

DESERT STORM NOSE ART

VF-41 VF-84 VA-36 VA-65 VAQ-141 VS-24 VAW-124

F-14A

A-6E

EA-6B

S-3B

E-2C



**USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
(CVN-71)**

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FIGHTERTOWN DECALS CARRIER AIRWING 8 DESERT STORM NOSE ART 48090

EA-6B VAQ-141 SHADOWHAWKS 163527
 1991 OPERATION DESERT STORM
EVE OF DESTRUCTION
 © CDR FRANK AXEL FOLLY CO LT JOHN GORDO GORDON

21
 621
 P/C AN BASKIN SOAP LAKE, WA
 6768 69 70 74
 FS 35237 FS 36320 FS 36375
EVE OF DESTRUCTION
 DECEPTION PASS

S-3B VS-24 SCOUTS 159743
 1991 OPERATION DESERT STORM
EYES OF THE STORM
 © CDR MIKE MILLER C.O. ARCS CHUCK WELCH

01
 701
 NAVY VS-24
 FS 36440 FS 17875
 FLAP NUMBERS ON INSIDE OF FLAP

E-2C VAW-124 BEAR ACES 161552
 1991 OPERATION DESERT STORM
MISS B. HAVIN
 CDR J.J. GEORGE COMMANDING OFFICER

601
 NAVY VAW-124
 1552
 PC ATAN COLUNGA PASADENA TX
 DANGER PROP AREA
 JET BLAST DANGER
 USE KIT DECALS FOR STENCIL AND DATA MARKINGS. THIS SHEET ONLY INCLUDES SQUADRON SPECIFIC DECALS.
 KIT DECAL NAVY'S WILL NEED TO BE TRIMMED AND 'N' AND 'A' MOVED CLOSER TO 'V' FOR CORRECT SPACING ALIGNMENT
 RESCUE ARROW WAS NOT APPLIED BY THE FLYIN

MISS B. HAVIN
 CDR TOM PARKER EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1552
 NAVY VAW-124
 601
 EYE
 GWT

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A-6E VA-36 ROADRUNNERS 155600
 USS ROOSEVELT 1991
HEARTLESS
 GO CDR T LADSON WEBB JR

36
 CVW8 155600
 NAVY
 536
 FS36320 FS36375
 RED STRIPING FOR THE CANOPY WAS ADDED ON BOTH SIDES JUST BEFORE VA-36 RETURNED HOME

A-6E VA-65 TIGERS 161675
 USS ROOSEVELT 1991
GARFIELD
 CAPT W J FOX FALLON CAG

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 NAVY
 161675
 500
 WEATHERING NOTE: BOTH THESE JETS HAD HEAVY WEATHERING THROUGHOUT CRUISE AND AFTER THE HALFWAY POINT IT WAS HARD TO SEE ANY DEMARCATION LINES. BY THE TIME VA-36 RETURNED FROM CRUISE BOTH JETS APPEARED OVERALL FS36320 DARK GHOST GRAY. GIVEN THE OPS TEMPO AND NEED FOR CC ON SHIP IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT THEY WERE 90% FS36320

F-14A VF-41 BLACK ACES 162689
 OPERATION DESERT STORM
 JAN 91 - JUNE 91
QUEEN OF SPADES
 CDR ERIC BIXSON XII CDR CHRIS MUEHLRICH CO

