

VFA-137 Command Operations Report
Calendar Year 2005

1. Command Data

- a. Name: Strike Fighter Squadron One Three Seven
- b. UIC: 55142
- c. Commanding Officer: Flanagan, Hugh M., CDR, USN
- d. Assumed Command: 2005-07-28
- e. Mission: To provide combat ready, trained and educated forces to the Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO enabling sustained, carrier based, air power projection.
- 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: 12 F/A-18E, tail code NE
- k. Tenant Activities: None
- l. Personnel Assigned: 22 officers, 214 enlisted
- m. Point of Contact: ENS [REDACTED] USN
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Commanding Officer
STRKFITRON 137
Unit #60148
FPO AP 96601-6239
- n. Organizational Structure:
 - Commanding Officer – CDR C.W. Yager, Jan - Jul
CDR H.M. Flanagan, Jul - Dec
 - Executive Officer – CDR H.M. Flanagan, Jan - Jul
CDR S.P. Baker, Jul - Dec
 - Command Master Chief – CMDCM (SW) J.L. Stone, Jan - Dec
 - Command Career Counselor – NCI [REDACTED], Jan - Dec
 - Administrative Officer – CWO2 [REDACTED], Jan - Dec

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

Maintenance Officer – LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Jul
LCDR [REDACTED], Jul - Dec

Safety Officer – LCDR [REDACTED], Jan - Jul
LCDR [REDACTED], Jul - Nov
LCDR [REDACTED], Nov - Dec

2. Commander's Assessment

A truly amazing year for the Kestrels of VFA-137! The year started out as the Kestrels helped USS Lincoln (CVN-72), CVW-2 and CSG-9 in providing much needed aid to the countries affected by the Tsunami. Concurrent with that, we participated in some exciting and educational training opportunities during a multi-national exercise in Thailand. Returning home, we immediately began working up to support a deployment in the beginning of 2006. Along the way, we passed our twentieth anniversary of Class A mishap free operations. This accomplishment is all the more exciting that VFA-137 has been Class A mishap free since its inception.

3. Chronology and Narrative

2004 10 19 – 2005 03 01: Embarked onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) as part of Carrier Air Wing TWO and Carrier Strike Group NINE for Western Pacific Deployment. This deployment was the first ever without an S-3B or F-14 squadron and the Kestrels assumed the organic mission tanker mission flying 289 tanker sorties totaling 462.7 hours. Overall, the squadron amassed 1,792 flight hours and 1,104 sorties with a 98.2% sortie completion rate.

2004 12 29 – 2005 02 03: Participated in Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE. Hundreds of personnel helped distribute over two million pounds of food, potable water and medical supplies. Seventeen personnel were formally recognized for their efforts.

2005 01 20 – 02 05: Participated in Exercise COPE TIGER, Korat, Thailand. Five aircraft and 30 maintainers conducted multi-national large-force training achieving a 100% sortie completion rate while generating 64 sorties and 96.3 flight hours.

2005 02 05 – 02 07: Port Call in Singapore.

2005 02 26 – 02 29: Port Call in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

2005 04 11 – 04 29: Detached at NAS Fallon, NV; participated in Carrier Air Wing TWO Air Wing Detachment. Squadron achieved a 99% sortie completion rate while generating 229 flight hours and 302 sorties.

2005 06 05 – 06 19: Embarked onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72); participated in Strike Group Sustainment training/ Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX).

2005 07 28: CDR H.M. Flanagan relieved CDR C.W. Yager in a ceremony held at NAS Lemoore, CA

2005 07 31 – 08 05: Detached at NAS Fallon, NV; participated in air-to-air warfare training with NSAWC

2005 08 31: Completed Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTP) scoring 800 out of 800 possible points

2005 09 12 – 09 21: Embarked onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72); participated in Strike Group Sustainment training/COMPTUEX

2005 09 29 – 10 09: Detached at Nellis AFB, NV; participated in air-to-ground training

2005 10 06: Twentieth anniversary of Class "A" Mishap Free Flight Operations

2005 10 31 – 11 09: Embarked onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72); participated in Strike Group Sustainment training/ Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). During the year's three sustainment training underway periods, the squadron generated 1085 flight hours and a 100% sortie completion rate.

2005 12 16 – 12 22: Detached at NAS Fallon, NV; participated in air-to-air warfare training with TOPGUN

4. Supporting Reports

a. Statistical Data:

i. Hours Flown

Day:	3,729	Night:	1,091
Ashore:	1,942	Embarked:	2,878
Total Hours:	4,820		

ii. Carrier Landings: 1,786

b. "Battle Efficiency Award" submission

c. "LTJg Bruce Carrier Award for Excellence in Maintenance" submissions

i. Squadron Enclosure

ii. CVW-2 Endorsement

d. "CNO Annual Safety Award" submissions

i. Squadron Application

ii. Quarterly Inputs

5. Published Documents

a. Tactical documents:

i. "Air Defense Exercise Cookbook Using Dynamic DCA", LT [REDACTED], *NSAWC Journal*, Spring 2005, Volume 10, Issue 2

1. Transmitted via SIPRNET e-mail

b. Professional Articles:

i. "Murphy's Law: Kestrel Ordie Saved the Day", LTJG [REDACTED], *Golden Eagle*, Jan 7, 2005

ii. "Team Broadsword brings aid to Banda Aceh", LTJG [REDACTED], *Golden Eagle*, Jan 28, 2005

iii. "Tsunami Relief", LCDR [REDACTED], *Wings of Gold*, Winter 2004/2005

iv. "737 and Tsunami Relief", LCDR [REDACTED], *Wings of Gold*, Winter 2004/2005

v. "For Compassion and Country: Unified Assistance", LCDR [REDACTED], *Proceedings*, April 2005, Vol. 131/4/1,226

vi. "Kestrels Complete Fallon Detachment", LTJG [REDACTED], *Golden Eagle* May 15th 2005

vii. "Kestrels Complete At-Sea Period", LTJG [REDACTED], *Golden Eagle*, Jul 15th 2005

viii. "VFA-137 holds Change of Command", LTJG [REDACTED], *Golden Eagle*, Jul 28th 2005

- ix. "Kestrels Ace CWTP1", LTJG [REDACTED], *Golden Eagle* Sep 30 2005
- x. "Mangum concludes 30 years of service", CWO4 [REDACTED], *Golden Eagle*, Oct. 28 2005

c. Change of Command Program: "CDR H.M. Flanagan relieves CDR C.W. Yager", 28 Jul 2005

d. Command Website: <http://www.lemoore.navy.mil/vfa-137/>

e. Biography of Commader: "CDR H.M. Flanagan, USN"

6. Photographs

a. Commanding Officer's Official Photograph: "CDR H.M. Flanagan, USN"

b. Aircraft: "VFA-137, #205"