

US NAVY PHANTOM MiG KILLERS II



VF-143 Pukin' Dogs



Taproom 307 LTJG Robert Hickey and LTJG Jeremy Morris MiG-21 26 October 1967



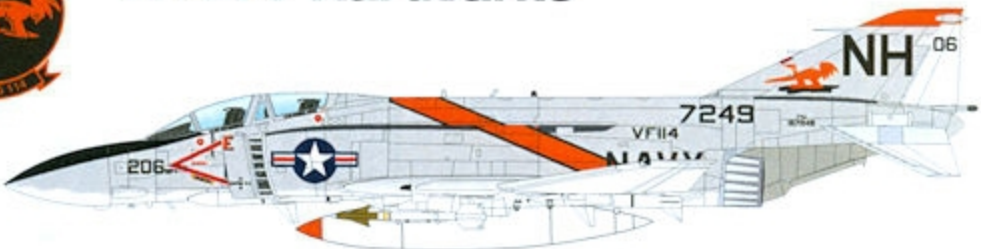
VF-33 Tarsiers



Rootbeer 212 LT Roy "Outlaw" Cash and LTJG J. Edward Kain, Jr. MiG-21 10 July 1968



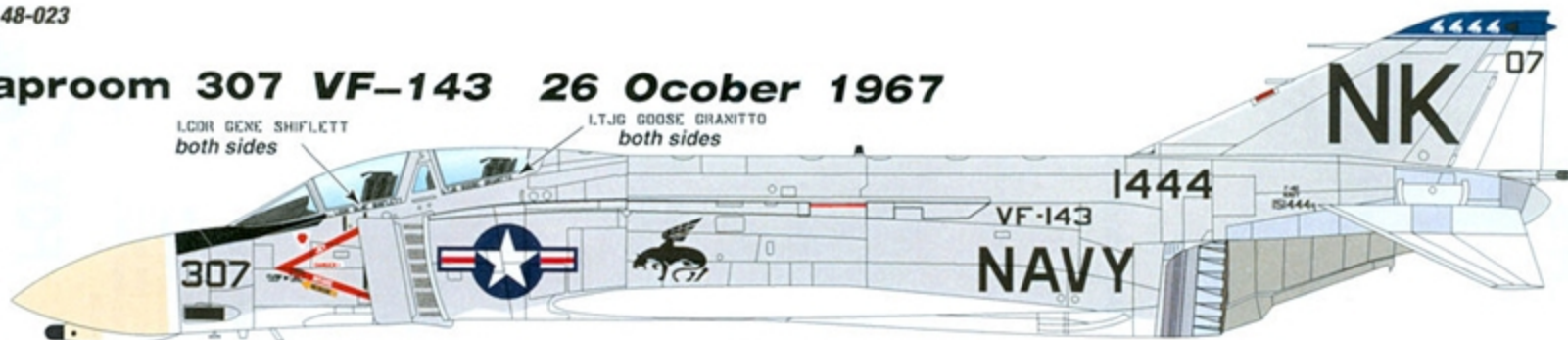
VF-114 Aardvarks



Linfield 206 LT Bob Hughes and LTJG Joe Cruz MiG-21 6 May 1972

This decal contains markings for three McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom II aircraft as flown by US Navy crews during and immediately after actual MiG killing missions in the Viet Nam War. We have endeavored to make these markings as accurate as possible by obtaining and using only contemporary sources of material and by consulting with several participating air and ground crew members. As in our earlier decal sets, we have uncovered differences between what actually was the case and what has been published in some of the standard references used by modelers. We hope you enjoy these decals and find them easy to use.

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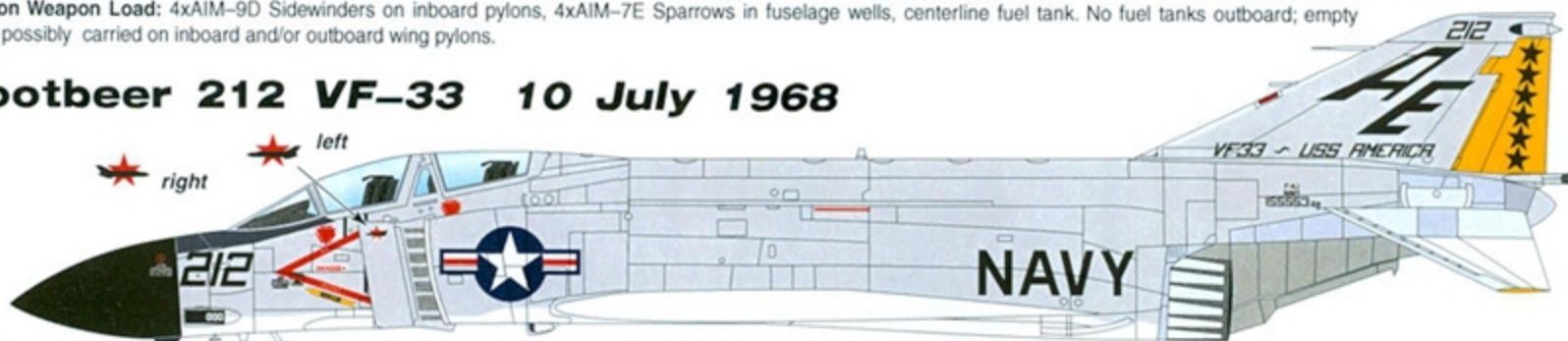
Subject: F-4B-17-MC BuNo. 151444q, VF-143, CVW-14, USS *Constellation* CVA64. Note early non-slotted horizontal tails. Crewed on 26 October 1967 by LTJG R.P. Hickey (pilot) and LTJG J.G. Morris (RIO).

