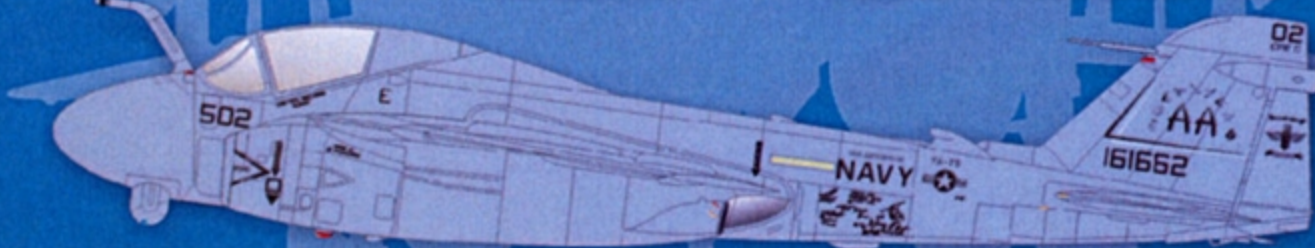


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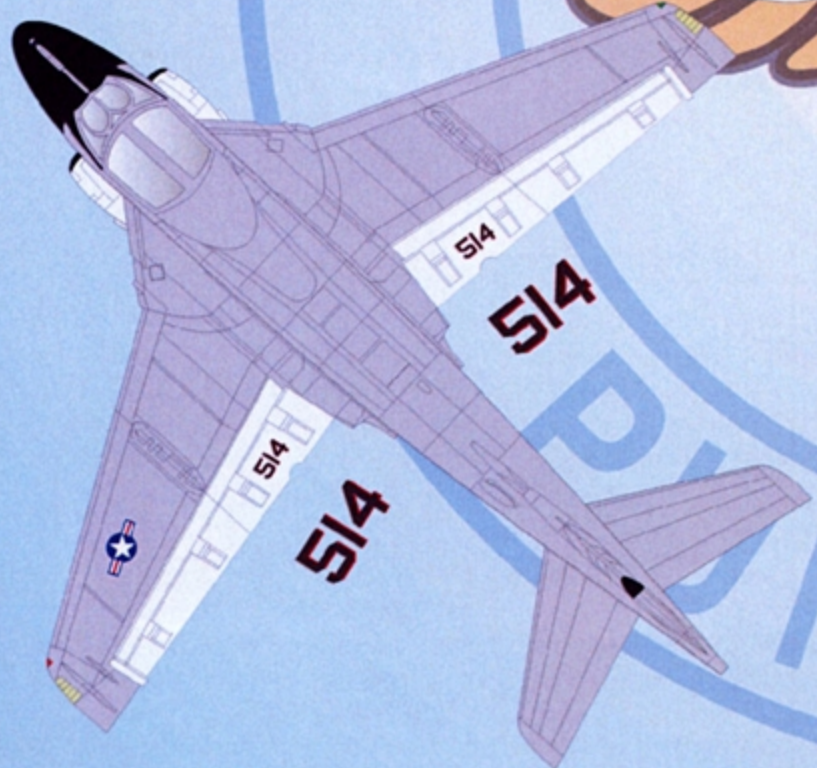
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# VA-75 A-6E BUNO 157027

December 1996-March 1997 (and still in storage at AMARG)

These are AMARC added storage ID numbers. They were added after 514 arrived at the bone yard in Tucson, AZ



To celebrate Puncher history and commemorate VA-75's first Intruder cruise, 514 was painted in 'retro' colors. It was appropriate that VA-75 would be the last Atlantic Fleet A-6 squadron to dis-establish in March 1997, as they had also been the first fleet A-6 squadron dating back to September 1963 as well as the first A-6 squadron to both deploy and see combat. VA-75's final cruise lasted from 28 June 96 thru 19 Dec 96 and would see operations in the Balkans, summertime Med Ops and port calls, as well as OSW. VA-75 had over 3000 hours, more than any other airwing squadron and posted a near 100% readiness rate and sortie completion rate. VA-75's Intruders were at the peak of their capabilities with new wings, recent ESM, NVG cockpit/goggles and other upgrades for their final cruise. It was estimated that these aircraft still had another 10 years of life left when they were retired.



# VA-75 A-6E BUNO 164382

June 1996-March 1997 (and still in storage at AMARG)

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CVW 17

CAPT BUD JEWETT  
"DCAG"

Repainted solid black  
just before retirement

AA

164382

500

USS ENTERPRISE  
NAVY

VA-75

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CVW 17

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PUNCHER PC

AN ANTIPUESTO

During last cruise  
painted Fs15044

CAPT J.M. ZORTMAN  
CAG

AA

164382

VA-75  
USS ENTERPRISE  
NAVY

500

SAILOR OF THE YEAR  
AN STEWART

500 logged the final A-6 trap with CAG and DCAG in the cockpit on 12 Mar 97. 500 would join 501 in the final flight to AMARG that departed 19 Mar on a farewell 'tour' that arrived at Davis Monthan AFB on 21 Mar 97. The official retirement/disestablishment ceremonies for VA-75, VA-196 and the A-6E Intruder were held 28 Feb 97.

