

PHABULOUS PHANTOMS:

VF-96 FIGHTING FALCONS



***“SHOWTIME 100”* DECAL SET**

for 6mmFlyRC's F-4 Phantom II

This decal set features the famous US Navy Phantom *Showtime 100* of the VF-96 Fighting Falcons. This aircraft, flown by pilot Lt. Randy "Duke" Cunningham and RIO Lt. Willie "Irish" Driscoll, shot down 3 MiG-17s in a single mission on May 10, 1972 in North Vietnam. *Showtime 100* itself was downed during the engagement after suffering damage from a surface-to-air missile. Cunningham and Driscoll ejected over the Gulf of Tonkin. They survived the mission and flew for the remainder of the war. The 3 kills took them to a total of 5 - the first American aces of the Vietnam War and the first aces in history to score all 5 kills with missiles. They remained the only US Navy aces during the Vietnam War. The other American aces during the war were all Phantom crews from the US Air Force - WSO Capt. Chuck DeBellevue (6 kills), pilot Capt. Steve Ritchie (5 kills), and WSO Capt. Jeffrey Feinstein (5 kills).

N.B. It should be noted that *Showtime 100* was not Cunningham and Driscoll's personal aircraft. It was actually the CAG's aircraft, and thus features his name on the canopy rails, along with a somewhat humorous one for his RIO. Cunningham and Driscoll's personal aircraft was *Showtime 112*, which they used to kill their first 2 MiGs, however they were assigned *Showtime 100* for the May 10 mission.

