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(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet  
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(6) 1975 Deployment Cruise Book  
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*S. W. Hubbard, Jr.*  
S. W. HUBBARD, JR.

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CNO (OP-09B9)  
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COMMAND HISTORY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1975

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January

1-6	Inport San Diego
7-15	SOCAL OPAREA - CARQUALS
16-26	Inport San Diego
27-31	SOCAL OPAREA - READIEX 1-75

February

1-3	Inport San Diego
3-4	SOCAL OPAREA - INSURV SEA TRIALS
4-24	Inport San Diego - INSURV 3-7 February
25-28	Enroute Hawaiian Operations

March

1-7	Hawaii OPAREA - READIEX 3A-75
7-11	Inport Pearl Harbor
11-21	Hawaiian OPAREA - RIMPAC
21-22	Inport Pearl Harbor
23-28	Enroute San Diego - OPPE
29-31	Inport San Diego

April

1	SOCAL OPAREA - Family Day Cruise
2-8	Inport San Diego
9-17	SOCAL OPAREA - COMPTUEX 1-75, WEPTRAEX, NOREX
18-20	Inport San Diego
21-27	SOCAL OPAREA - READIEX 5-75
28-30	Inport San Diego

May

1-20	Inport San Diego
15	Change of Command. Capt S. W. Hubbard, Jr. relieves Capt R. E. Kirksey
21-26	Enroute Hawaii
27-28	Inport Pearl Harbor
29-31	Hawaiian OPAREA - COMPTUEX 1D-75

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June

1-3 Inport Pearl Harbor  
4-19 Enroute WESTPAC  
10 Number One Main Machinery Room Flooded  
12 Chop to COMSEVENTHFLT  
13 TU-95 BEAR Reconnaissance  
19-29 Inport Subic Bay  
30 South China Sea/Subic Local OPAREAS

July

1-9 South China Sea/Subic Local OPAREAS  
8 Exercise NEWBOY 4-75  
9-19 Inport Subic Bay  
19-28 South China Sea/Subic Local OPAREAS  
28-31 Inport Subic Bay

August

1-7 Inport Subic Bay  
7-13 South China Sea/Subic Local OPAREAS  
13-20 Inport Hong Kong  
20-31 South China Sea/Philippine Sea. READEX 1-76  
28 Aug to 3 Sep.

September

1-4 South China Sea/Philippine Sea  
4-17 Inport Subic Bay  
17-30 South China Sea/Subic Local OPAREAS

October

1-2 South China Sea/Subic Local OPAREAS. Operation  
NEWBOY 5-75 on 1 October.  
2-9 Inport Subic Bay  
9-17 Transit to Yokosuka  
17-24 Inport Yokosuka  
24-31 SPECOPS in the Sea of Japan and Transit to Subic

November

1-5 Transit to Subic  
5-17 Inport Subic Bay  
17-23 South China Sea/Subic OPAREA

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November (con't)

18	Operation NEWBOY 6-75
23-26	Inport Subic Bay
26-30	Transit to Pearl Harbor

December

1-7	Transit to Pearl Harbor
3	Chop to COMTHIRDFLT
8-9	Inport Pearl Harbor
9-15	Transit to San Diego
15-31	Inport San Diego

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS 1975

- 7 Jan 75- Operating in the SOCAL OPAREA performing carrier  
15 Jan 75 qualifications for Air Wing Eleven.
- 27 Jan 75- Participate in READIEX 1-75 with other Third Fleet  
30 Jan 75 units.
- 3 Feb 75- INSURV Board of Inspection headed by RADM Bulkley  
7 Feb 75 inspected KITTY HAWK and found her ready for operations.
- 25 Feb 75- Enroute Hawaiian waters and Exercise READIEX 3A-75 in  
7 Mar 75 preparation for RIMPAC 75.
- 11 Mar 75- Participate in Exercise RIMPAC 75 with other Third  
21 Mar 75 Fleet units as well as fleet units from Canada,  
Australia and New Zealand.
- 1 Apr 75 KITTY HAWK embarks about 2500 dependents of her crew  
for a family day cruise off of San Diego.
- 9 Apr 75- Conduct a WEPTRAEX, NOREX and participate in  
17 Apr 75 COMPTUEX 1-75.
- 21 Apr 75- Conduct Exercise READIEX 5-75 and the ship's ORE.  
28 Apr 75
- 29 Apr 75- Ship conducts POM (Preparation for Overseas Movement).  
21 May 75
- 15 May 75 Dual Change Of Command: RADM A. J. Monger relieves  
RADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II as Commander Carrier Group  
One and CAPT S. W. Hubbard, Jr. relieves CAPT R. E.  
Kirksey as Commanding Officer, USS KITTY HAWK.
- 21 May 75 KITTY HAWK and CVW-11 deploy for operations in the  
Western Pacific.
- 28 May 75- Participate in COMPTUEX 1D-75 in the Hawaiian OPAREA.  
1 Jun 75
- 4 Jun 75 Underway from Pearl Harbor enroute WESTPAC.
- 10 Jun 75 Main Machinery Room Number One floods as sea water valve  
opens. Repairs affected by ship's force.
- 12 Jun 75 Chop to COMSEVENTHFLT.
- 13 Jun 75 Two TU-95 BEAR aircraft reconnoiter the task group.

