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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron TWO ZERO ONE
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1. Reserve Fighter Squadron TWO ZERO ONE operates as part of Carrier Air Wing Reserve TWENTY (CVWR-20). VF-201 was commanded by CDR Edward C. Flynn until Jun 1984 and now is commanded by CDR Stan D. Graber.
2. In 1984, VF-201 maintained its high state of readiness through numerous deployments. January saw VF-201 making 2 deployments. The first was exercise Constant Peg. Participation in this exercise was designed to expose as many squadron aircrews as possible to realistic adversary training. This objective was met. VF-201 was only the second RESFORON to participate in the exercise. VF-201 then deployed later in January to Tyndall AFB, FL., for an Air Combat Maneuvering detachment. Major portions of the F-4 Training Matrix were successfully completed during this deployment against various high threat adversaries. All missions were flown on the TACTS range thus allowing indepth debriefs and enhanced training.
3. In Febraury VF-201 commenced it's transition from F-4N to the F-4S. Utilizing an innovative and highly viable maintenance training program VF-201 was able to enjoy an extremely successful deployment in May to NAS Miramar for DACT training against F-14, F-5 and TA-4 aircraft. This marked the first squadron deployment with the F4S. Major portions of the F4 training matrix were flown against high threat adversaries on the TACTS with tanker support. The deployment was highly successful in exposing VF-201 aircrews to the increased performance potential of the F4S and the AWG 10A Weapons System.
4. In June VF-201 deployed for CARQUAL and Cyclic Operations on board USS EISENHOWER. This deployment demonstrated VF-201's ability to perform the carrier flying mission so crucial to a RESFORON's mobilization readiness. Despite minimal maintenance support, less than a full complement of aircraft and the ever changing requirements of a CARQUAL evolution, VF-201 qualified 15 of 17 pilots. During the deployment 157 carrier landings were made.
5. COMCVWR-20 ANNUAL ACDUTRA NAS FALLON 18-31 AUG 1984. VF-201 deployment for COMCVWR-20 Annual ACDUTRA to NAS Fallon marked the completion of VF-201's transition to the F4S. Full mission capability was demonstrated by the deployment of 11 aircraft. Maintenance proficiency was also demonstrated by the broad range of missions successfully carried out. These included the successful firing of 2 AIM 7 E sparrow and 1 AIM 9 H sidewinder missile with no aborts for radar weapons systems. Additionally the squadron delivered 620 bombs.

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6. Twice more VF-201 deployed in 1984. NAS Key West in Sep where aircrews earned 41 individual E's and 5 quals in competitive exercises. This deployment marked the return to the level of ACM proficiency previously enjoyed in the F4N with aircrews now demonstrating complete proficiency in the employment of the F4S and the AWG-10A. December saw VF-201 detaching for the final time to Luke AFB. This deployment was in response to a request from the 405th TTW to provide high performance adversary aircraft for F-15 Eagle replacement aircrew training. This also provided the opportunity for VF-201 aircrews to engage a superior aircraft over land and on a TACTS Range.

7. No squadron can be truly combat ready without an aggressive, visible and comprehensive safety program. VF-201 is justifiably proud of its safety record. The Hunter's philosophy is that an aggressive flight training program need not be incompatible with safe operations, rather that safety and combat readiness go hand in hand. VF-201 ended 1984 with zero class A, B, or C flight mishaps, flight related mishaps, or aircraft ground mishaps. During 1984 the Hunters passed our three year anniversary for accident free flying with over 9000 flight hours flown without mishap. The Hunters commitment to safety was further demonstrated by the following statistics amassed during 1984:

- a. 107.3% of FY-84 flight hour program flown
- b. Cumulatively deployed 59 aircraft to seven sites for a total of 79 days without incident.
- c. Amassed 157 carrier landings

The officers and men of VF-201 reflect on calendar year 1984 as a year of transition and demonstrated excellence in mobilization readiness and look to 1985 with optimism and enthusiasm to carry on a proven and distinguished tradition.


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