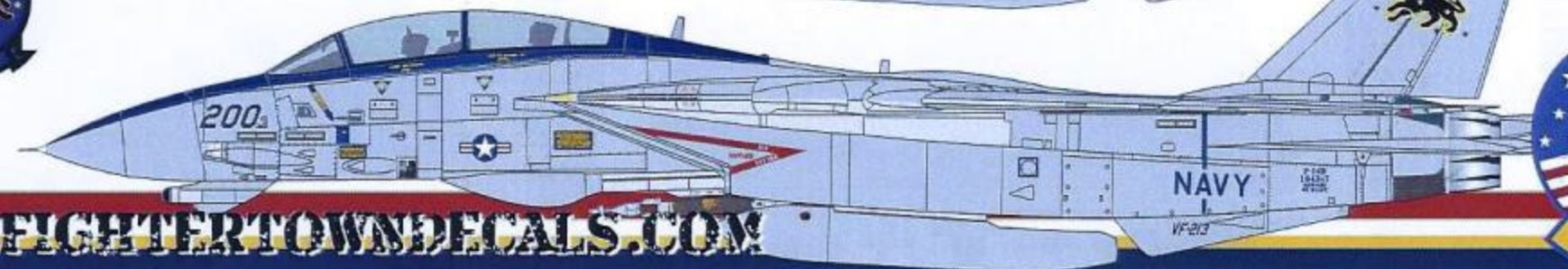
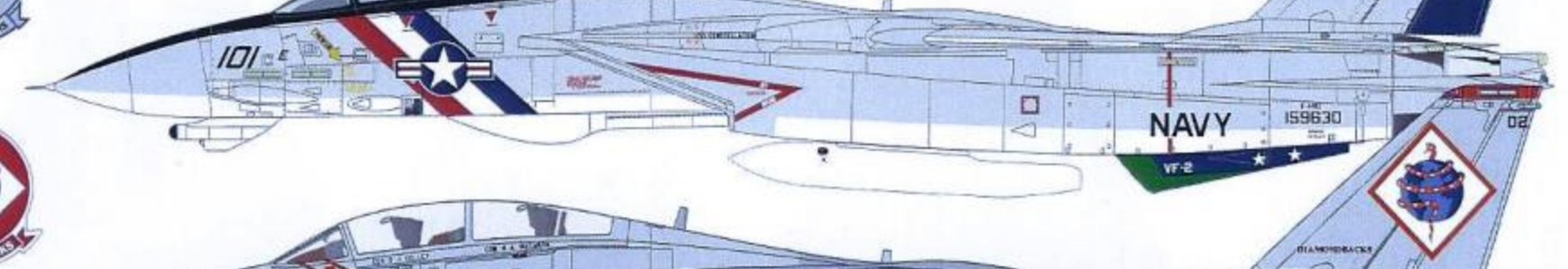
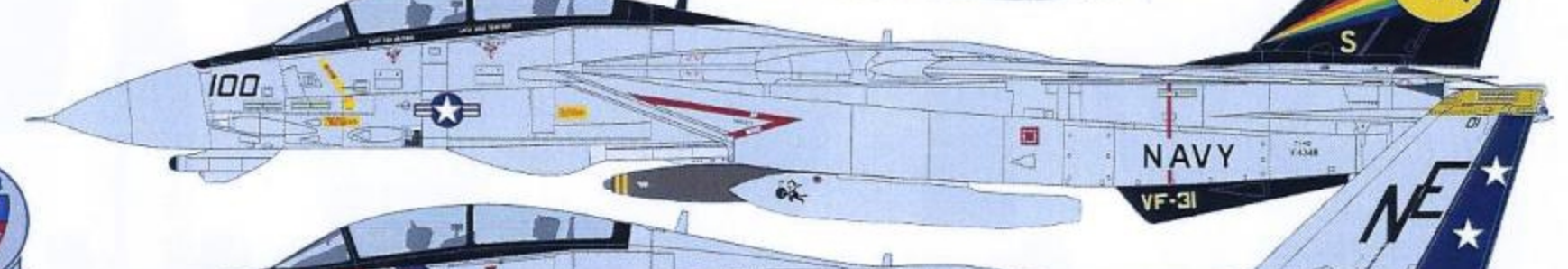
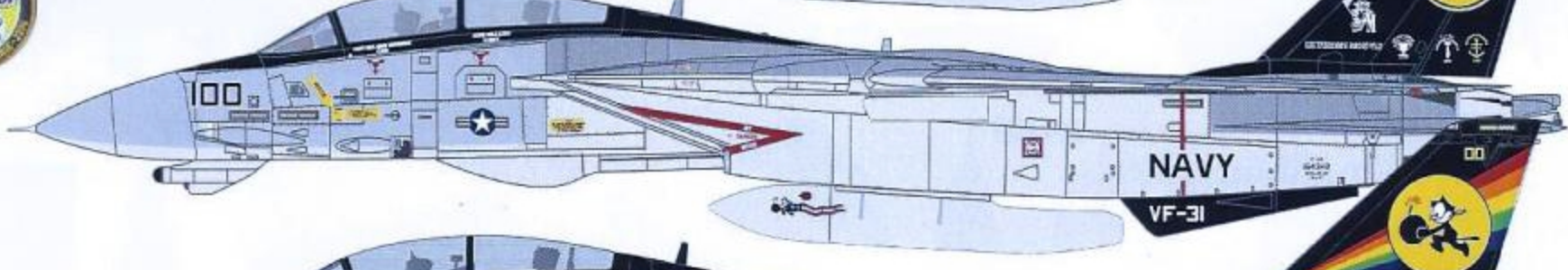
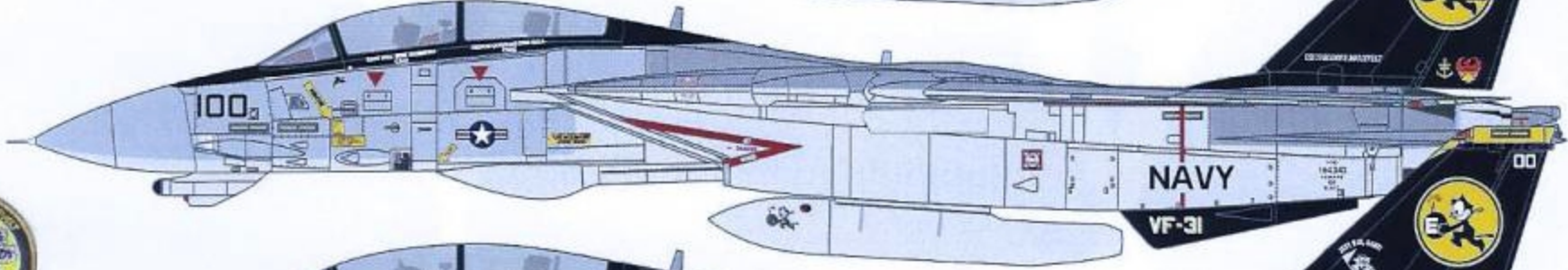
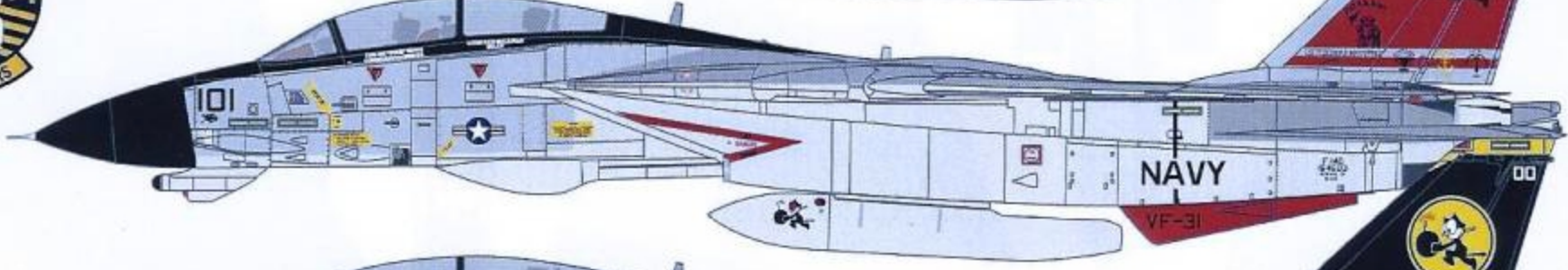
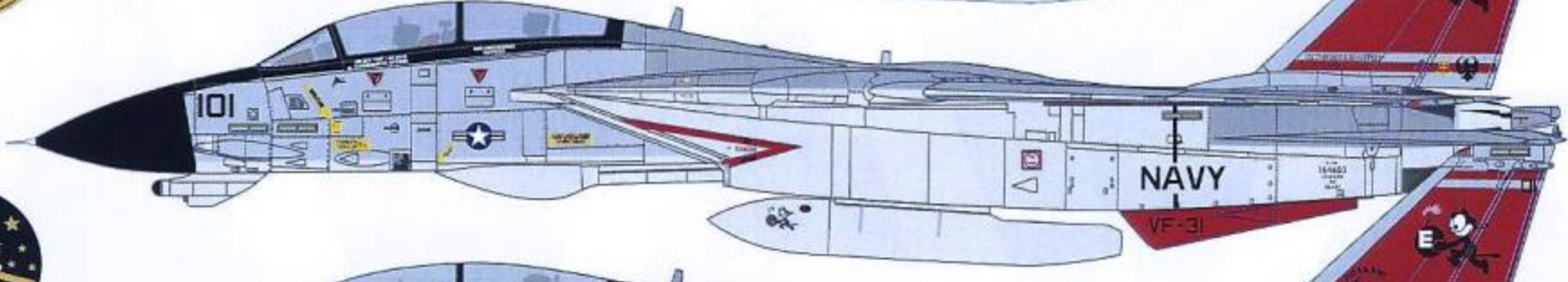