Camouflage and Markings: Standard US Navy scheme. Forward portion of radome and IR sensor Tan (approximately FS17855), aft portions White. Fin caps, wing tips, and tips of AIM-9 launch rails painted Dark Blue (FS15050). Names of assigned aircrew, LCDR Gene Shiflett (pilot) and LTJG "Goose" Granitto (RIO) on canopy rails, both sides. Plain Black gross weight panels on cabin air conditioning inlets. Black outline walkways on wings and engine air inlet trunks—use FOD Decal #48-010. Note White triangle style ejection seat warning. Replace kit ejection seats with aftermarket Martin Baker Mk.5 types. Extra "oops" sections of blue decal stripe have been included for touch-ups, just in case.

Mission Description: On 26 October 1967, LTJG Robert P. Hickey and LTJG Jeremy Morris, were flying as wingmen to VF-143 XO Dave Grosshuesch on a MiGCAP mission for a multi-carrier strike force. Cleared to fire at two bandits by *Harbormaster* without visual confirmation. Grosshuesch lost his radar just as he was about to launch an AIM-7. Hickey then attempted a Sparrow shot but it failed to guide. A Sidewinder was launched but it too failed to track. Pulling within visual range, the two pilots realized the "bandits" were actually two other Pukin' Dog Phantoms completely unaware of their lucky escape. Re-vectored to a new contact, Hickey and Morris began an unusual high-altitude engagement. Supersonic at 35,000 feet, Hickey was in a tail chase with a MiG-21 just 5-15 miles south of Hanoi. Hickey fired a Sparrow which guided to the MiG, blowing its left wing completely off. The undaunted MiG pilot stayed with his stricken aircraft and continued to fly on seemingly under control. Hickey chased the MiG down to a lower altitude, firing several Sidewinders without scoring another hit. The MiG pilot eventually ejected at about 10,000 feet altitude.

Mission Weapon Load: 4xAIM-9D Sidewinders on inboard pylons, 4xAIM-7E Sparrows in fuselage wells, centerline fuel tank. No fuel tanks outboard; empty TERs possibly carried on inboard and/or outboard wing pylons.

Rootbeer 212 VF-33 10 July 1968



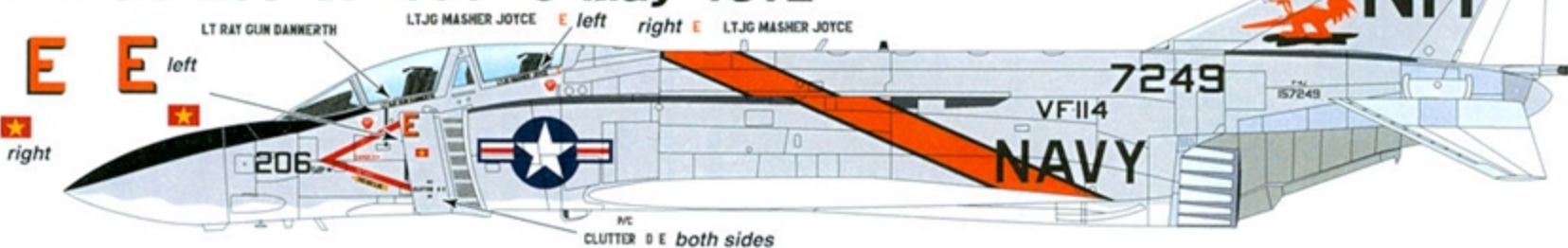
Subject: F-4J-33-MC BuNo. 155553ag, VF-33, CVW-6, USS *America* CVA66. Crewed on 10 July 1968 by LT R. Cash (pilot) and LT J.E. Kain, Jr. (RIO).