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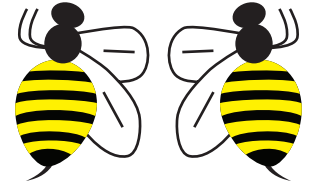
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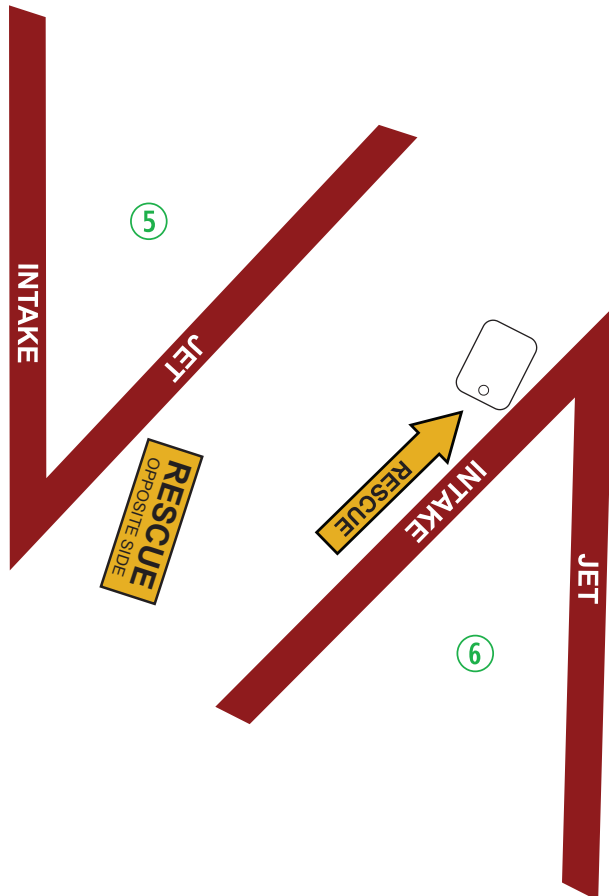