**FIGHTERTOWN** **TOMCATS AT WAR PT2** **48085**  
**DECALS** **F-14B/D** **TAMIYA & AMK**  
**BRAVO DELTA SHOWBOATS**



**VF-31  
100 SUNSET**

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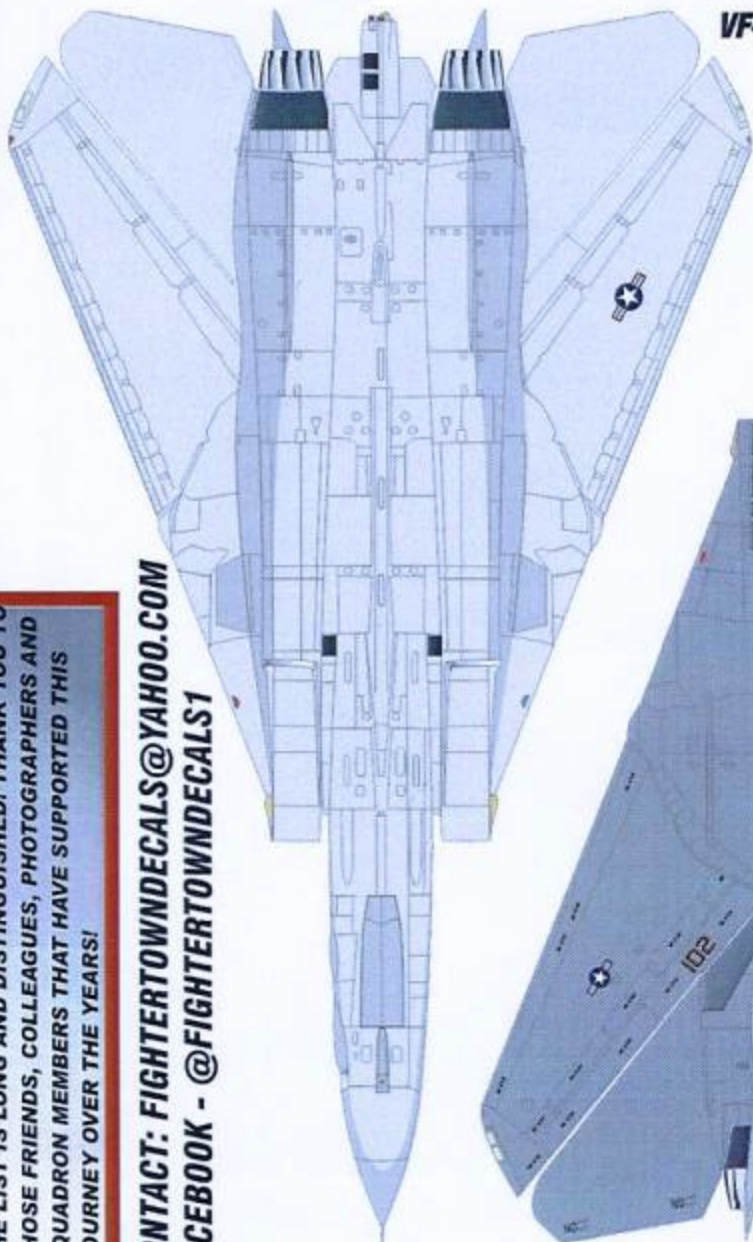
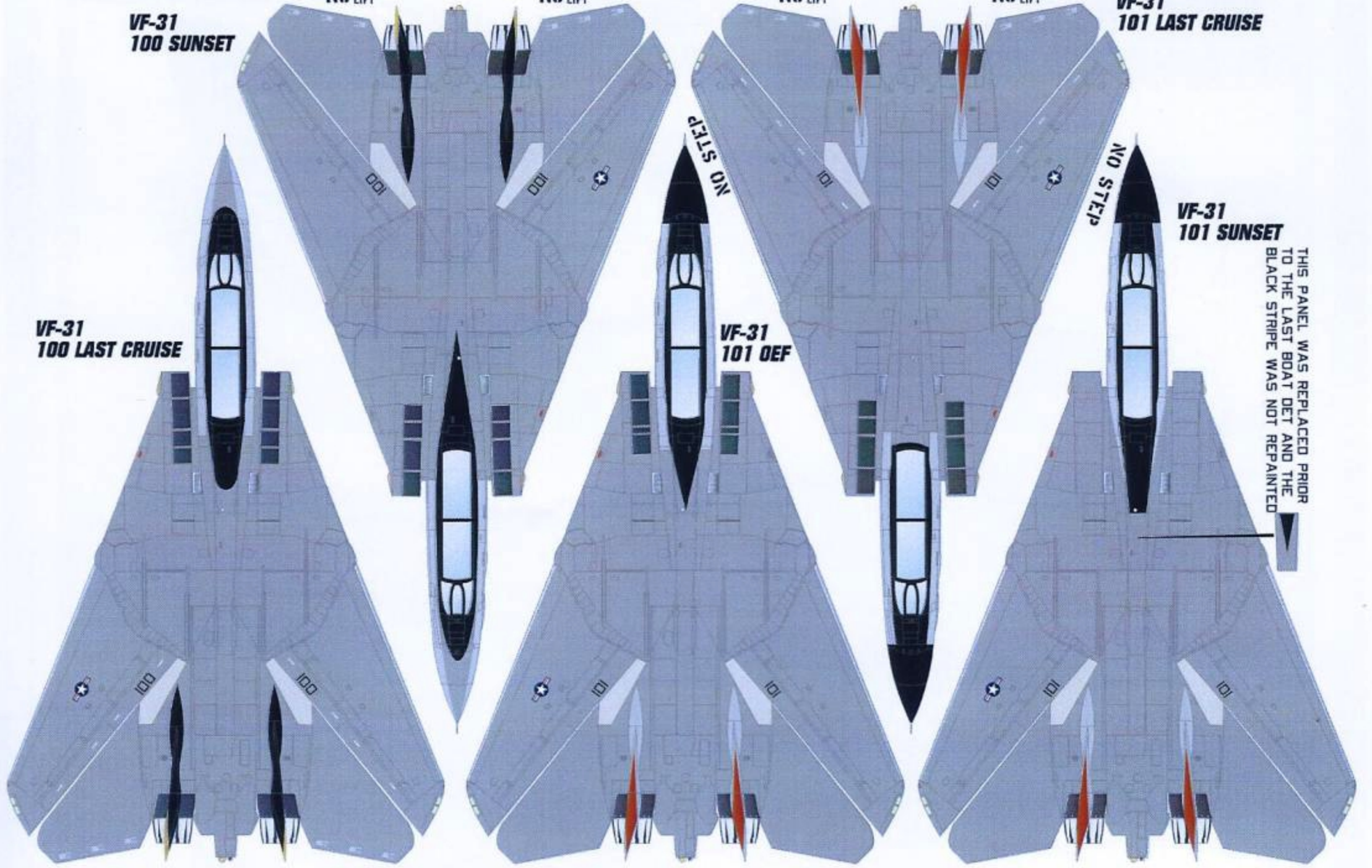
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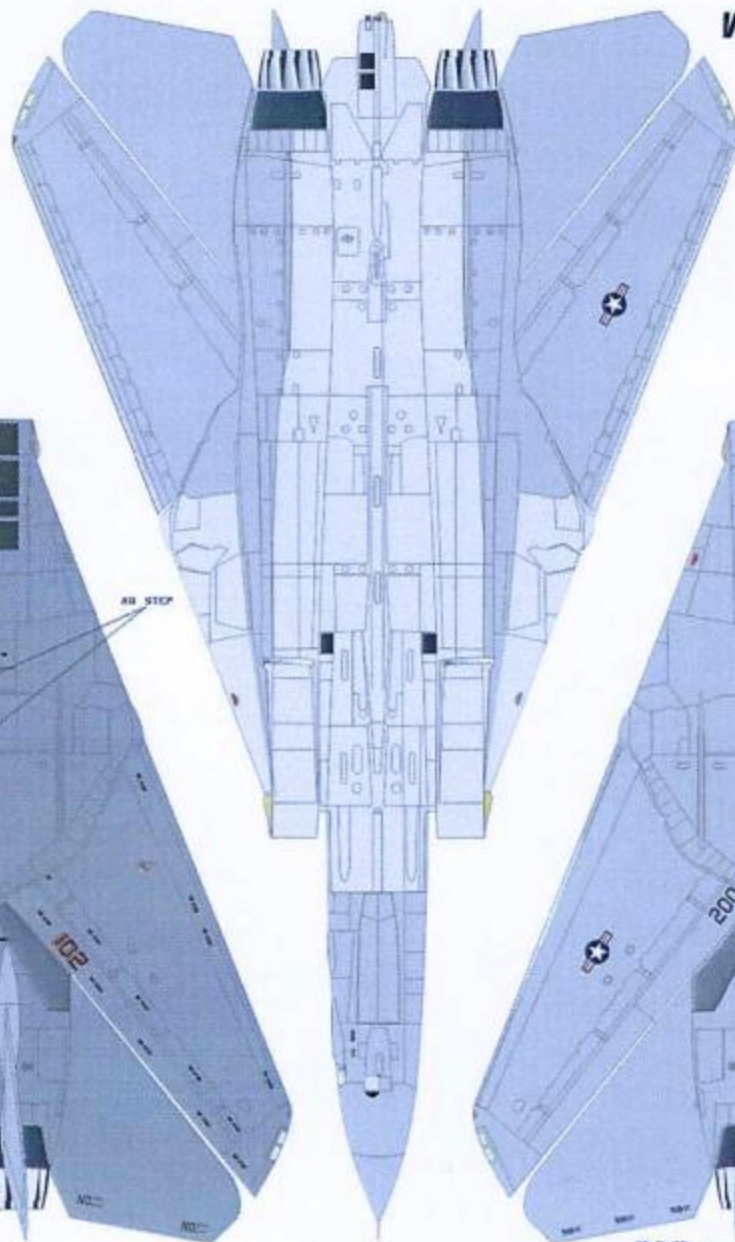
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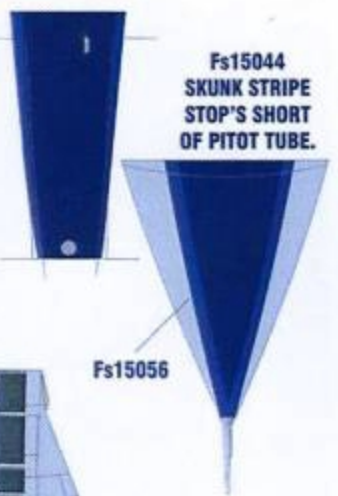
THIS PANEL WAS REPLACED PRIOR  
TO THE LAST BOAT DET AND THE  
BLACK STRIPE WAS NOT REPAINTED