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19 Jun 75 Enter Subic Bay, tie up at Alava Pier and begin work on restoring MMR #1 to operable status.

24 Jun 75 RADM R. P. Coogan, Commander Carrier Group Five shifts his flag to KITTY HAWK.

30 Jun 75- KITTY HAWK operates in the Subic Local OPAREA. Conducting  
9 Jul 75 carrier qualifications, Cyclic Ops, War at Sea exercises concluding with Exercise NEWBOY 4-75 on 8 July.

5 Jul 75 RADM W. L. Harris relieves RADM R. P. Coogan as CTF 77/CCG-5.

19 Jul 75- Routine air operations in the Subic Local OPAREA.  
28 Jul 75

7 Aug 75- Routine air operations in the Subic Local OPAREA.  
13 Aug 75

13 Aug 75- Inport Hong Kong.  
20 Aug 75

20 Aug 75- Operations in the South China Sea and the Philippine  
4 Sep 75 Sea. Exercise READEX 1-76 from 28 Aug to 4 Sep.

17 Sep 75- Routine air operations in the South China Sea/Subic  
1 Oct 75 Local OPAREA. Conduct Exercise NEWBOY 5-75 on 1 Oct.

8 Oct 75- Enroute Yokosuka, Japan. Emergency underway.  
17 Oct 75

24 Oct 75- Underway from Yokosuka. Conducting routine air  
26 Oct 75 operations along the east coast of Japan.

27 Oct 75- Transit the Sea of Japan, entering through the Tsugaru  
30 Oct 75 Straits, departing via the Tsushima Straits; subject to Soviet TU-16 BADGER aircraft reconnaissance and surface vessel surveillance.

31 Oct 75- Transit from Sea of Japan to Subic.  
4 Nov 75

17 Nov 75- Routine local area operations in the Subic Local OPAREA/  
23 Nov 75 South China Sea. Participate in Multiplex 1-76.

25 Nov 75 CTF 77/CCG-5 shifts his flag to the USS ORISKANY.

26 Nov 75 Underway for CONUS

3 Dec 75 Chop to COMTHIRDFLT

8 Dec 75 Inport Pearl Harbor. Embarking members of Operation Tiger.

15 Dec 75 Inport San Diego. Begin Post-deployment stand-down.

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

The USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) began 1975 alongside Pier Mike-  
November at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, California.  
The ship was in a normal holiday leave status until the 6th of  
January. On the 7th, the ship sailed from North Island for the  
Southern California Operating Area (SOCAL OPAREA) to carrier qualify  
her air group, Carrier Air Wing Eleven. During this at-sea period  
the carrier fired two of her Terrier missiles at BQM-34A drone  
targets. Returning to North Island on 16 January the KITTY HAWK  
began preparations for Exercise READIEX 1-75 which began on the 27th.  
This major Third Fleet sponsored exercise lasted four days; it  
involved the KITTY HAWK and many other ships and aircraft of the  
Third Fleet. This, and the subsequent spring exercises were conducted  
to prepare the ship for her upcoming WESTPAC deployment. The overall  
emphasis during READIEX 1-75 in the task force operations was placed  
on surface surveillance and ASW drills; additionally, a Terrier  
missile firing was held.

KITTY HAWK remained inport at North Island from 1 to 3 February  
preparing to embark RADM Bulkeley and the INSURV board for carrier  
readiness sea trials which were conducted on the 3rd and 4th of  
February. The sea trials were followed by a rigorous inport inspection  
conducted from the 4th to the 9th of February. The ship remained at  
North Island until the 24th. During these two weeks the ship commenced  
workups for a month long "mini-cruise" to the Hawaiian Islands and

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Exercise RIMPAC 75. Sailing on 25 February KITTY HAWK steamed to the Hawaiian OPAREA. Here she participated in a warm-up exercise, READIEX 3A-75 which lasted until 7 March when the ship entered Pearl Harbor. The KITTY HAWK's crew then had four good days of liberty on Oahu enjoying the island's pleasures. The ship went back to work on the 11th of March sailing from Pearl Harbor for RIMPAC 75. This major ten day exercise was designed to test and evaluate very nearly every facet of modern naval warfare. The ships, planes, and men from four nations (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States) worked smoothly together throughout RIMPAC 75. On the 13th of March KITTY HAWK and the ammunition ship KISKA (AE-35) bumped during routine re-arming operations. No personnel casualties and only minor structural damage resulted. Both ships continued to operate in the exercise. During the missile firing portion of RIMPAC three Terrier missiles were fired at BQM-34A drones. At the conclusion of RIMPAC 75 all hands were hosted by Pearl Harbor Naval Station at a party to which over 12,000 crewmen from the participating countries came and enjoyed themselves on Waikiki's famous beach. The KITTY HAWK remained inport Pearl on 21 and 22 March.

