



# Fist of the Fleet Association

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# NEWSLETTER

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## SPRING SPECIAL EDITION

### Fist of the Fleet Annual Pictorial-The Life of a Squadron at Sea



AD2 Kerns (center) and ATC Moreno (far right) take part in a daily FOD walk down onboard Lincoln. FOD walk down's take place twice daily in an effort to keep the flight deck free from debris supporting successful flight deck operations.



Shooters AD2 Kerns and AE2 Jackson final check aircraft 411 prior to launch



AME2 Clintsman, pictured right, watches the launch of aircraft 107 from VFA-143.



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LSO's from CVW-7 assist jets on final in support of operations in the Red Sea. VFA-25 LSO, LT Zimmerman, is on the pickle during a recovery in the Red Sea.

#### Mission Statement

Perpetuate the history of Naval Aviation Squadrons VT-17, VA-6B, VA-65, VA-25 and VFA-25,  
Remember deceased veterans and comfort their survivors,  
Conduct charitable and educational programs,  
Foster and participate in activities of patriotic nature,  
Assist current active squadron members, and  
Provide assistance to family members in times of emergency.



Members of VFA-25 meet with RADM John Wade, (blue jersey), in his cabin following an encounter on the Flight Deck. AM1 Peterson, center left, and AM3 Gautney, center right, of the Shooter Shack, took the Admiral on the final check of aircraft 402 thus earning them an invitation to the Flag Cabin to meet the Admiral in person. Also pictured from left to right, Commanding Officer CDR Dartez, Command Master Chief CMDCM Holler, and Maintenance Master Chief AVCM Viramontes.



CDR Dartez, AM1 Peterson and AM3 Gautney visit with Admiral Wade after being recognized for outstanding leadership on the flight deck.



YNC Ethridge working hard in Admin.



YN1 Avila instructs LT DeGelder on how to properly fill out a travel claim, for the fifth time.



CDR Dartez and LT Honeycutt over the North Arabian Sea



YNC Ethridge and CS2 Allen relaxing after chow in Admin.



Members of the VFA-25 Ordnance shop are assisted by members of the Sidewinders (VFA-86) Ordies in loading a 500 lb. bomb onto an aircraft in support of NATO training exercises conducted from the Lincoln. The two shops work close together in an effort to overcome manning shortfalls.



VFA-25 AOs and Shooters prepare to launch LCDR Lingle in 411 on a combat sortie to Afghanistan



CWO2 "Gunner" Comrie, front left, and VFA-25 AOs prepare to arm up live ordnance for combat missions over the beach.



Shooters AD2(AW) Kerns and AE2(AW) Jackson look on as an AO from our sister squadron VFA-86 arms up a live AIM-9X Block II on a combat launch



Fist of the Fleet Ordies and the VFA-25 flight deck Chief watch the launch of an aircraft. left to right: AO2 Turner, CWO2 Comrie, AMEC Taylor, AO2 McIntyre, and AOAN



AOs on the flight deck waiting to arm up 411 prior to the cat shot.



AN Ricketts, a member of the Fist of the Fleet Line Division, looks into side the nose landing gear of aircraft 400.



AN Beck, a member of the Fist of the Fleet Line Division, performs wipe down of the landing gear of aircraft 400. Members of the Line Division are among the newest accessions in the Navy.



The Fist of the Fleet Line Division "wakes up" aircraft 400. The Line Shack proves crucial to the start of the flight schedule on a day-to-day basis.



Plane captains AN Borden and AN Urban look on as their jet prepares to launch.



Plane Captain AN Urban signals for APU start as LCDR Lingle prepares for a combat mission.



Shooters and AEs hanging out between launch/recoveries in some much needed AC. Pictured from left to right. AE1Barry, AD2 Kerns, AEAN Mills, AT1 Wagner, AE2 Jackson, and AE3 Mills.



Line Shack, AD2 Burciaga and AN Doropan preparing for the next launch.



AM2 Limos from the Fist of the Fleet corrosion shop, 12C, removes a panel during a 84 day corrosion inspection.



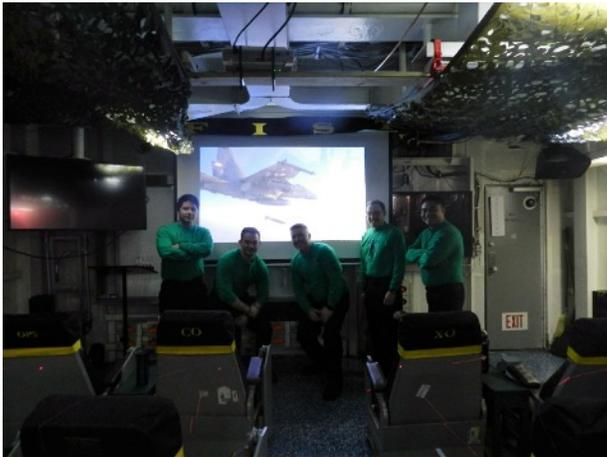
Far from the glitz and glamour of the flight deck, members of the Power Plants, shop 110, work to remove a panel during a port engine inspection. Pictured from left to right, AD2 Chambers, AD2 Cooper, and AD3 Quinn.