Camouflage and Markings: Standard US Navy scheme. Orange Yellow (FS13538) rudder, wing and horizontal tail tips. Black radome. Black outline walkways on wings only—use FOD Decal #48-010. Aircraft in factory fresh finish with extensive stencilling. Black gross weight panels on cabin air conditioning inlets; only left side panel contained white "000" stencil. Victory marking added to inlet ramp on both sides. Battle Efficiency "E" awarded after kill and victory marking was moved to lower position on ramps. Note use of swallow tail style of rescue arrow and Red triangle style ejection seat warning.

Mission Description: LT Roy "Outlaw" Cash and LT Ed Kain were flying MiGCAP with their wingman on 10 July 1968 when their flight controller, *Raider*, gave them information that MiGs would be coming in to attack A-7attack aircraft just below the "no bomb" line just north of Vinh. The Phantoms jettisoned their centerline tanks, armed their missiles, and then hit the deck flying at 1,500 feet. The MiGs' communications were jammed and Cash and his wingman were going to have a big surprise for them. They were vectored to approach them head on and, when at optimum Sparrow range, Cash fired, calling out "Fox One, Fox One!" The missiles tracked until they were about four miles away when the MiGs began a lazy turn away from the Phantoms. The Sparrows failed to guide and exploded 100 yards away from one of the MiGs, suddenly alerting them to the US presence. After some high-g maneuvering to get into position during which two more MiGs were spotted, Cash got into position behind a MiG-21 and fired his second AIM-9 which blew off the entire empennage and the pilot ejected. The remaining MiGs fled and the Phantoms lost contact, so they unloaded and returned to the ship.

Mission Weapon Load: 4xAIM-9G Sidewinders on inboard pylons, 2xAIM-7E Sparrows (presumably in the rear fuselage wells), centerline fuel tank. Outboard pylon configuration unknown.

Linfield 206 VF-114 6 May 1972



Subject: F-4J-40-MC BuNo. 157249an, VF-114, CVW-11, USS *Kitty Hawk* CVA63. Crewed on 6 May 1972 by LT R.G. Hughes (pilot) and LTJG A.J. Cruz (RIO).

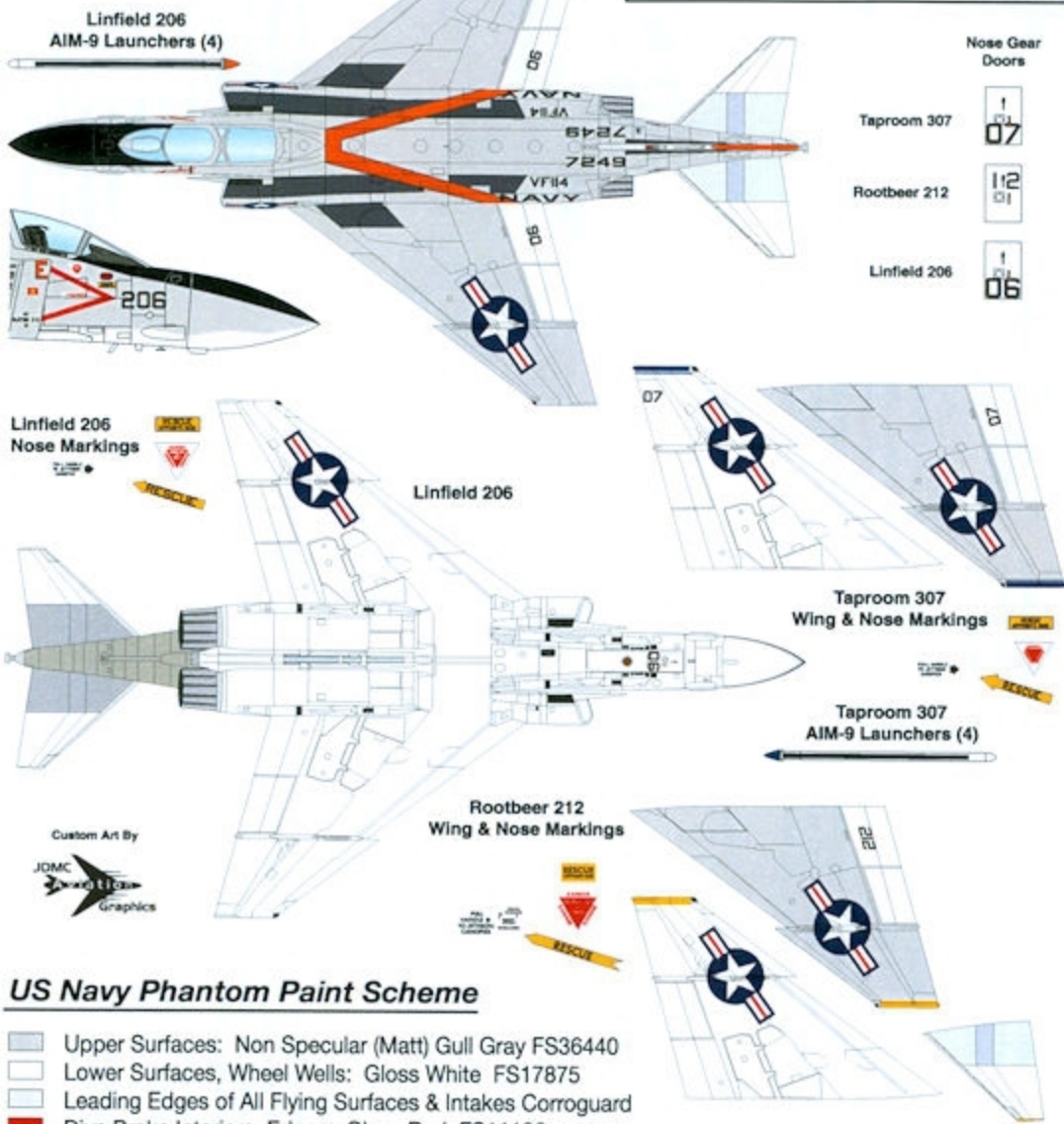
Camouflage and Markings: Standard US Navy scheme. Radome camouflaged in Light Gull Gray and Insignia White. Flat Black antiglare panel extended just under the tip of the radome. Black walkways on inlet trunks, wings, and above along the vertical tail—use FOD Decal #48-010 for inlet and wing walkways. Fin cap, RWR fairing, and tips of AIM-9 launch rails painted International Orange FS22510. Battle Efficiency "E" applied before MiG kill mission. Names of assigned aircrew, LT R.C. "Ray Gun" Dannerth (pilot) and LTJG J.M. "Masher" Joyce (RIO) on canopy rails, and plane captain, AN D.E. Clutter on inlet ramps, both sides. Note White triangle style ejection seat warning. An extra "oops" section of decal stripe has been included for the fuselage top joint.

