1971-PH VF202

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CVWR-20

HISTORY OF VF 201

Chronology

- 1. Commander John P. Lamers, who was originally installed as VF-201 Skipper 25 July, 1970, is presently at command. He will be in this capacity until June of 1972, at which time Commander Nelson Gillette will assume command responsibilities.
- 2. Admiral Howard E. Greer, COMNAVAIRESFOR conveyed a "well done" to VF-201, on 13 February 1971 for a training deployment to NAAS Fallon in citing "an outstanding example of how the new Naval Air Reserve has given us a stronger and more combat ready stature".
- 3. The men and officers of VF-201 and VF-202 participated in numerous carrier qualification detachments in 1971 aboard the USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14), USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62), USS J. F. KENNEDY (CVA-67) and the USS F. D. ROOSEVELT (CVA-42). The squadrons later received most complimentary communication with Admiral Greer relating "many favorable comments by ship!" fleet observers were fully justified".
- 4. On April, 1971, VF-201 transferred administrative and operational control from Attack Carrier Air Wing Reserve Thirty to Attack Carrier Air Wing Reserve Twenty.
- 5. In August 1971, VF-201 participated in the first annual cruise of Reserve Air Wing aboard the USS J. F. KENNEDY (CVA-67). Again the squadron personnel received high praise from RADM Greer and RADM Engle for their performance.
- 6. In November 1971, at Pensacola VF-201 participated in "Operation Bold Shot-Brim Fire", a joint Army Navy triservice, simulated war. Posing a "brush-fire-war" situation, VF-201 flew air defense with squadron planes intercepting enemy aircraft attacking fleet ships.
- 7. The 1971 CNO Safety Award was presented to CDR J. P. Lamers and VF-201 in a December Admat Inspection for 1500 accident free flight hours.
- 8. At the same December Admat Inspection CDR C. F. "Chuck" Blaker received an LTV sponsored plaque from Admiral Greer for exceeding 2000 flight hours in an F8 aircraft.
- 9. In an exceptionally good year VF-201 also received the American Fighter Pilots Association award as the "Outstanding Naval Reserve Fighter Unit, the 1971 Admiral J. S. McCain Trophy.

ANNEX (1)

FIGHTER SQUADRON 201 ORGANIZATION



