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**OEF/OIF
FINAL TOMCAT CRUISE
SUNSET**

FTD 101

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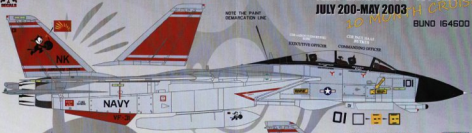
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FELIX "BANDWAGON" 101 OEF / OIF

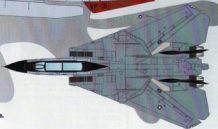
JULY 200-MAY 2003

30 MONTH CRUISE

BUNO 164600



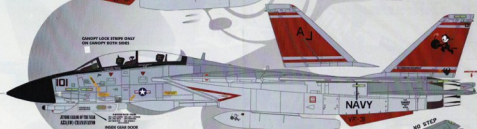
* 101 MODEL NEXT TO NK ON MAIN DECAL SHEET



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. 101 spent time configured as a TARPIS jet in OEF and the first two days of OIF. It did see a variety of loadouts in combat, GBU-31, GBU-12, GBU-16 among other weapons were possible and by the end of cruise 101 had 9 bomb drops, though these mission markers were added along with a paint scheme change on the way home.

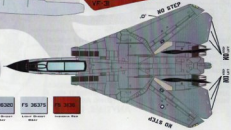
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FELIX "BANDWAGON" 101 LAST TOMCAT CRUISE SEPT 2005 - MARCH 2006



Returning to familiar territory over Iraq and OIF II/III, VF-31 would participate in the historic last ever F-14 Tomcat cruise. This cruise also marked a first for the Tomcat, the introduction of the GBU-38 500lb JDAM and later in cruise, the ROVER targeting system (though 101 did not receive ROVER). VF-31 would make good use of the GBU-38 and it was loaded most of the time.

Loadouts for VF-31 over Iraq most commonly were 1 GBU-12 x 1 GBU-38. Also carried were: 2 GBU-12 or 2 GBU-38. It should be noted that both the AIM-54 Phoenix and TARPS systems had been retired from the inventory prior to this cruise.





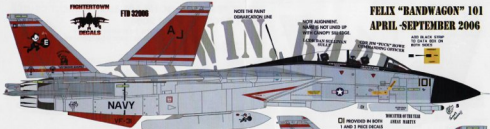
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NOTE THE PAINT DEMARCATION LINE

FELIX "BANDWAGON" 101 APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2006

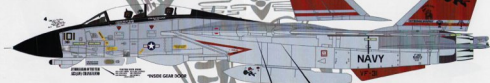
NOTE ALIGNMENT SQUARES NOT USED UP WITH CANOPY'S SHARP EDGE. LUBRICATE NUTS/SCREWS TO PREVENT CORROSION

ADD BLACK GRIP TO DATA BOX ON BOTH SIDES



"PAINT NOTE"
THE RED AND BLACK IS MODEL REMAINED THE SAME AFTER THE TAIL AWARDS WERE ADDED TO THIS SET

PROVIDED IN BOTH 1 AND 3 PRICE DECALS
WRITTEN IN THE FIELD GREAT BATTLE



FRONT VIEW OF SEAT BRACKETS

INSIDE GEAR DOOR

TOP OF DEAD BAY

INSIDE GEAR DOOR

THE PANEL WAS REPLACED FROM THE LAST SET AND THE BLACK MARKING WAS NOT REPAINTED



DATA PLACARDS NOT SHOWN

WITH THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE LAST F-14 TOMCAT OPERATOR, VF-31 UPDATED ITS CO'S JET WITH THE MOST RECENT AWARDS THE SQUADRON HAD RECEIVED. AS THE JET PREPARED FOR RETIREMENT IT WAS ADORNED WITH SQUADRON SIGNATURES.

BUNO 146403 MADE IT'S FINAL FLIGHT TO THE AMERICAN AIRPOWER MUSEUM, NY ON 4 OCT 2006 WHERE IT WILL BE PRESERVED AS IT APPEARS HERE. SO LONG AND...

ANYTIME, BABY!!!