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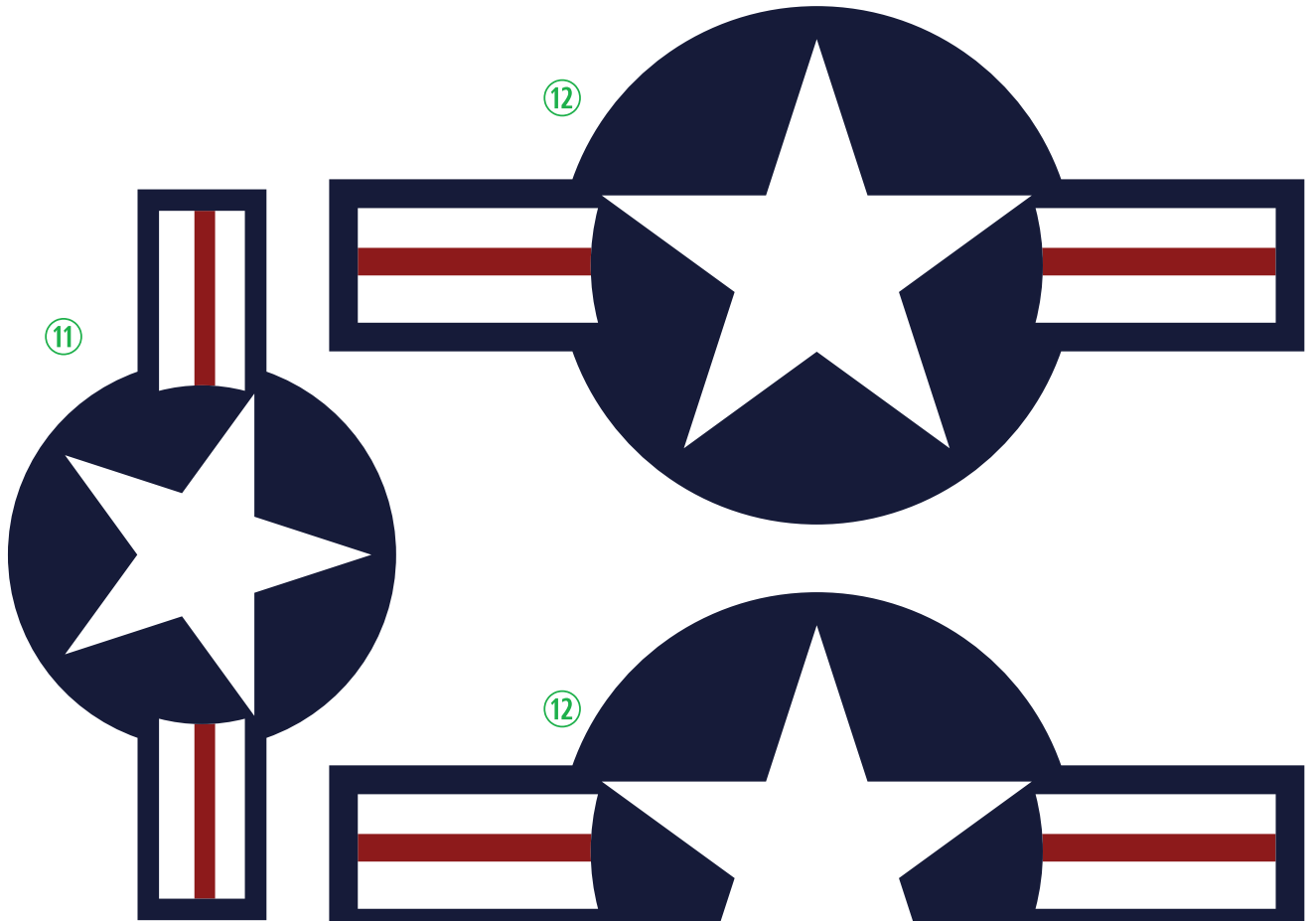
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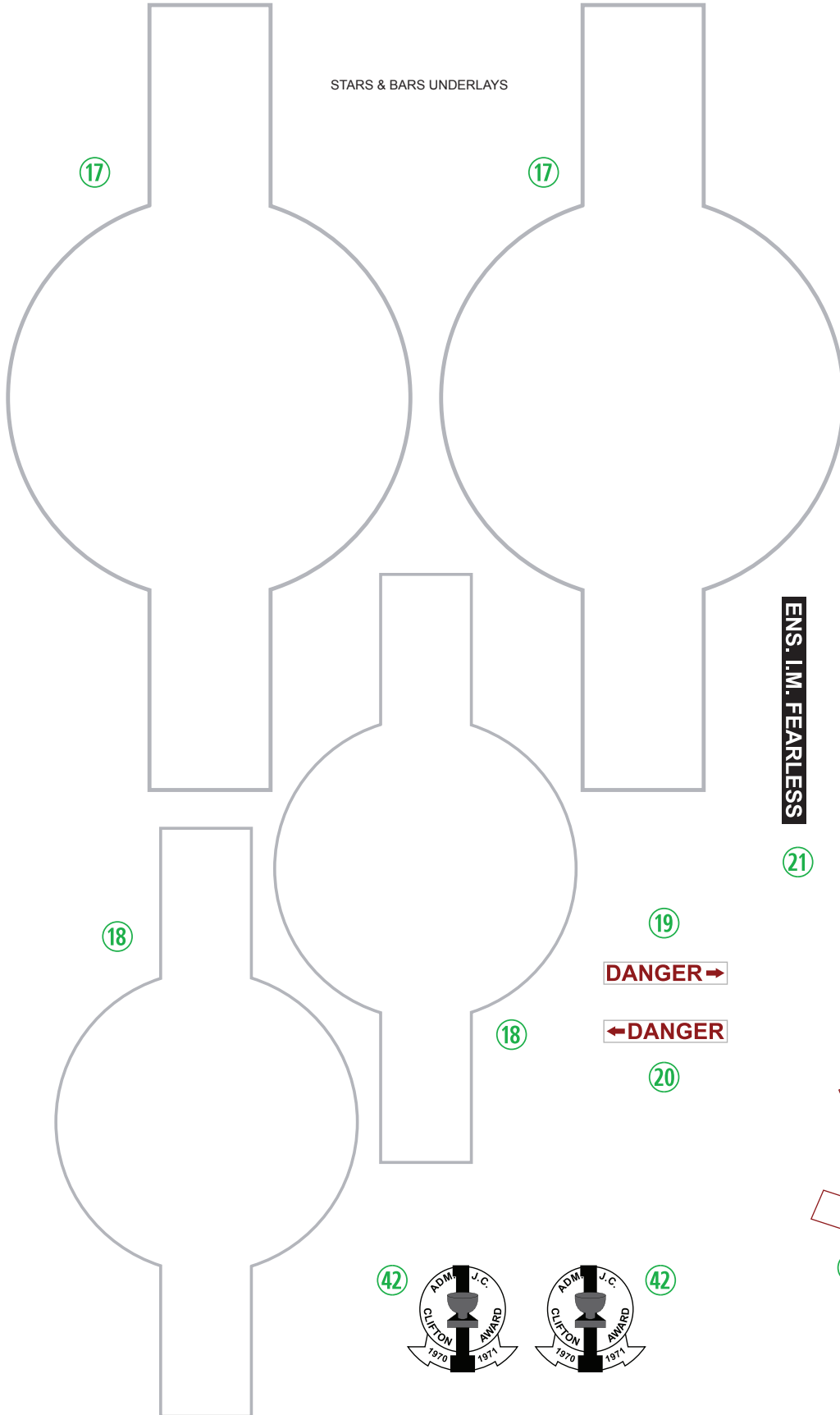
