



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

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) VFA-137 Command History for Calendar Year 2001

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

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VFA-137 Command History
Calendar Year 2001

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 M. S. White, Jan - Sep
CDR D. M. Dober, Sep - Dec

Executive Officer - CDR D. M. Dober, Jan - Sep
CDR W. H. Stammer III, Sep - Dec

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

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

Administrative Officer - LTJG [REDACTED], Jan - Dec

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

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

Safety Officer - LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Aug
LT [REDACTED], Aug - 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 tail code NE.

2. Chronology

21 Jan 01 - 12 Feb 01	JTFEX/FLEETEX	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
15 Mar 01 - 14 Sep 01	Western Pacific/ Arabian Gulf Deployment	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
20 Sep 01	Change of Command	Lemoore, CA
24 Oct 01 - 29 Oct 01	Deck Certification	USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)

3. Narrative

21 Jan - 12 Feb: 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. 10 Aircraft and 200 personnel embarked to provide 73.8% full mission capable aircraft and over 90% sortie completion rate in support of force tasking.

15 Mar - 14 Sep: 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 SOUTHERN WATCH from 1 April to 7 August with a full mission capable status rate of over 93%.

26 Jun - 10 Aug: Awarded CVW 2 Top Hook award with squadron grade point average of 3.586 and boarding rate of 96.5%.

20 Sep: CDR D. M. Dober relieved CDR M. S. White in a ceremony held in Hangar 3 at NAS Lemoore, CA. The guest speaker was CAPT M. I. Fox, Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO.

24 Oct - 29 Oct: Four aircraft and 35 personnel embarked USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) for deck certification and carrier qualification. 37 hours were flown and the squadron had 60 arrested landings.

4. Support Information. Statistical Data for 2001 as follows:

a. Total hours flown in F/A-18

Embarked Day:	2,174	Embarked Night	1,083
Non-Embarked Day	<u>1,081</u>	Non-Embarked Night	<u>199</u>
Total Day	3,255	Total Night:	1,282

Total Hours: 4,537

b. Total CV Landings:

Day:	1,258
Night:	<u>738</u>
Total:	1,996