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Encl: (1) Command History of VF-201 with annexes

1. As requested by references (a) & (b), enclosure (1)
is hereby submitted.


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HISTORY OF VF 201

Chronology

1. On July 25, 1970, in a formal ceremony, VF 201 was commissioned.
2. On November 14, 1970, pilots of VF 201, landed aboard the USS TICONDEROGA and participated in 2 days of carrier operations.
3. 5 December 1970, VF 201 received its first F8H.
4. 23 January 1971, Squadron cruise at Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Fallon, Nevada with Attack Carrier Air Wing Reserve Thirty.

Fighter Squadron Two Zero One was established on 25 July 1970. Prior to its reorganization as VF 201, the squadron was known as VF 124D1 which had existed at Naval Air Station Dallas since 1960. Captain J. E. SAVAGE officiated at the ceremonies, speaking to assembled squadrons and guests, and introducing Commander A. S. FALCONER, Commander of the newly formed Carrier Air Wing Reserve Thirty. Commander FALCONER directed Commander LAMERS to read his orders and the squadron was officially commissioned.

Pilots and squadron maintenance personnel reported to Naval Air Station Miramar on November 14, 1970. Two days later, squadron pilots led by Commander John LAMERS, Commanding Officer of VF 201, landed aboard the USS Ticonderoga which was off the coast of Southern California. This was the first time fighter squadrons¹ from the reserves had gone aboard an aircraft carrier during a two week active duty cruise. The pilots of VF 201 participated in two days of carrier operations, which included arrested landings, catapult launches and airborne refueling.

Originally outfitted with F8K's, on December 5, 1970, VF 201 received its first F8H and is currently transitioning to the F8H. The F8H's received by VF 201 have been well-used fleet aircraft. There has been some trouble maintaining the radar in these aircraft due to lack of training in the squadron maintenance department and shortage of funds for sending the technicians to the proper schooling.

¹ Fighter Squadron 201 and 202 were simultaneously participating in carrier operations aboard the USS Ticonderoga.

Fighter Squadron Two Zero One will depart Naval Air Station Dallas, Texas on January 23, 1971, for Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Fallon, Nevada for an annual two week cruise. While at NAAS Fallon, VF 201 will² participate in exercises with the other units of CVWR-30.

As of January 1971, there are twenty officers of whom 16 are pilots. There are 17 Selected Air Reserve and three TAR officers. There are one hundred sixty-nine enlisted of whom 79 are TAR's.

The total number of hours flown from July 1970 through December 1970 is nine hundred-fourteen and six tenths, with the following number of flights per month: July 103, August 85, September 92, October 77, November 119 and December 88. The personnel manning level has remained in excess of ninety percent. There have been no reenlistments for enlisted SAR's.

² All the units of Attack Carrier Air Wing Reserve Thirty will cruise simultaneously at NAAS Fallon.