**VF-102**



**VF-213**



VF-213'S JETS HAD FS3527  
STILL PAINTED ON THE TOP  
OF THE WINGS, ON THE SWEEP AREA.

SPECIAL THANKS:  
THE LIST IS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED! THANK YOU TO  
THOSE FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND  
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JOURNEY OVER THE YEARS!

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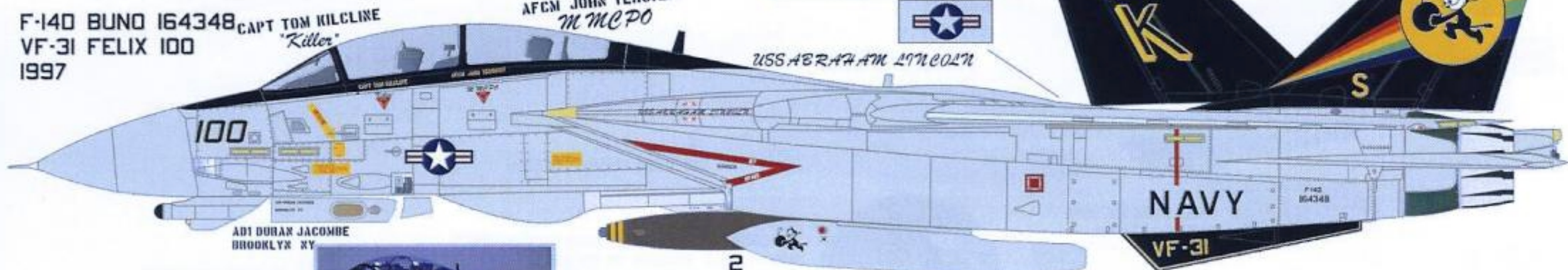
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IN MARCH 1997, VF-31 RETURNED TO MIRAMAR FOR A BOMB DET PRIOR TO GETTING THEIR NEW LANTIRN PODS. AT THE TIME, THE JETS WERE LIMITED TO NON-PGM BOMBS. 100 WAS LOADED UP TO BE THE FIRST FLEET DROP OF FOUR MK84 2000LB BOMBS BUT A FLIGHT CONTROL ISSUE ON PREFLIGHT PREVENTED THE HOP. THE HONOR WOULD GO TO 103 LATER THAT DAY.

