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From: Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN
To: Naval Historical Center (Aviation History)

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Encl: (1) Command Operations Report
(2) Commanding Officer Biography
(3) Commanding Officer Official Photograph
(4) Executive Officer Biography
(5) Executive Officer Official Photograph

1. Per reference (a), the following Command Operations Report is submitted on behalf of Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN for calendar year 2013.

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 CW02 [REDACTED],
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C. N. HURST

**VFA-137 Command Operations Report
Calendar Year 2013**

1. Command Data

a. Name of Command or Organization: Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN

b. Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 55142

c. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer:

Last: Hurst

First: Christopher

M.I.: N

Rank: O5

Date Assumed Command: 7 March 2013

d. Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: On order, Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN 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 target, on time, first pass.

e. Permanent Location: NAS Lemoore, CA

f. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO

g. Operational Superior in Command: Commander, Carrier Air Wing TWO

h. Administrative Superior in Command: Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific

i. Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s): None

j. Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control: None

k. Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes:

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Bureau Number</u>
200	165897
201	165898
202	165901
203	165902
204	165903
205	165904
206	165899
207	165906
210	165907
211	165896
212	165909
213	165930

l. Commands: None

m. Number of Personnel Assigned:

(1) Officers: 24
(2) Enlisted: 184
(3) Civilian: 0

n. Command Point of Contact:

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2. Commander's Assessment

The Kestrels excelled during a demanding year filled with fiscal uncertainty and changing schedules. While the squadron was originally scheduled to begin a Fleet Response Training Plan (FRTTP) that would culminate in a January 2014 deployment, "sequestration" mandated by the 2011 Budget Control Act led to cancellation of the FRTTP. As a result, the squadron received only the minimum amount of funding that allowed for safe operations. This funding level, known as "tactical hard deck,"

continued into the summer of 2014 when nominal funding that permitted limited training detachments was restored. The Kestrels took advantage of several limited opportunities to train and regain tactical proficiency in preparation for an abbreviated F RTP that began in December 2014.

Despite a difficult year, the Kestrels of VFA-137 demonstrated they were capable of operating safely and effectively despite many challenges. This was a testament to the outstanding professionalism, dedication and motivation of every member of the squadron.

3. Chronology

2013 JAN 04 - 2013 JAN 12: Detached to NAS Key West, Florida for air-to-air training.

2013 FEB 12: Awarded the 2012 CNAP Battle E.

2013 MAR 07 - 2013 MAR 07: Change of Command, CDR Hurst relieved CDR Brunn.

2013 MAY 01 - 2013 MAY 05: Embarked aboard USS Ronald Reagan for flight deck certification.

2013 MAY 29: Missile shoot with 1xHARM and 1xJSOW expended.

2013 SEP 15 - 2013 SEP 29: Detached to NAS Key West, Florida for air-to-air training.

2013 OCT 30 - 2013 NOV 15: Embarked aboard USS Ronald Reagan for IDCERTEX.

2013 DEC 02 - 2013 DEC 31: Detached to NAS Fallon for Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program.

4. Supporting Reports

a. Statistical Data:

(1) Hours Flown
Ashore: 673.7
Embarked: 2577.6
Total: 3251.3

(2) Sorties
Ashore: 221
Embarked: 2100
Total: 2321

(3) Carrier Landings

Day: 182
Night: 146
Total: 328

5. Published Documents

a. Command Website and Facebook

(1) <http://www.vfa-137.navy.mil/>

(2) [http://www.facebook.com/pages/VFA-137-Kestrels/
103181329729303](http://www.facebook.com/pages/VFA-137-Kestrels/103181329729303)

6. Photographs. Enclosures (3) and (4) are photographs of CDR Christopher N. Hurst, Commanding Officer and CDR Jeffrey A. Glaser, Executive Officer.