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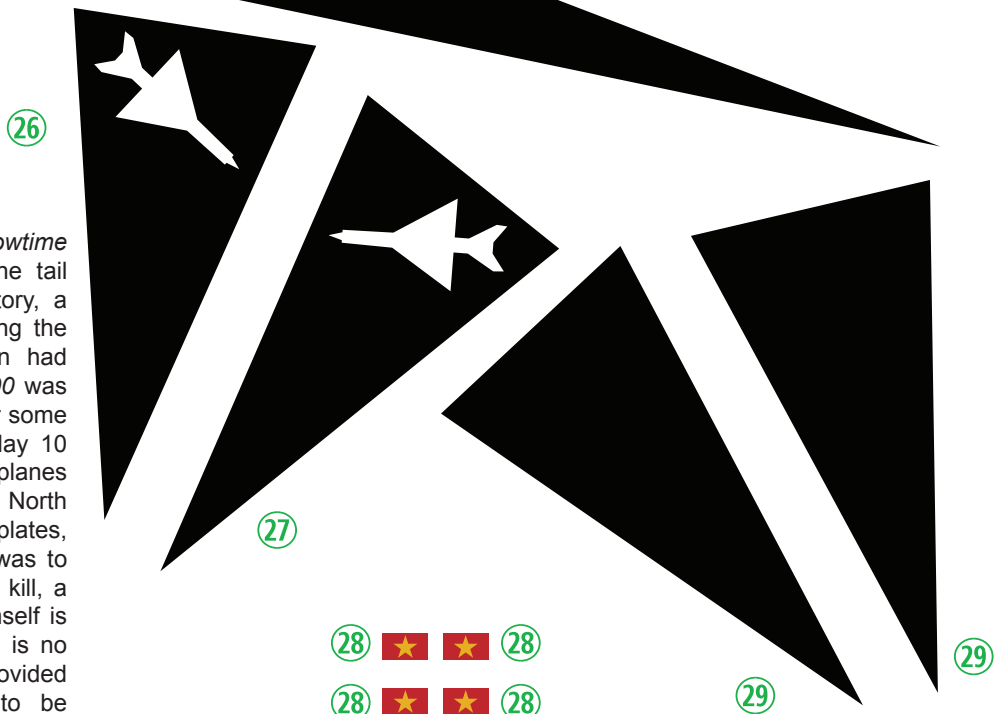
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NOTE:

There is some debate over whether or not *Showtime 100* actually bore the white kill symbol on the tail (denoting Cunningham and Driscoll's first victory, a MiG-21 shot down on January 19, 1972) during the fateful May 10 mission. The entire squadron had adopted the marking, and indeed *Showtime 100* was painted in this manner prior to May 10, however some maintain that during the preparation for the May 10 mission these markings were blacked out on all planes in the squadron and were replaced with two North Vietnamese flags placed on the intake splitter plates, after the manner of USAF kill markings. This was to account for Cunningham and Driscoll's second kill, a MiG-17 shot down on May 8. Cunningham himself is reputed to have confirmed this, however there is no public record of it that I am aware of. I have provided both options here to allow either variant to be represented.



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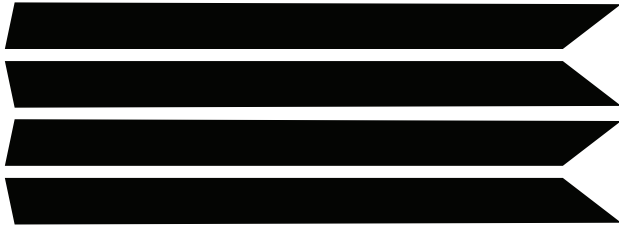
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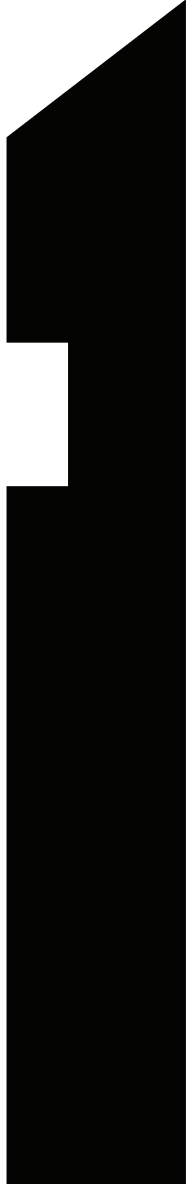
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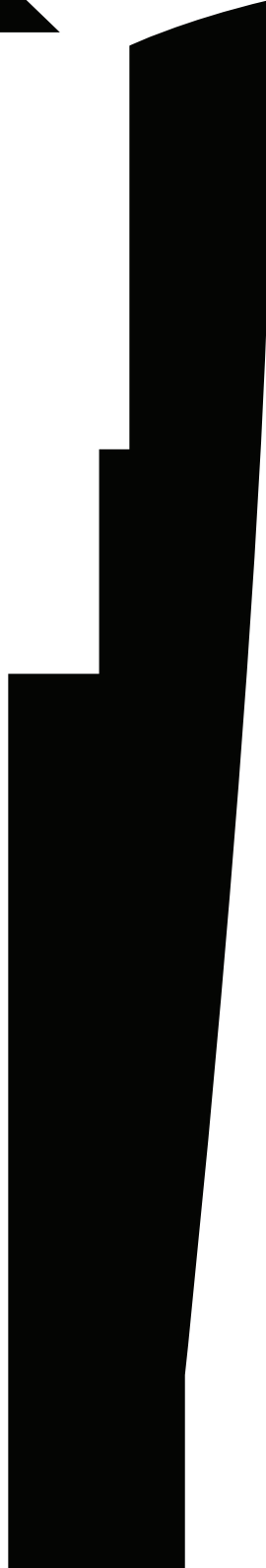
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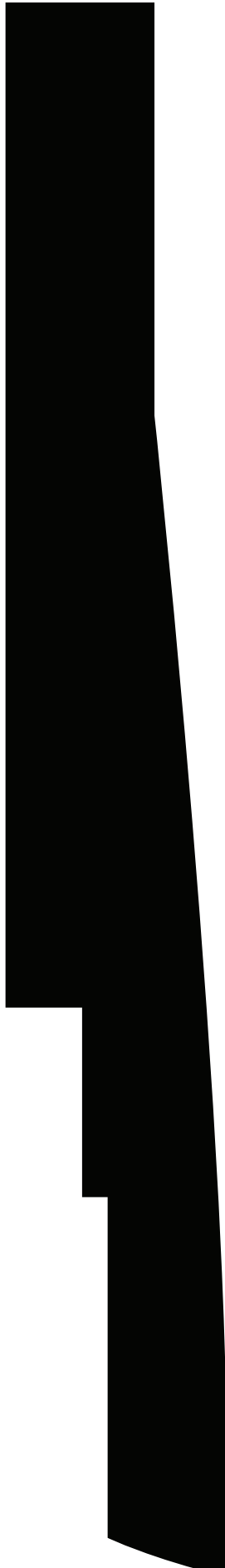
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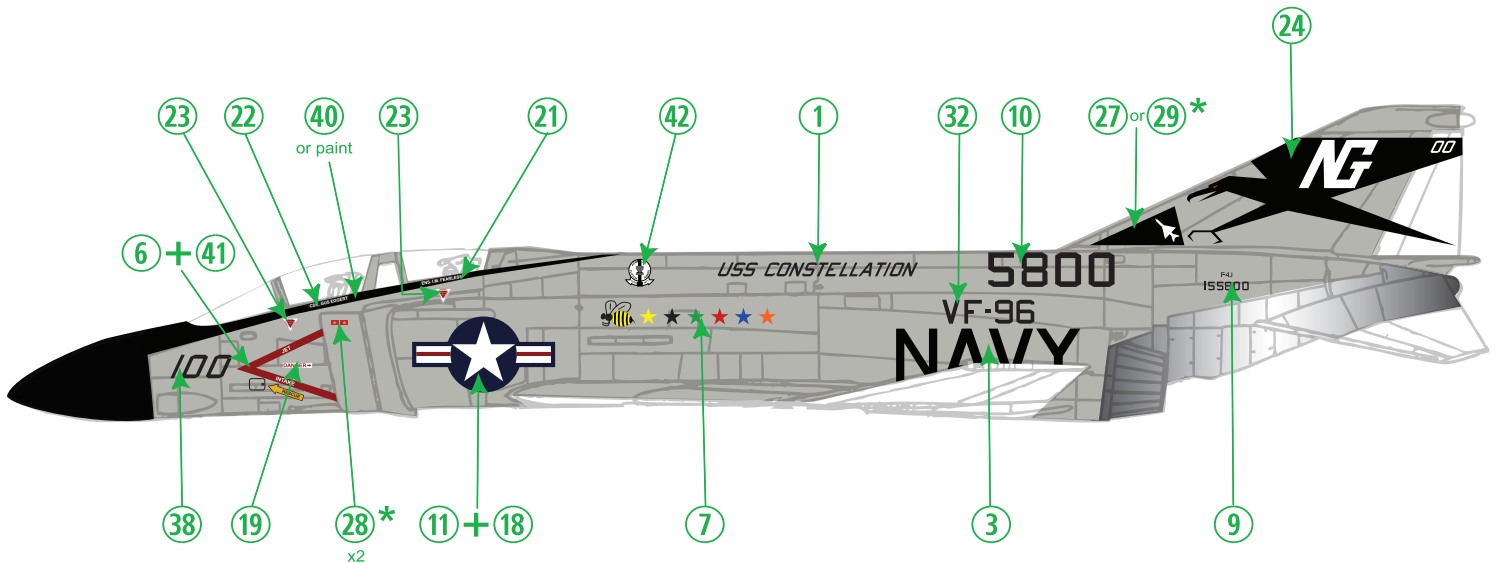
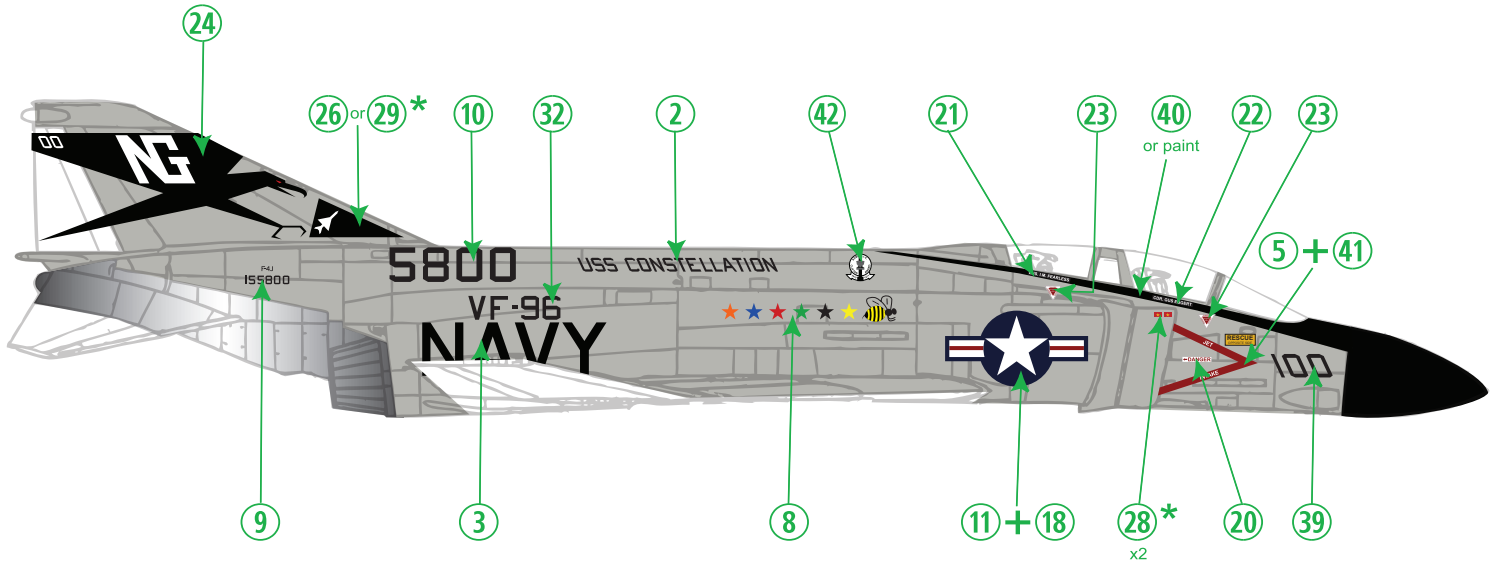
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BARE METAL:
 FS-595B Humbrol Tamiya Xtracolor Testors MM
 N/A 056 XF56 X216 1781

BLACK

WHITE



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