F-14D BUNO 164348  
VF-31 FELIX 100  
1997

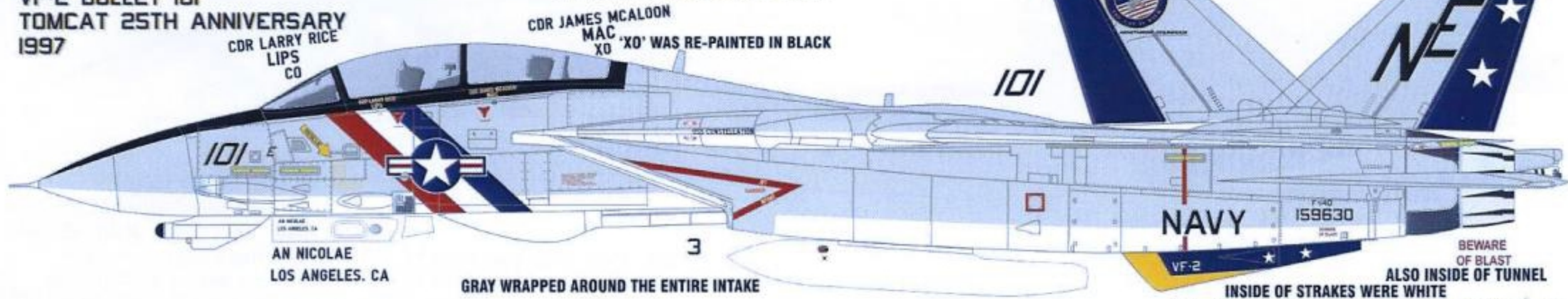


USE NATIONAL INSIGNIA WITH NO WHITE BACKING ON TOP OF LEFT WING.

F-14D BUNO 159630  
VF-2 BULLET 101  
TOMCAT 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
1997



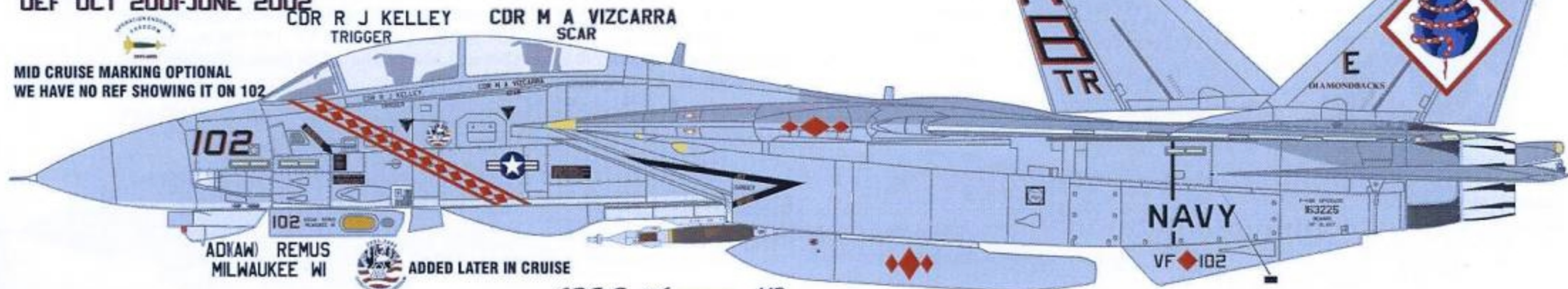
TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE F-14 TOMCAT, GRUMMAN PAINTED UP 101 IN A COMMEMORATIVE RETRO PAINT SCHEME AFTER IT'S FACTORY OVERHAUL. PERHAPS THE FIRST OF THE 'RETRO' SCHEMES THAT BECAME POPULAR IN THE LATER YEARS OF THE F-14. 101 REMAINED THIS WAY THROUGH THE 1998 WESTPAC, ALTHOUGH IT WEATHERED HEAVILY AND HAD SEVERAL TPS REPLACEMENT PANELS AND PARTS.



GRAY WRAPPED AROUND THE ENTIRE INTAKE

BEWARE OF BLAST  
ALSO INSIDE OF TUNNEL  
INSIDE OF STRAKES WERE WHITE  
TAILHOOK WAS OLD SCHOOL WHITE WITH BLACK STRIPES

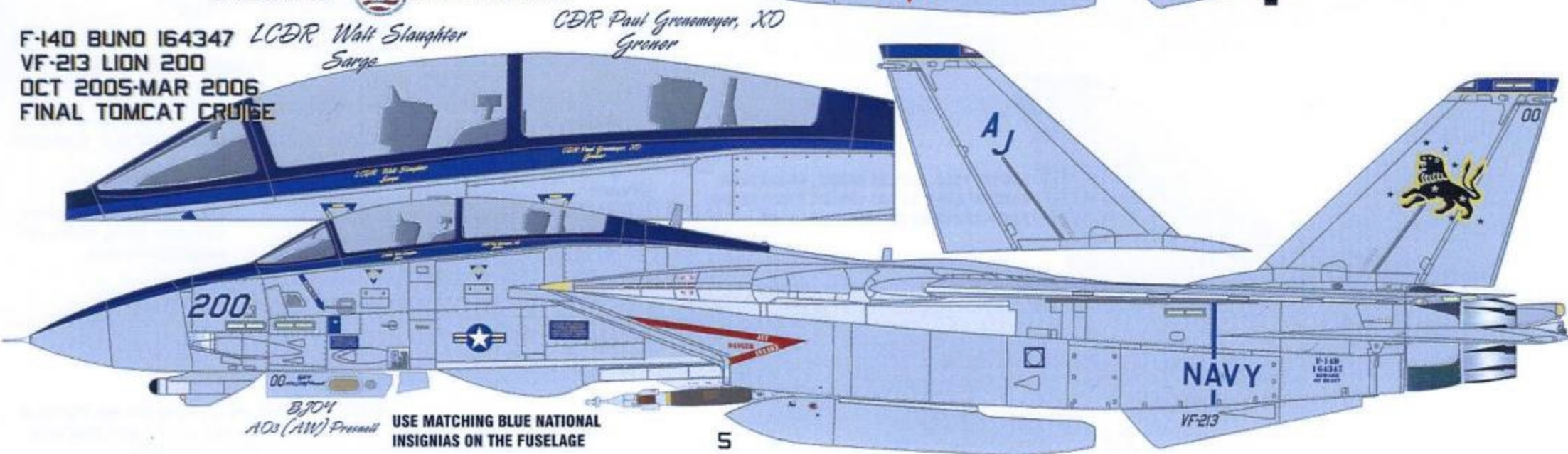
F-14B BUNO 163225  
VF-102 DIAMONDBACKS 102  
DEF OCT 2001-JUNE 2002



