and achieved 98 percent sortie completion rate.

The command was awarded the 2004 CNO Safety "S" Award.

Selected by CVWR-20 to take the lead role in staffing and executing all logistic requirements for COPE THUNDER 04-02, Support Equipment (SE) pool. This pool consisted of more than 105 major pieces of SE, which directly contributed to a 100% air wing sortie completion rate, encompassing 290 sorties and 655 flight hours. Effective planning ensured scarce support equipment was readily available throughout the Air Wing.

Due to Hurricane Ivan, VFA-201/VFA-125 adversary detachment to NAS Key West, FL, was rescheduled to NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX. Within 48 hours of this change, jets from VFA-125 began to arrive at NAS JRB Fort Worth for a critical two-week fighter weapons training detachment. The Hunter Maintenance Department provided facilities for VFA-125's Maintenance and Operations Departments, as well as the full adversary sortie support requirement, enabling the timely qualification of F/A-18 Fleet Replacement Pilots.

The Hunter maintenance team planned and executed an operation support exercise to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, providing critical training for the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) and Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW-2).

ADVANCEMENT EXAM

CY-04	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Tested</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>PNA</u>	<u>Advanced</u>
	163	163	163	3	127	33

4. Drill Schedule

January *Scheduled drill 10/11

February *Scheduled drill 7/8
 Navy wide rate advancement exam

March *Scheduled drill 13/14

April *Scheduled drill 10/11
 Physical Readiness Test

May *Scheduled drill 8/9

June *Scheduled drill 12/13

July *Scheduled drill 24/25 (Change of Command)

August *Scheduled drill 14/15
 Navy wide advancement exam

September *Scheduled drill 11/12

October *Scheduled drill 16/17
 Physical Readiness Test

November *Scheduled drill 13/14

December *Scheduled drill 11/12