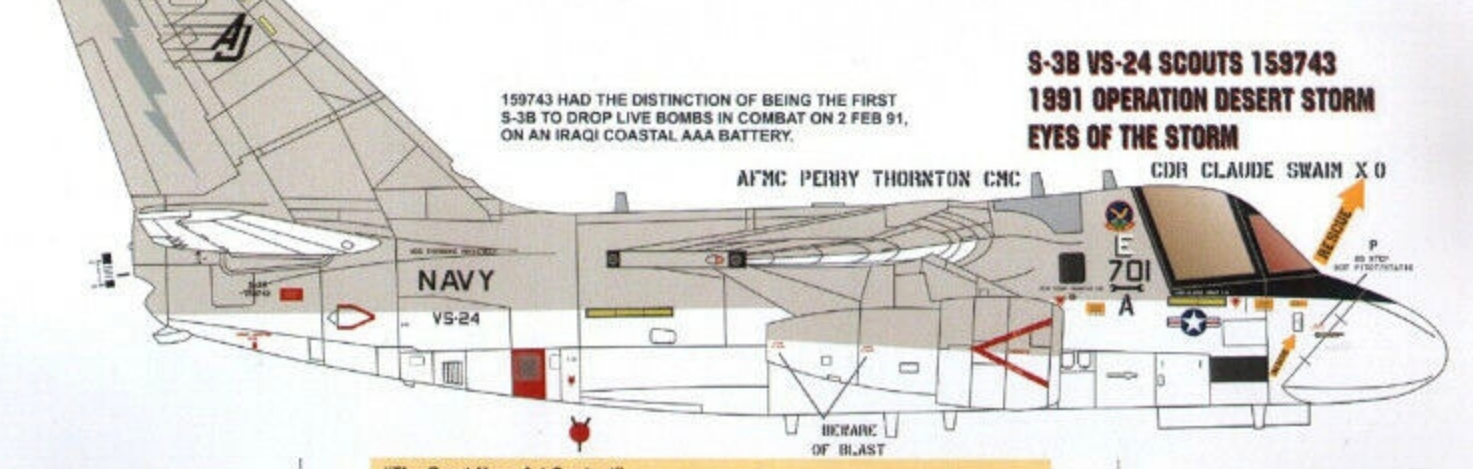
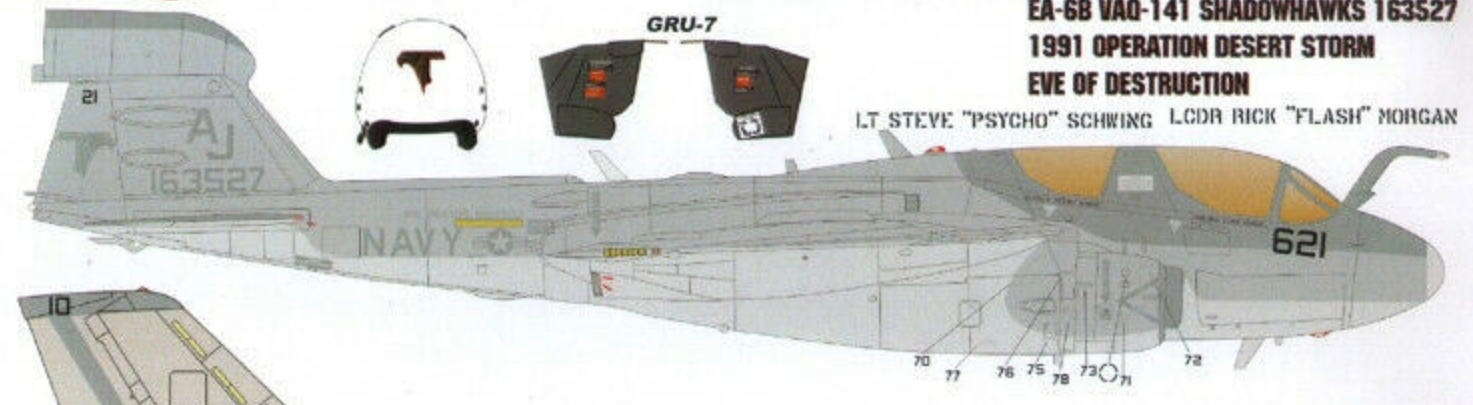
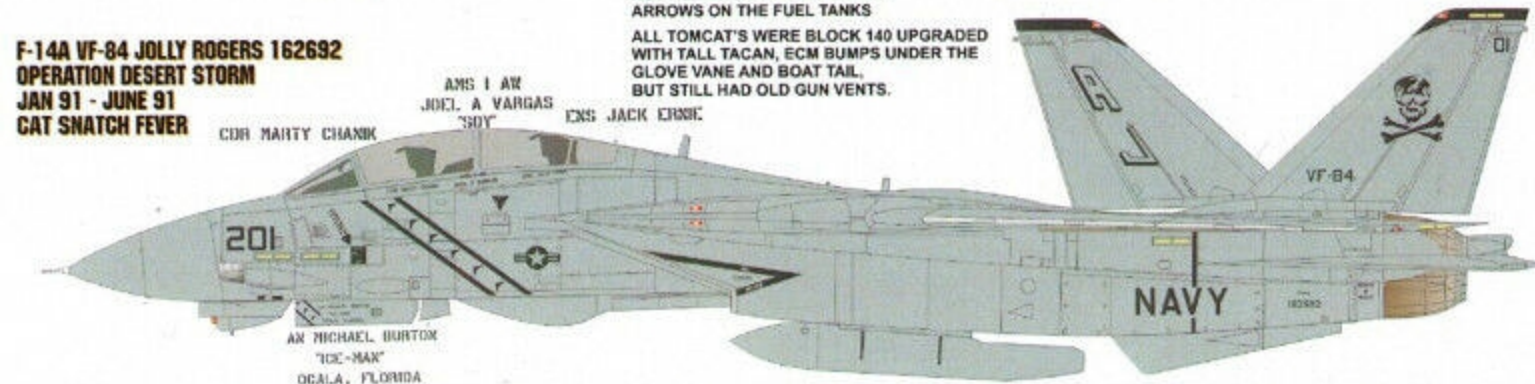
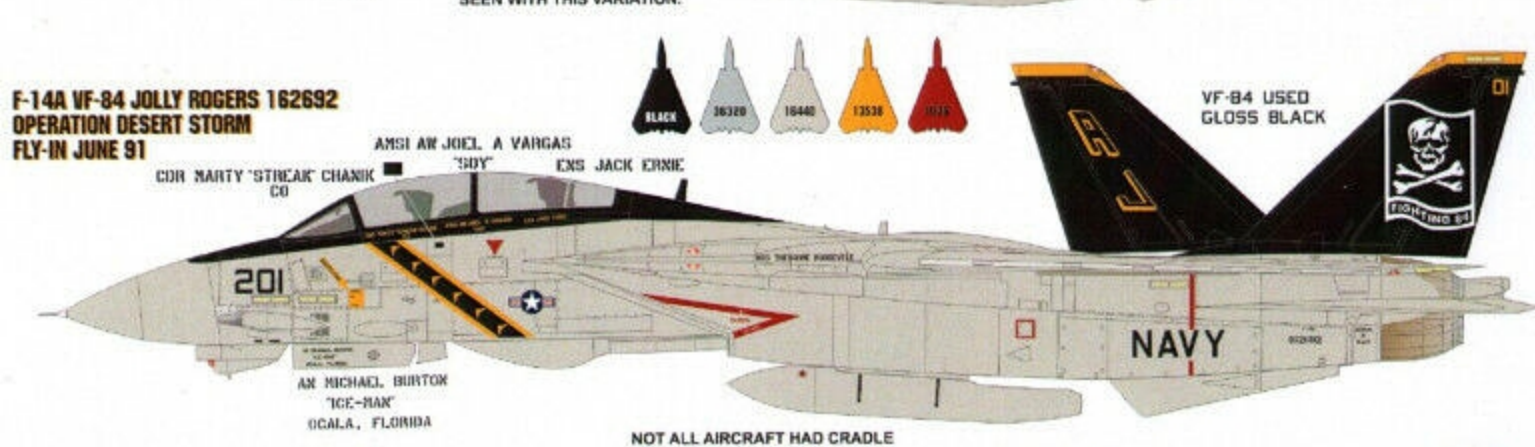
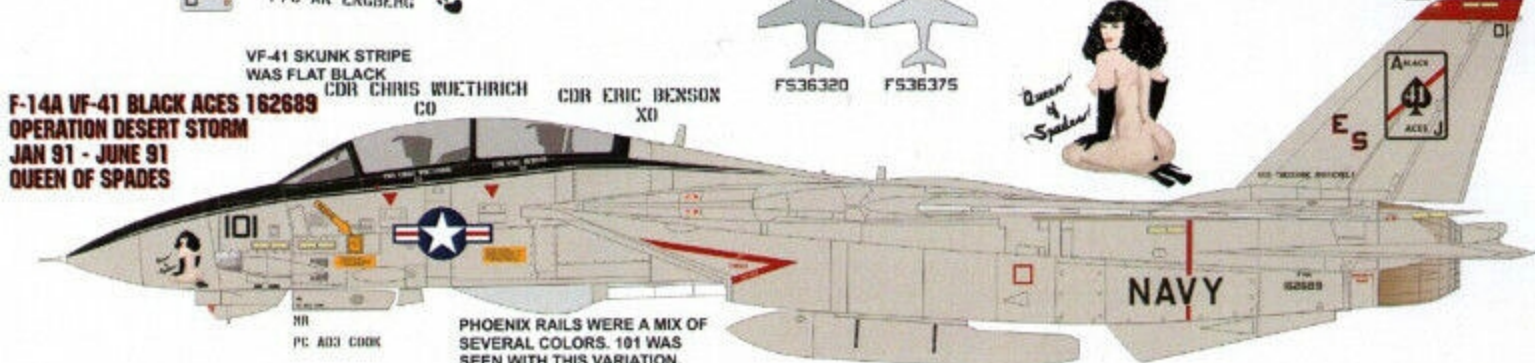
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 TAIL SPADE AND AWARDS ARE PLACED DIFFERENTLY ON LEFT AND RIGHT TAILS.
 TAIL TIP REPAINTED BY THE FLY-IN, AND E/S WERE REMOVED
 ALL TOMCAT'S WERE BLOCK 140 UPGRADED WITH TALL TACAN, ECM BUMPS UNDER THE GLOVE VANE AND BOAT TAIL, BUT STILL HAD OLD GUN VENTS.
 BOX REMOVED PRIOR TO FLY-IN
 EXAMPLE OF MIXED PHOENIX ELEMENTS. WEAPONS AND DATA ON FIGHTERTOWN 48087