MID CRUISE MARKING OPTIONAL  
WE HAVE NO REF SHOWING IT ON 102

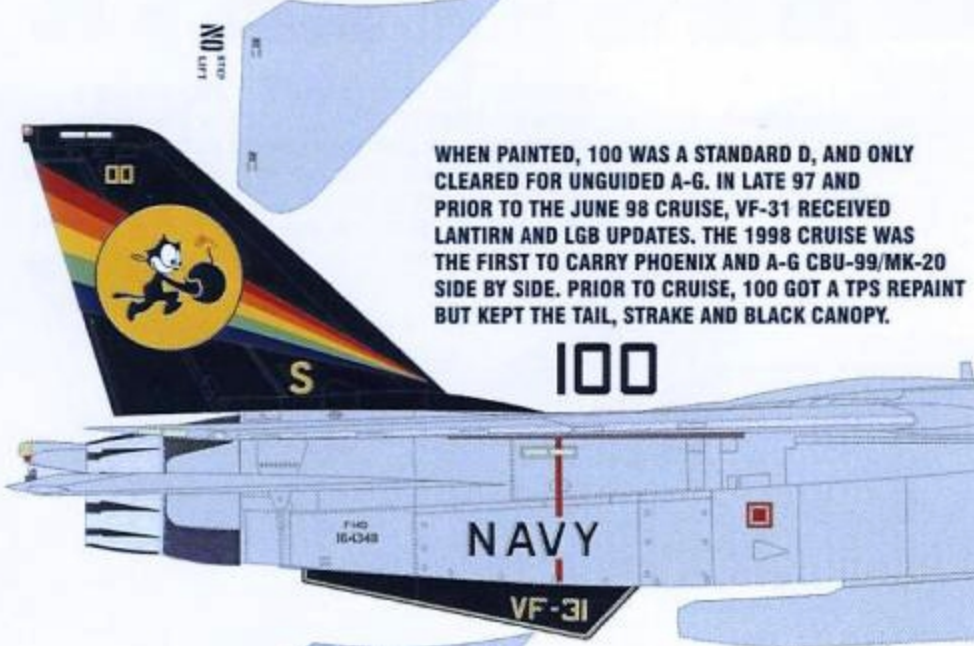
ADDED LATER IN CRUISE

F-14D BUNO 164347  
VF-213 LION 200  
OCT 2005-MAR 2006  
FINAL TOMCAT CRUISE



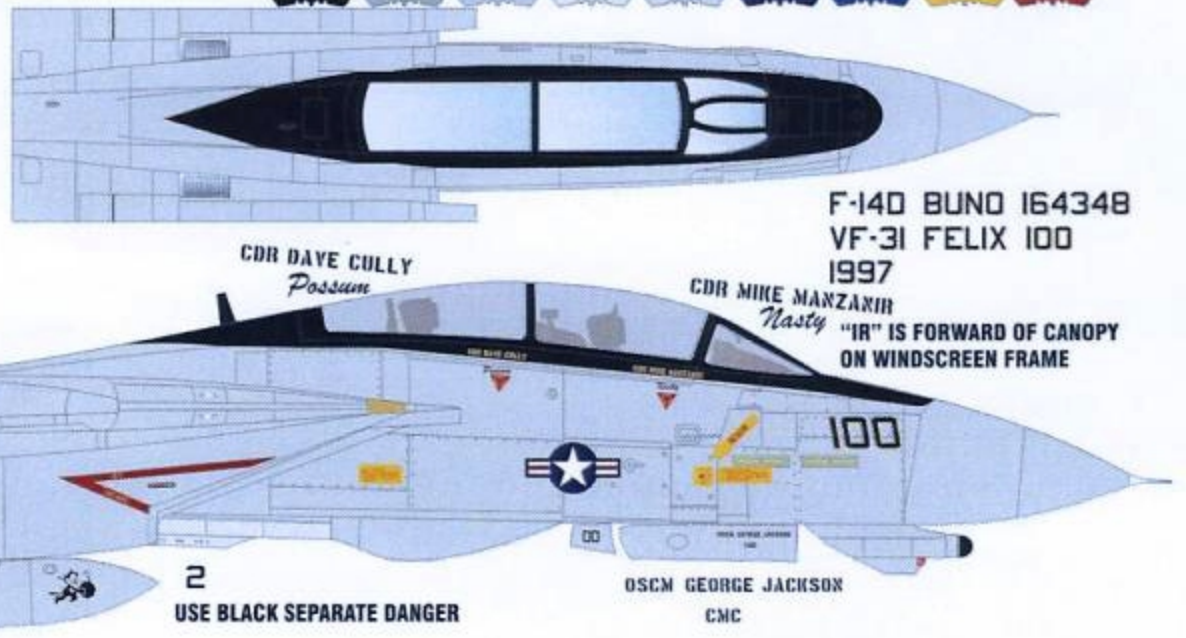
USE MATCHING BLUE NATIONAL INSIGNIAS ON THE FUSELAGE

THESE WERE THE ONLY TOPSIDE STENCILS.



WHEN PAINTED, 100 WAS A STANDARD D, AND ONLY CLEARED FOR UNGUIDED A-G. IN LATE 97 AND PRIOR TO THE JUNE 98 CRUISE, VF-31 RECEIVED LANTIRN AND LGB UPDATES. THE 1998 CRUISE WAS THE FIRST TO CARRY PHOENIX AND A-G CBU-99/MK-20 SIDE BY SIDE. PRIOR TO CRUISE, 100 GOT A TPS REPAINT BUT KEPT THE TAIL, STRAKE AND BLACK CANOPY.

100



101 CAME OUT OF THE PAINT BARN WITH ALL WHITE MISSILE RAILS. SPARROW ON THE RIGHT, PHOENIX ON THE LEFT. AFTER VF-2 UPGRADED TO LANTIRN, BEFORE THEIR 1998 CRUISE, THEY DID PAINT A RAIL WHITE BUT A STANDARD Fs36375 WAS MOSTLY SEEN ON 101.

F-14B BUNO 159630  
VF-2 BULLET 101  
TOMCAT 25TH ANNIVERSARY 1997



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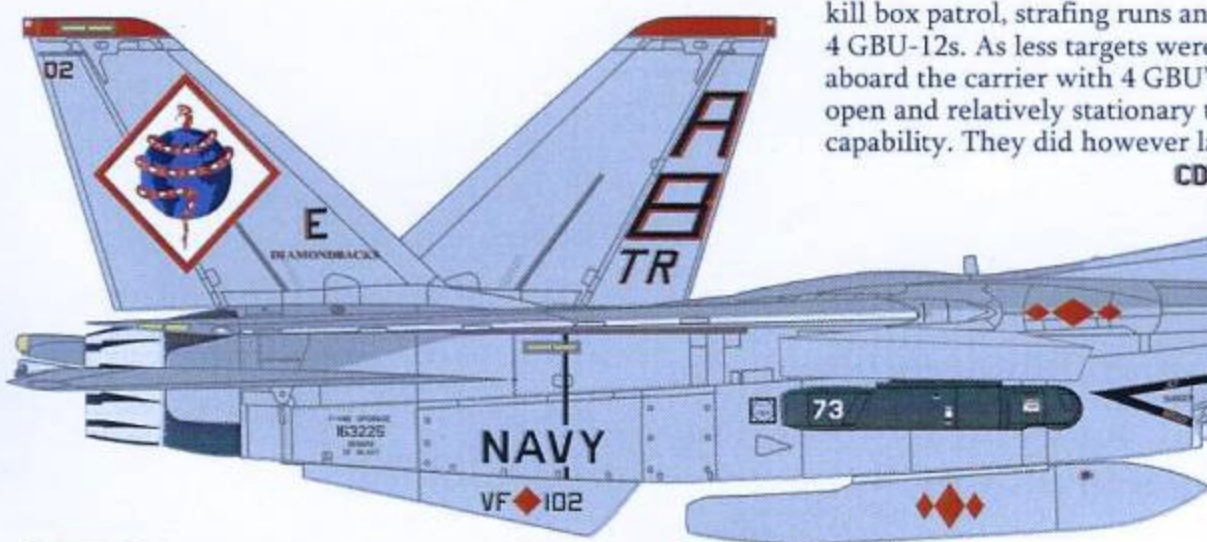


CDR JAMES MCALOON  
MAC  
'XO' WAS RE-PAINTED IN BLACK

CDR LARRY RICE  
LIPS  
CO

F-14B BUNO 163225  
VF-102 DIAMONDBACKS 102  
OEF OCT 2001-JUNE 2002

VF-102 and CVW-1 arrived on station 15 Oct 2001. That night VF-102 flew their first combat mission of Operation Enduring Freedom. Between OCT 01 and March 02, VF-102 would drop a staggering 450,000lbs of ordnance according to squadron records and more flight time (5000+hrs) than any other Tomcat unit in OEF. They participated in operations at 'Tora Bora', 'Tarin Kowt' (where DFCs were awarded) and Anaconda. VF-102 started their OEF campaign as the 'night' carrier taking over from VF-41/CVW-8 and would fly every type of mission then used: Fixed Strike, CAS (often with special operations forces), FAC-A, SCAR, TARPS, kill box patrol, strafing runs and more. The predominate loadout was as a 'quad' bomber usually carrying 4 GBU-12s. As less targets were being struck, VF-102 switched to 2 GBU-12 / 2 Mk83s in that recovering aboard the carrier with 4 GBU's was not possible. Mk83s were used as marker bombs, against troops in the open and relatively stationary targets. GBU-12s were the bomb of choice as VF-102 did not have JDAM capability. They did however laze a considerable number of LMAVs and LGBs from other strikers.