Amaa King, One of the newest members of the Airframes shop 120 and pictured left, and AM3 Minwork to remove a failed fastener from an aircraft during phase inspection.



PR1 King, the PR Shop LPO, parses through emails as he determines the top priorities for night check.



"Members of the corrosion shop, 12C, pose in the Ready Room after winning the VFA-25 Q1 Shop of the Quarter for 2019. The shop was treated to a night of ice cream and movie in the Ready Room. Pictured from Left to Right, AOAN Ochoa, AM3 Green, AM1 Smiley, AM2 Flores-Camacho, and AM2 Limos.



PR2 Mager conducts a routine inspection on a pilot's oxygen mask.



AM2 Roosa performs maintenance on an inflight refueling probe



CSSN Stanton cuts up brownies to be served during a dinner meal service. CSSN Stanton is sent on TAD to the Galley which supports feeding over 3000 Sailors Daily.



AM2 Flores-Camacho steers the USS Lincoln through the Red Sea. He was chosen as the first Fist of the Fleet Sailor of the Day for the 2019 deployment due to his invention, and implementation of a new tactical paint scheme for aircraft 400.



AN Nolan Jones from the Line Division takes a break to read a book in the ships library. The ships library provides a refuge from the hustle and bustle of the flight deck for many members of the Fist of the Fleet.



The Lincoln operates under starry sky in the Mediterranean Sea. The flight deck becomes a sea of lights and action at night.



All hands muster in the forecastle.



AT2 Allen, pictured left, takes part in Easter Morning sunrise service on the flight deck of the Lincoln. LCDR Selitto, CVW-7 Chaplain, pictured center leads the prayer for the group of attendees. Religious services are offered for all denominations onboard the Lincoln



AM3 Mazza and AN Borden, pictured center in brown jerseys, take part in a mass casualty drill on the flight deck of the Lincoln.



Passing "The Rock" and entering the Western Med.



Pulling into Palma de Mallorca, Spain



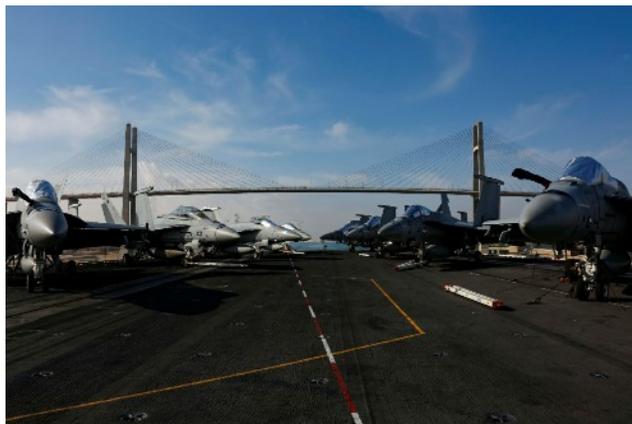
Sunset over the Mediterranean Sea as seen from the flight deck. Lincoln spent two weeks in the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility fostering valuable relationships with our NATO partners.



IS2(IW) Caldwell, PR2(AW) Garcia and AD1(AW/SW) Ramone enjoy an Air Power Demo put on for distinguished visitors from Spain.

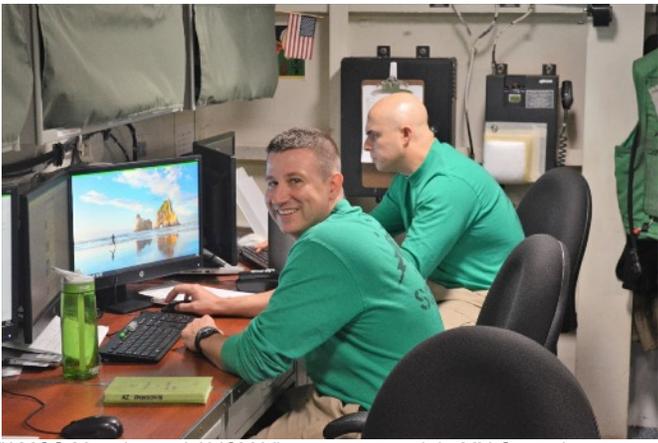


CSG-12 transiting the Suez Canal.



Enjoying a sunset in the North Arabian Sea.





"AMCS Moncier and AVCM Virmontes at work in MX Control.



AZ1 Newell running the MX Control desk as he works on his Safe for Flight qualification.



Sailors enjoying a "Call of Duty" tournament on the mess decks.



AZC Virramontes saying his favorite four words, 'Fist ONE, Switch Up!'



AE1 Daymon instructing AM3 Mazza on how to conduct a daily/turnaround inspection.



AME2 Clintsman, AM3 Terrell, and AZ2 Bird have time for a quick photo



LS1 Flores conducts training with LS2 Fernandez and LS2 Jenkins



Supply Shop, pictured from left to right, LS2 Jenkins, LS3 Barajas, LS2 Fernandez, and LS1 Flores