F-14A VF-84 JOLLY ROGERS 162692
 OPERATION DESERT STORM
 FLY-IN JUNE 91
 ENS JACK ERNIE AMSI AW JOEL A VARGAS 'SOY' CDR MARTY 'STREAK' CHANIK CO

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 NAVY
 201
 BLACK 36041 36320 16440 16308 16314
 AM LARRY PATHE "NR PAIN" QUEENNS, NY

F-14A VF-84 JOLLY ROGERS 162692
 OPERATION DESERT STORM
 JAN 91 - JUNE 91
CAT SNATCH FEVER
 ENS JACK ERNIE AMSI AW JOEL A VARGAS 'SOY' CDR MARTY 'STREAK' CHANIK CO

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 NAVY
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 AM LARRY PATHE "NR PAIN" QUEENNS, NY



VF-84 JOLLY ROGERS 162692
OPERATION DESERT STORM
JAN 91 - JUNE 91
CAT SNATCH FEVER

"The Great Nose Art Contest"

Late in the war, in early March 1991, VF-41 applied nose art to their CO jet and so it began. According to official Navy History Office records, CAG liked it so much that he authorized each squadron to paint nose art on one jet. Only the Hornet squadrons failed to participate. These nose art aircraft continued to fly combat missions until a port call in late May when all artwork was to be removed prior to the fly-in in June 91. The E-2 squadron was announced the winner and in a bold and daring move, were able to hide their aircraft deep in the hangar bay, and well covered until after the fly-in.

Legend holds that the artwork was inspired by WWII nose art, or 1940's movie stars... or CO's wives... or the girl that got away, or...