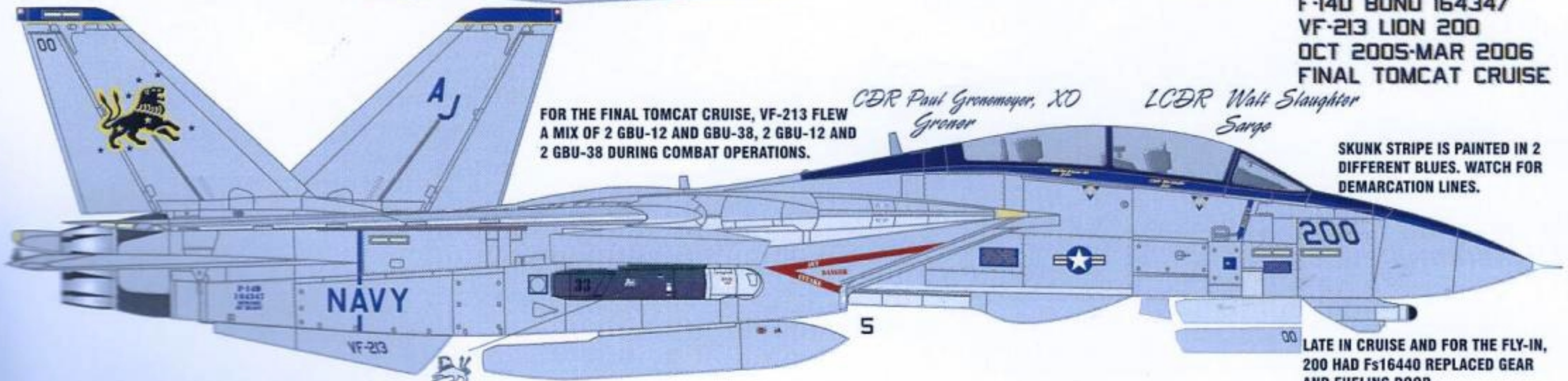


FOR THE FINAL TOMCAT CRUISE, VF-213 FLEW A MIX OF 2 GBU-12 AND GBU-38, 2 GBU-12 AND 2 GBU-38 DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS.

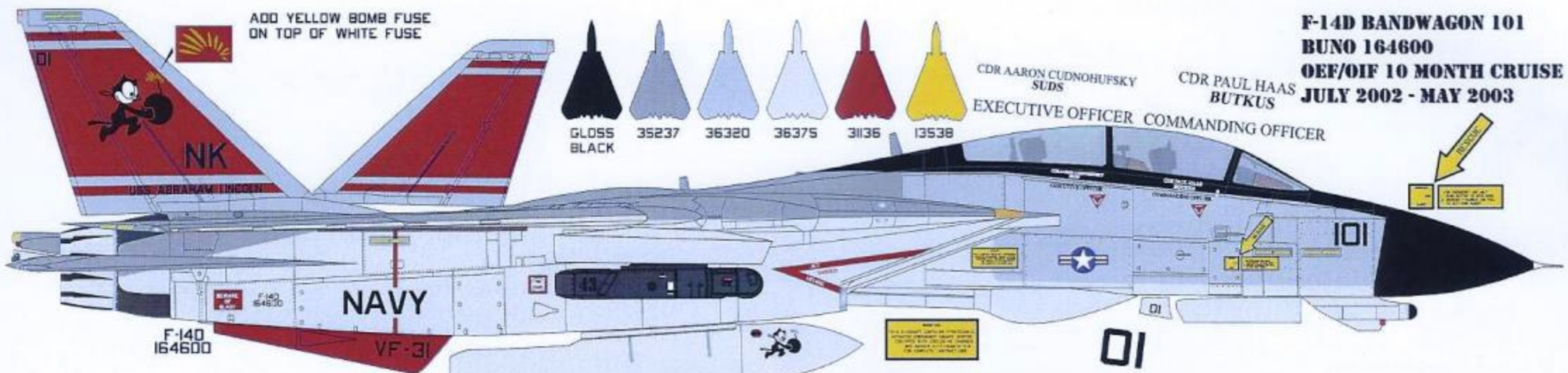
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Grenor

LCDR Walt Slaughter  
Sarge

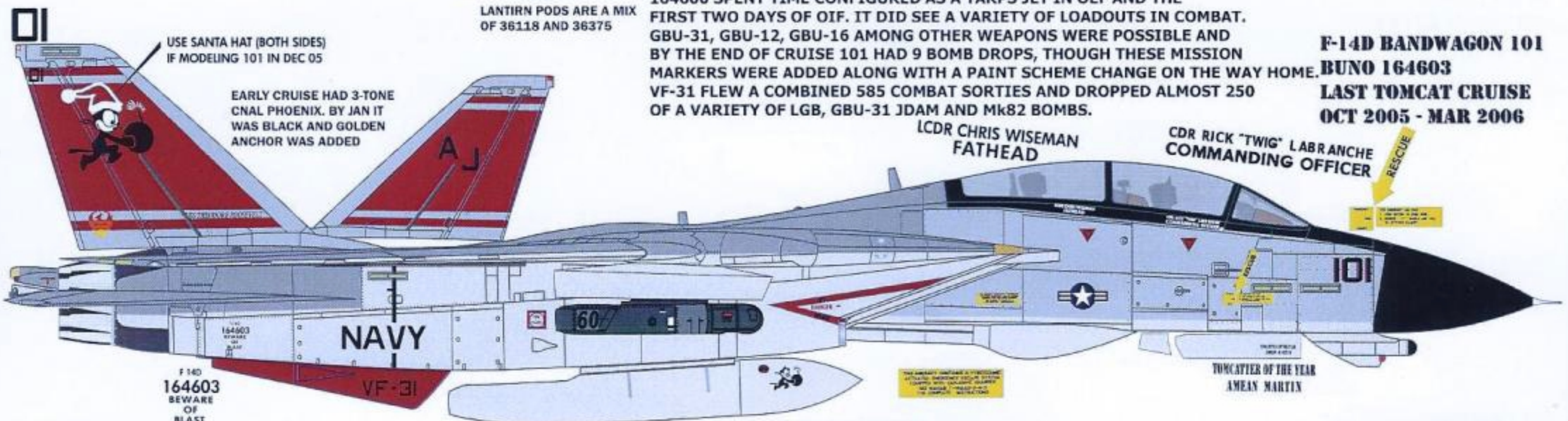
SKUNK STRIPE IS PAINTED IN 2 DIFFERENT BLUES. WATCH FOR DEMARCATION LINES.