Mission Description: On 6 May 1972, aircraft from the USS *Coral Sea* (CV43) had bombed Bai Thuong airfield when CVW-11 from USS *Kitty Hawk* was called upon to deliver a follow-on Alpha Strike on short notice. LT Bob Hughes piloting *Linfield 206* with LTJG Joe Cruz as RIO were part of a section of Aardvarks F-4Js sent up to provide MiGCAP. Vectored to a radar contact, LCDR Pete Pettigrew took the lead and after spotting four MiG-21s in formation, the two Phantoms began maneuvering into a firing position. Pettigrew passed the lead back to Hughes who was in a better firing position on the outside of a turn and Hughes downed an enemy fighter with his first Sidewinder. Hughes pressed his attack to the first MiG's leader only to have his next two AIM-9s miss. His final "Winder tracked the target and blew off pieces of its tail just as another AIM-9 fired by Pettigrew flew up the tailpipe and blew the MiG to smithereens. The two remaining MiGs tailed the Phantoms but were unable to catch the F-4s who returned to their carrier for an equally exciting victory pass amidst thunderstorms and while dodging other aircraft from *Kitty Hawk's* air wing.

Mission Weapon Load: 4xAIM-9G Sidewinders on inboard pylons. The number of AIM-7E Sparrows not known for sure, but after examining photos, it appears that only two were carried in the rear fuselage wells. There was also a centerline tank. Outboard station configuration not known but pylons with empty TERs possibly carried.

For the Hasegawa and Monogram F-4J Phantom II Kits

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US Navy Phantom Paint Scheme

- Upper Surfaces: Non Specular (Matt) Gull Gray FS36440
- Lower Surfaces, Wheel Wells: Gloss White FS17875
- Leading Edges of All Flying Surfaces & Intakes Corrugard
- Dive Brake Interiors, Edges: Gloss Red FS11136
- Antiglare Panel: Flat Black FS37038

General Markings Notes

30" Stars carried on Fuselage, 45" on Wings
Fuel Tanks, MERs/TERs and AIM-9 Launch Rails were
White but sometimes carried Squadron Color tips
Burnt Metal areas under Tail
Walkways as indicated, see Fox One Decal #48-010

F-4B/J Construction Notes

1. Remove all formation lighting
2. F-4B used Martin Baker Mk.5 seats
3. Remove triangular plates from horizontal tails?
4. Modify nose gear door cover per 1:48 drawing



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