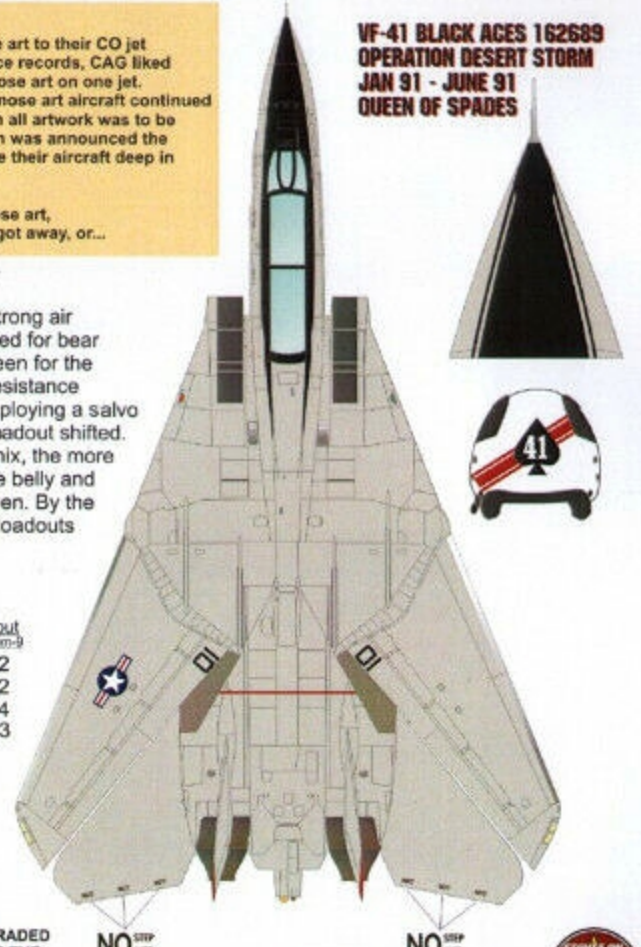
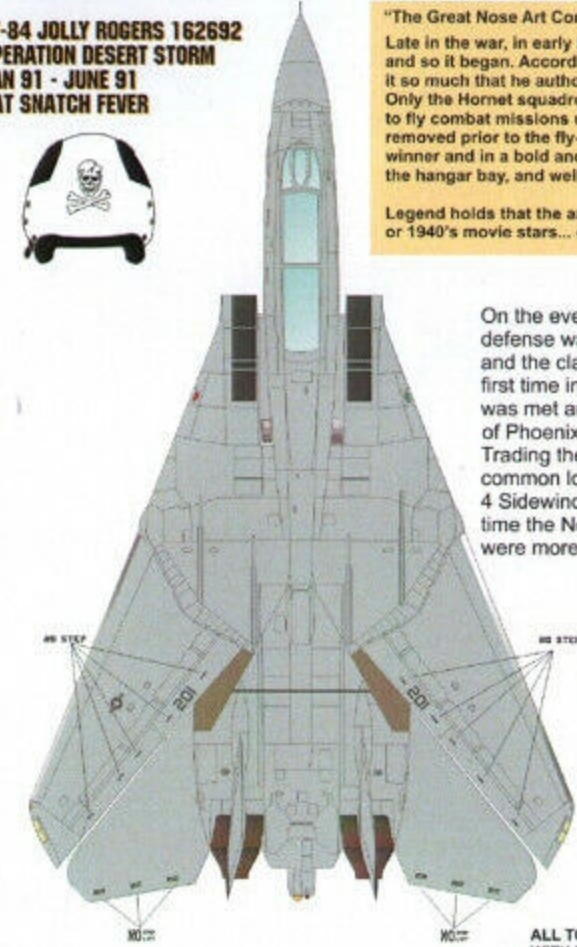
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OPERATION DESERT STORM
JAN 91 - JUNE 91
QUEEN OF SPADES

LOADOUTS

On the eve of Desert Storm, while a strong air defense was expected, Tomcat's loaded for bear and the classic Tomcat loadout was seen for the first time in a live campaign. As little resistance was met and the Tomcat's hope of employing a salvo of Phoenix missiles was denied, the loadout shifted. Trading the weight of the heavy Phoenix, the more common loadout of 4 Sparrows on the belly and 4 Sidewinders on the shoulder was seen. By the time the Nose Art appeared, the later loadouts were more the standard.

Early Loadout	Later Loadout
Am-54/Am-7/Am-9	Am-54/Am-7/Am-9
4 x 2 x 2	1 x 3 x 2
★ 2 x 2 x 2	★ 1 x 2 x 2
2 x 3 x 2	★ 0 x 4 x 4
	★ 1 x 2 x 3

★ Most common



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