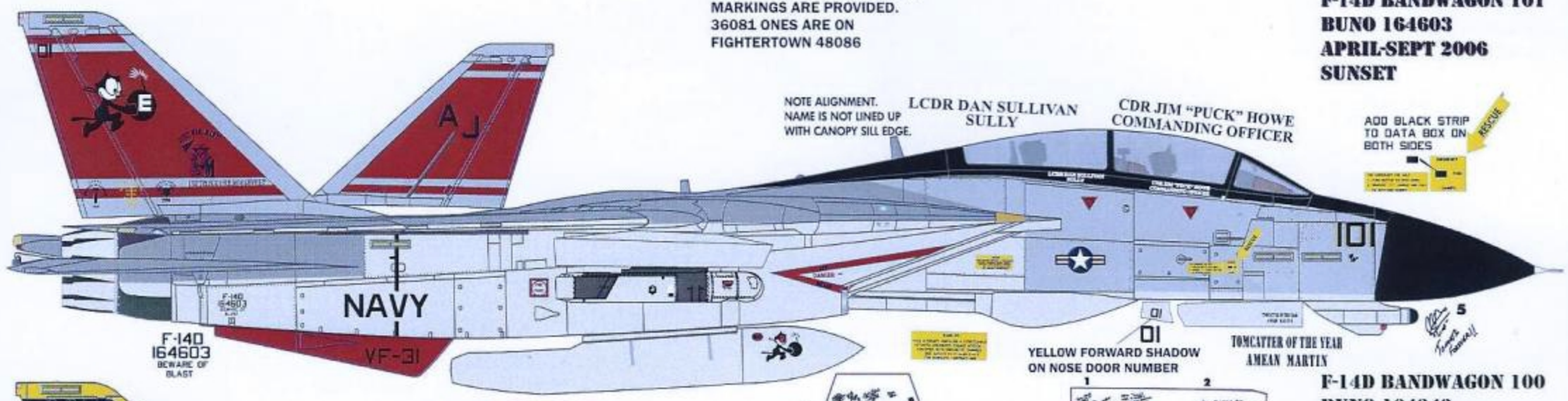
LATE IN CRUISE AND FOR THE FLY-IN, 200 HAD Fs16440 REPLACED GEAR AND FUELING DOOR.



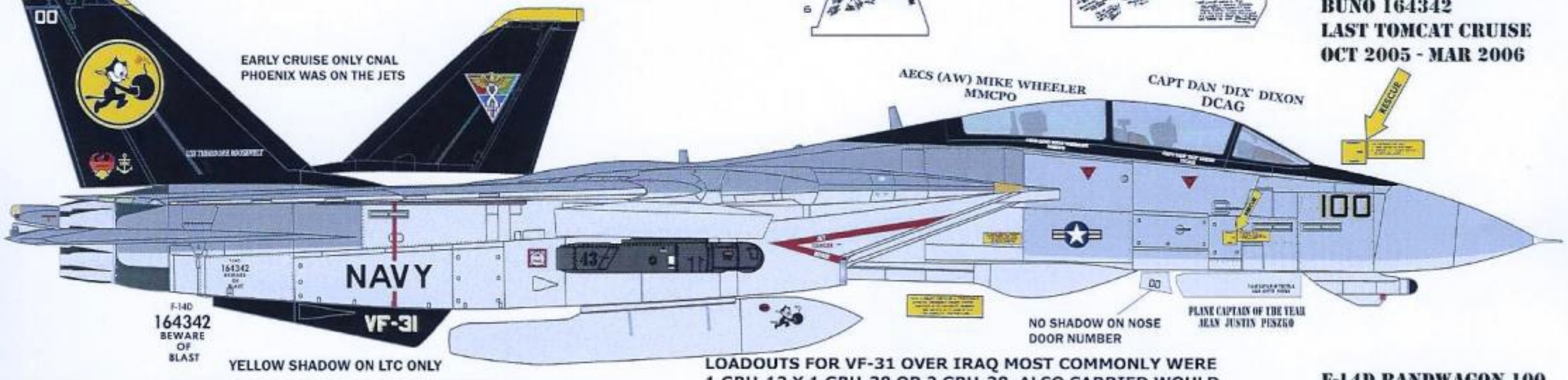
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**JULY 2002 - MAY 2003**



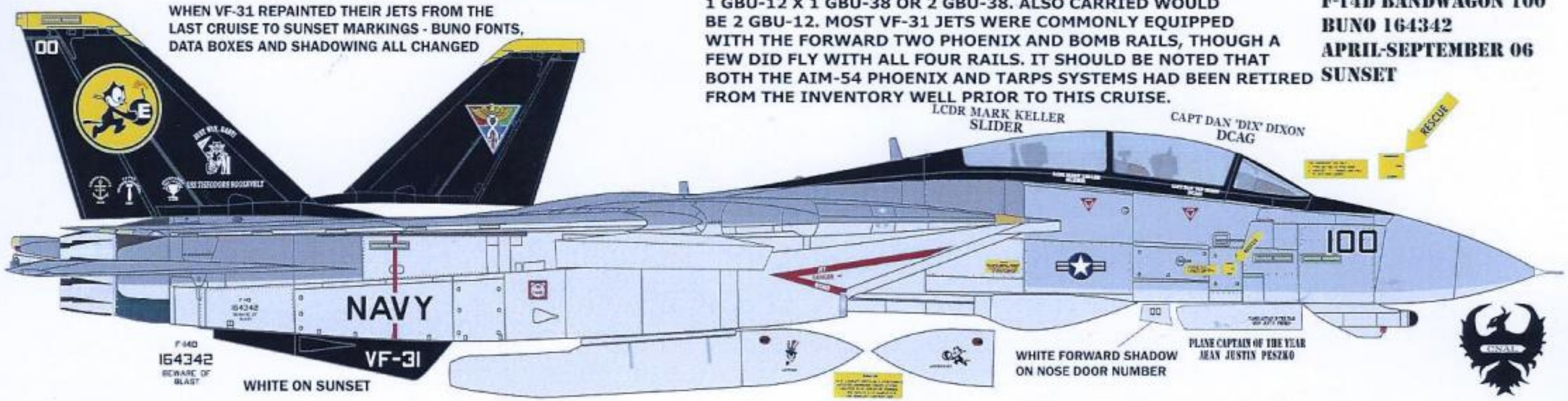
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**BUNO 164603**  
**LAST TOMCAT CRUISE**  
**OCT 2005 - MAR 2006**



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**APRIL-SEPT 2006**  
**SUNSET**



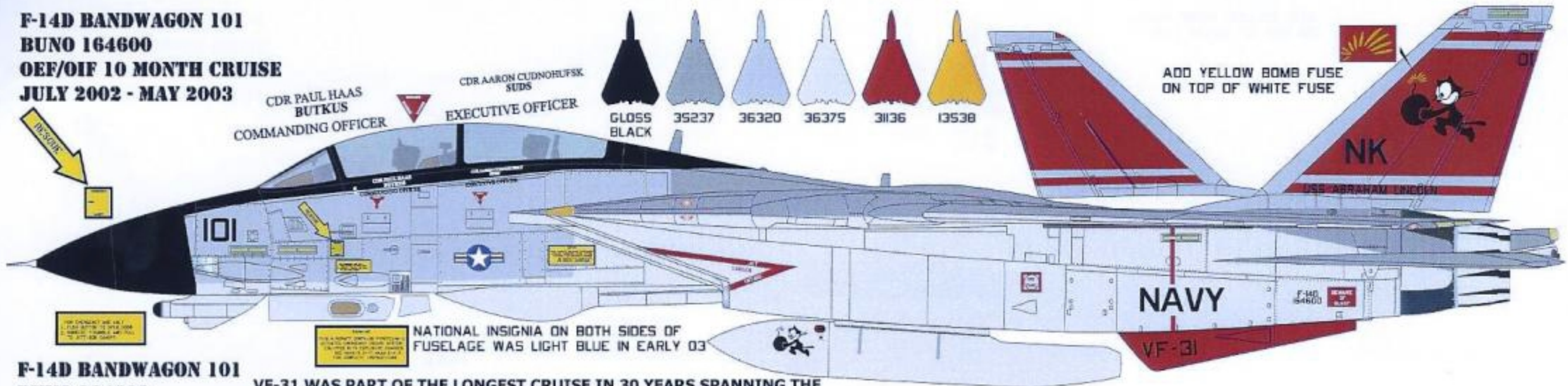
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**LAST TOMCAT CRUISE**  
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**APRIL-SEPTEMBER 06**  
**SUNSET**



