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Planning a strike.

Squadron VF-174

Command of the air is the primary mission of Fighter Squadron 174. These Hell Razor pilots flew their swept wing "Cougars" at speeds in excess of 600 mph and at altitudes above 40,000 feet serving as a barrier between intruding aircraft and the fleet. The operating squadron includes not only pilots and planes but hydraulicsmen, structuresmen, engine mechanics, electricians, electronics technicians, ordnancemen, oxygen men, plane captains, storekeepers, and yeomen. Every one aboard will remember these yellow striped "Cougars" poised at the catapult or circling gracefully into the landing groove.