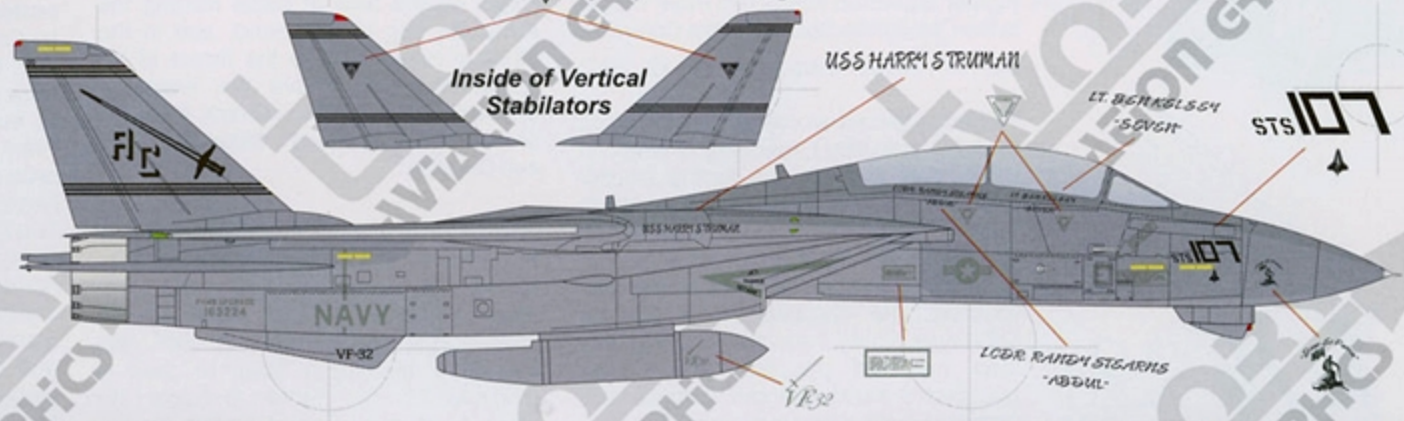
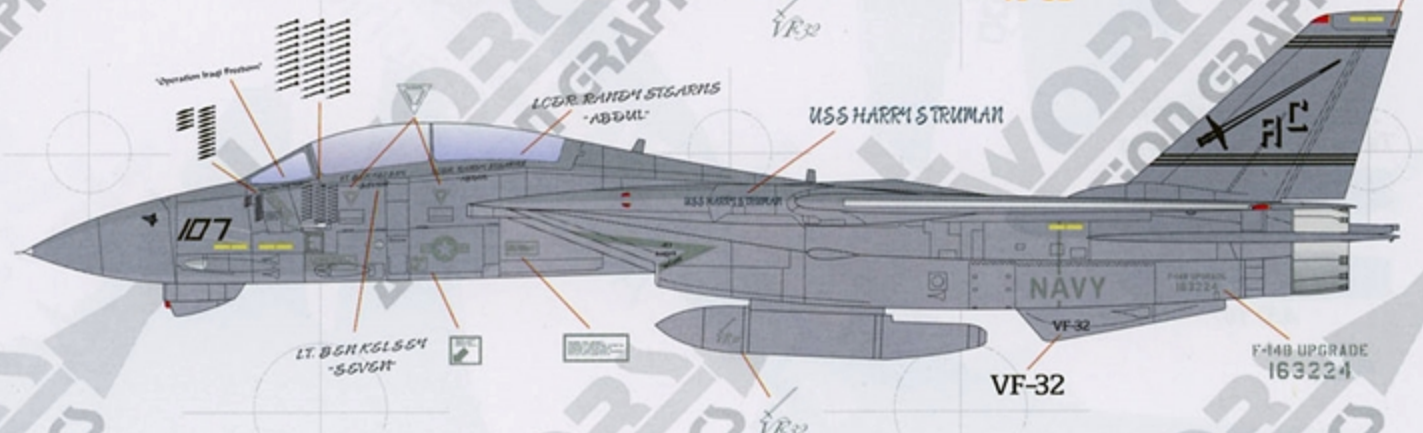
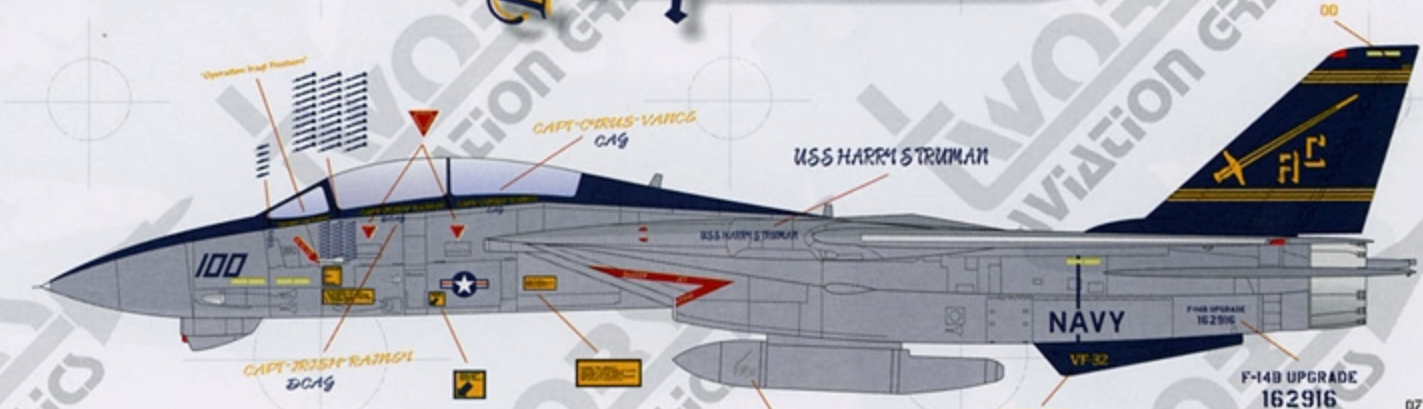


