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A-7E Corsair II BuNo. 159289. With VA-82 during the 1977/78 Med cruise of USS Nimitz (CVN-68). Non-Specular Gull Gray FS36440 upper surfaces with Gloss White FS17875 undersurfaces, landing gear, fin cap, and control surfaces. Wing leading edge slats were painted aluminum. Flat Black FS37038 antiglare panel. CDR Jud Springer replaced CDR Moon Moreau as CAG CVW-8 in January of 1978. AJ300 carried both names at different times during the cruise.

A-7E Corsair II BuNo. 157571. Flown by LT Frank Power of VA-82 Marauders aboard CVN-68 during her 1977/78 Med cruise. Standard USN scheme. Note the Radome Tan horizontal strip at the extreme forward edge of the white radome, a feature appearing on almost every Corsair in CVW-8. No E award was carrried by AJ311.

A-7E Corsair II BuNo. 159292. CAG bird from VA-86 aboard Nimitz from January to July 1978. Standard USN scheme. Flat Black FS37138 antiglare panel. Tip of radome was Radome Tan, approximately FS12345. Multicolored diamonds on the rudder. VA-86 jets carried orange bands inboard of the wing fold line top and bottom.

A-7E Corsair II BuNo. 159305. Flown by CDR Superb Herb Taylor, the Head Snake of VA-86 Sidewinders for the Nimitz 1977/78 Med cruise. Finished as AJ400 but with orange diamonds on the rudder. Note the lack of aircraft type designation in the port side BuNo presentation.