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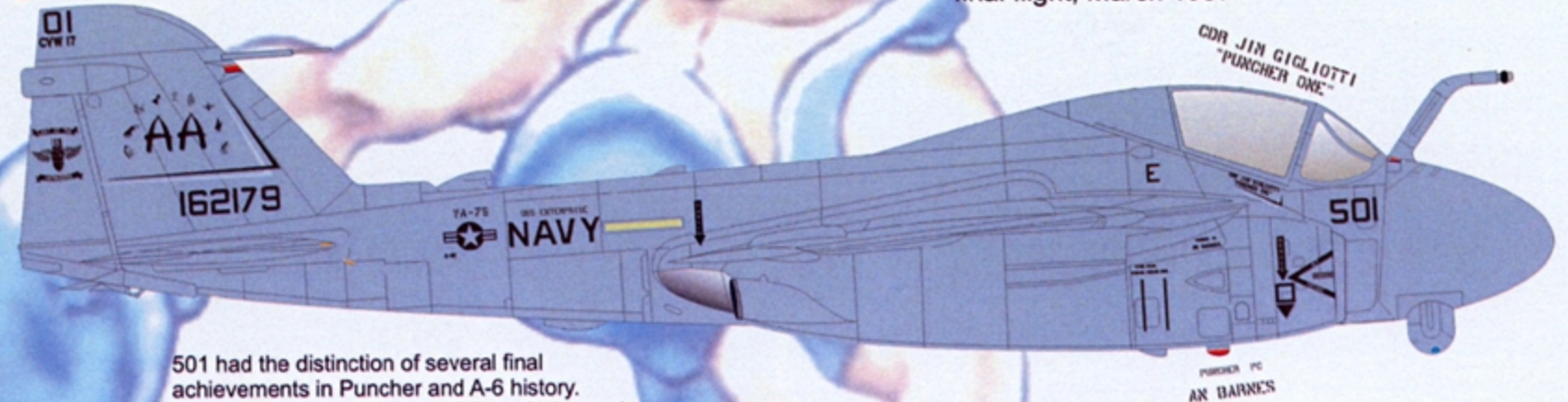
# VA-75 A-6E BUNO 162179

June 1996-March 1997 (and still in storage at AMARG)



Use this code for 501 in AMARG storage AN5A0252

\*Signatures applied prior to final flight, March 1997



501 had the distinction of several final achievements in Puncher and A-6 history. First, it suffered a nose gear failure during cruise and took the barricade. Fortunately 501 was flying again within a few weeks. Upon the end of cruise, 501 logged VA-75's final launch on 19 Dec 96. CO Gigliotti and DCAG Jewett did the honors. In late Jan 97, VA-75 got a final chance to go to the boat, and 500 logged the 1000th trap for COMCARGRU-4 RADM Bryant. Finally 501 and 500 made the final VA-75 and A-6 flights on 19 Mar 97.

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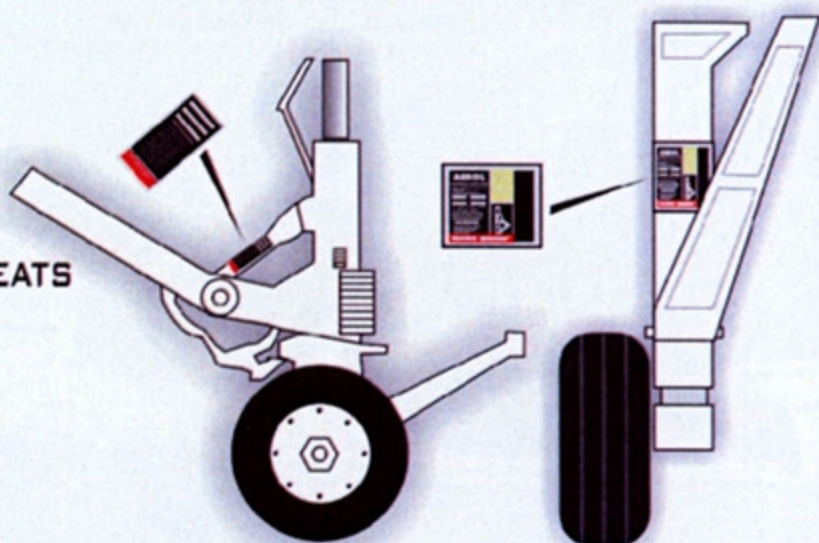
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- AMS COVERED INTAKES
- AIRES COCKPIT AND EJECTION SEATS
- AVIONIX/BLACK BOX COCKPIT
- AVIONIX/BLACK BOX WINGS
- G-FACTOR BRASS LANDING GEAR
- PARAGON WINGFOLDS
- REVELL KIT
- ROYALE RESINS WHEELS
- STEEL BEACH COVERED INTAKES
- VERLINDEN EJECTION SEATS
- VERLINDEN UPDATE SET

## LANDING GEAR PLACARDS



## GRUE-7A



### 3 SET OF TANK SERIALS

### 502 WING TANKS



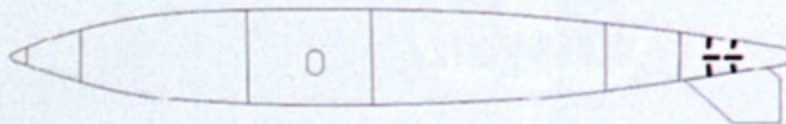
### 500 WING TANKS 501 ALL TANKS 502 CENTERLINE



### 500 CENTERLINE



### 514 ALL TANKS



## PATCHES



This sheet is the culmination of a series of fortunate events that allowed me to attend the final flights of VA-75 aircraft and visit AMARG as they were prepped for storage. It's long been a goal to be able to build these aircraft and I'm happy to share that with you. Enjoy! - Brian

**Special Thanks** go out to: Mike Pister, Thomas Doane, Wally VanWinkle and Creighton Henthorn. And from back in the day: CDR's Gigliotti, Frano, LCDR's Hullinger, LCDR Dacey and to the Punchers who shared a table as well as highlights and not so highlights of Balkan missions and dropping ordnance. And for that, they shall remain infamously nameless.