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Fighter Squadron Thirty-Two Pays Tribute to the Crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia
 By: LT Jesse Carpenter VF-32 PAO

Painting nose art on military aircraft dates back to World War I, reaching its height in World War II. From the toothy sinister grins of the P-51s, to the B-17s and their famous Vargas pin-up girls, nose art on combat aircraft has exemplified a squadron's unique spirit. In keeping with tradition, the Swordsmen of Fighter Squadron Thirty-Two are reviving this time honored practice. All of the squadron's freshly painted Tomcats now proudly display a new look: a victorious

knight on the field of battle holding the American flag in one hand, and in the other, a sword held to the throat of his vanquished foe. Above the image is displayed the squadron mantra, the Latin phrase "Deus Et Patria", translated "God and Country."

One of the squadron's F-14B aircraft has a further unique addition. As the only squadron aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) with an aircraft bearing the tail number of 107, the squadron deemed it fitting to paint a memorial on this fighter to honor the memory of the crew of Space Shuttle Columbia, (STS 107). The Swordsmen added the letters "STS" before the 107 on the right side of the aircraft's nose.

In addition, a silhouette of the space shuttle with the names of all STS 107 crewmembers is painted on both sides of the nose cone. When asked how they came up with the idea, LTJg Jeff Tidd, VF-32's Maintenance Control Officer, stated "It was a collaborative effort really to honor and remember the crew of Columbia. As we have the only aircraft numbered 107 within Carrier Air Wing Three, it seemed appropriate to symbolize the Columbia mission "STS 107" on Gypsy 107 and that is just what we wanted to do. It also had special meaning for the Skipper as he was professionally associated with CDR McCool. Each time anyone looks upon 107, they can remember with pride, the crew of Columbia, honoring their service to our country and space exploration! From the initial concept to the finished product, it wholly represents the Gypsies heartfelt tribute to those individuals." The men and women of Fighter Squadron Thirty-Two pay tribute to the honor, courage, and commitment of the crew of Columbia (STS 107). These fine astronauts were an inspiration to us all and will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of these great Americans.



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