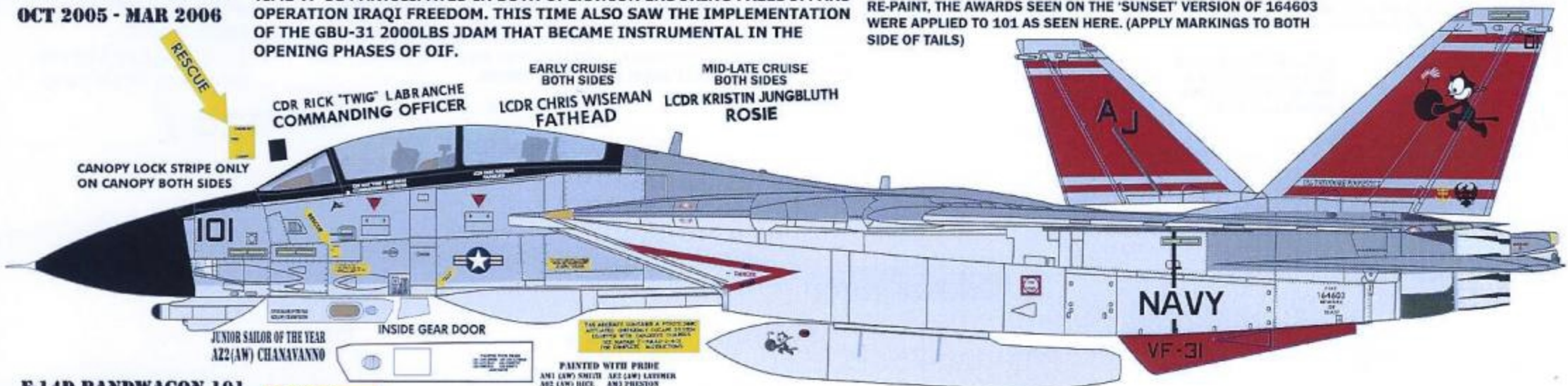
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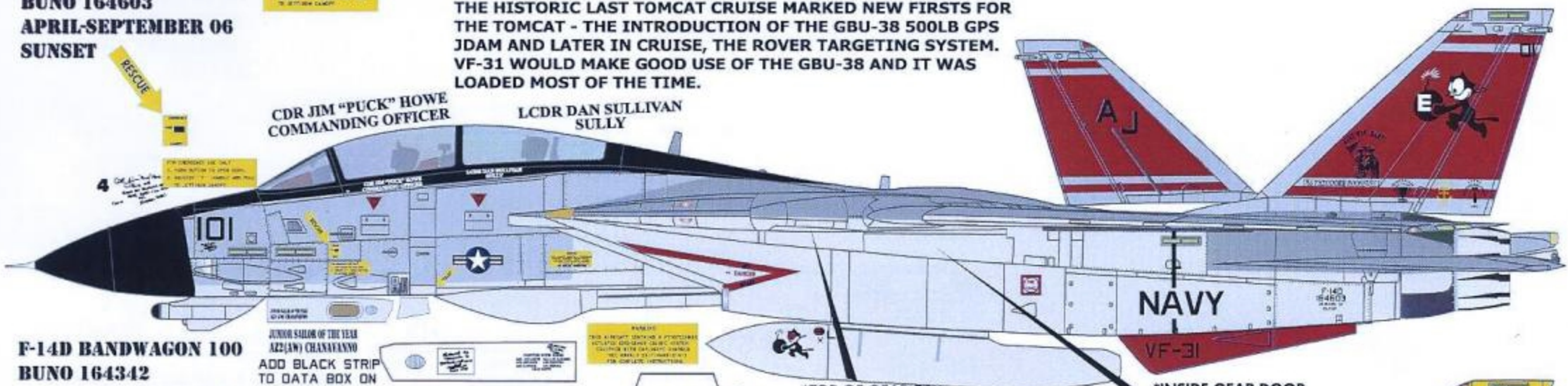
VF-31 WAS PART OF THE LONGEST CRUISE IN 30 YEARS SPANNING THE BETTER PART OF 10 MONTHS, MOST OF IT SPENT AT SEA. DURING THAT TIME VF-31 PARTICIPATED IN BOTH OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. THIS TIME ALSO SAW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GBU-31 2000LBS JDAM THAT BECAME INSTRUMENTAL IN THE OPENING PHASES OF OIF.

FOR A BRIEF PERIOD AFTER CRUISE, BEFORE RECEIVING A FULL RE-PAINT, THE AWARDS SEEN ON THE 'SUNSET' VERSION OF 164603 WERE APPLIED TO 101 AS SEEN HERE. (APPLY MARKINGS TO BOTH SIDE OF TAILS)

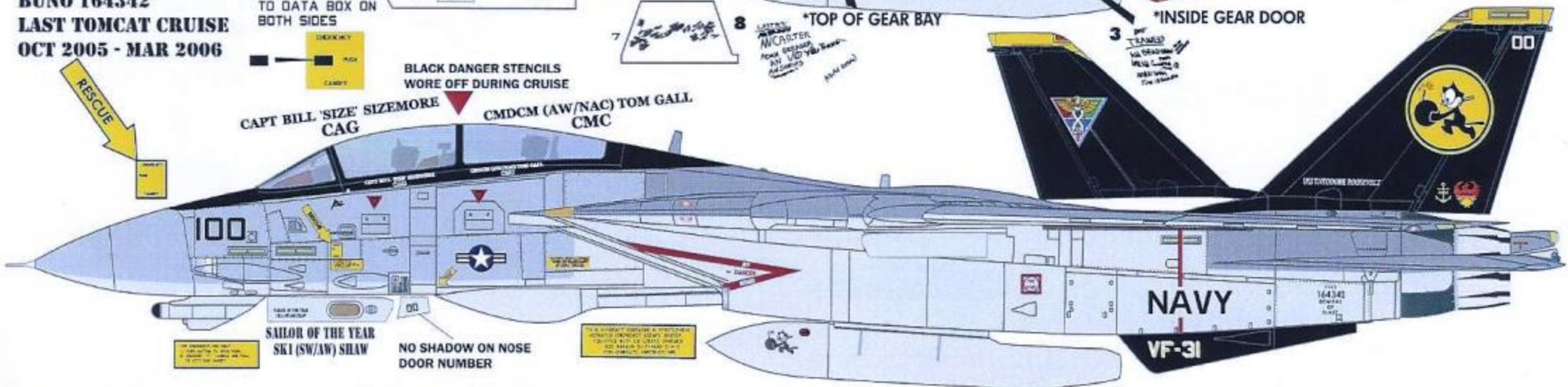


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**BUNO 164603**  
**APRIL-SEPTEMBER 06**  
**SUNSET**

THE HISTORIC LAST TOMCAT CRUISE MARKED NEW FIRSTS FOR THE TOMCAT - THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GBU-38 500LB GPS JDAM AND LATER IN CRUISE, THE ROVER TARGETING SYSTEM. VF-31 WOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THE GBU-38 AND IT WAS LOADED MOST OF THE TIME.



**F-14D BANDWAGON 100**  
**BUNO 164342**  
**LAST TOMCAT CRUISE**  
**OCT 2005 - MAR 2006**



**F-14D BANDWAGON 100**  
**BUNO 164342**  
**APRIL-SEPTEMBER 06**  
**SUNSET**