On the 23rd the ship sailed back to San Diego, conducting an OPPE with the assistance of the CINCPACFLT PEB enroute. Although the overall evaluation was unsatisfactory the PEB joined the ship's engineering department in fostering a greater watch proficiency and better general knowledge of their job requirements. KITTY HAWK steamed into North Island on 29 March and remained there until the 31st of the month.

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The first of April saw approximately 2600 dependents come aboard the KITTY HAWK for the annual pre-deployment Family Day Cruise. Conducted off of San Diego this short journey on the Pacific gave our guests a chance to observe a carrier in her element, underway, conducting air operations. Additionally, the ship's plane guard, the USS CHICAGO (CG-11) came alongside for a simulated underway replenishment. With a few weary young salts aboard, KITTY HAWK and her guests returned to North Island that evening. April 2 to 8 was spent pier-side preparing for the eventual WESTPAC deployment and more upcoming exercises. Three exercises were conducted during the 9-17 April at-sea period: COMPTUEX 1-75, a WEPTRAEX, and a NOREX. Three Terrier missiles were fired; two at maneuvering SEPTARS and one at a BQM-34A. Spending 18-20 April at North Island the KITTY HAWK was again found at sea from 21 April through the 27th conducting READIEX 5-75 in the SOCAL OPAREA. During this time the ships ORE/ORI was successfully completed and the ship was evaluated to be operationally ready to meet her Seventh Fleet Mission. On the 24th of April a burial at sea was held. In solemn, traditional ceremonies the late Lieutenant J. J. King was committed to the sea from KITTY HAWK.

KITTY HAWK remained inport at San Diego From 28 April to 20 May for her POM (Preparation for Overseas Movement) period. During this time the ship hosted a dual change of command. On the 15th of May RADM A. J. Monger relieved RADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II as Commander Carrier Group One and CAPT S. W. Hubbard, Jr. relieved CAPT R. E. Kirksey as Commanding Officer, USS KITTY HAWK.

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KITTY HAWK set sail from San Diego on 21 May for her tenth consecutive WESTPAC deployment. The ship was inport Pearl Harbor on the 27th and 28th of May and then operated in the Hawaiian OPAREA from 29 May to 1 June. On the 29th, while participating in COMPTUEX 1D-75 an F-4J aircraft belonging to VF-114 was lost at sea. The probable cause of the loss was a control malfunction; the crew was recovered in fine shape after their ejection. Inport Pearl Harbor from 1 to 3 June the ship completed her stores load out and final cruise preparations, sailing west for Seventh Fleet operations on the 4th of June.

On the 10th of June KITTY HAWK experienced a major engineering casualty in Number One Main Machinery Room as a steam line ruptured and then a sea valve malfunctioned. Partial flooding of the machinery space and concurrent engineering problems ensued. As a result of some very hazardous and arduous labor by the ship's EOD team and "R" Division personnel the casualty was controlled and temporary repairs made. The ship continued west while effecting repairs to the affected equipment. On the 12th of June the KITTY HAWK "inchopped" to the operational control of Commander Seventh Fleet. The following day the transitting task group was reconnoitered by Soviet Bear aircraft.

The ship arrived at Subic Bay Naval Station on 19 June and began a ten day inport period during which Ship Repair Facility (SRF) Subic began the extensive job of repairing Main Machinery Room Number One. On the 24th of June while inport Subic Commander Carrier Group Five/ Task Force Seven Seven shifted his flag and staff to KITTY HAWK.

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Sailing on 30 June the carrier held warm-up and refresher operations in the Subic/South China Sea Local OPAREA. These included carrier qualifications and routine air operations for her air wing after their relatively long period of inactivity. The at sea period concluded with Exercise NEWBOY 4-75 on 8 July. This was to be a regular finale to our operating periods; NEWBOY tested the air defense posture and reaction time of the Phillipine Air Force and U.S. Air Force interceptor squadrons. While at sea Carrier Group Five held a change of command at which RADM W. L. Harris relieved RADM R. P. Coogan on the 5th of July.

From 9 to 19 July the ship was at Subic Bay for upkeep and inport training. SRF workers continued their repair work on MMR Number One.

The ship returned to the Subic OPAREA between 19 and 28 July during which she performed air operations and routine training. A Terrier missile shoot was held on the 25th of July. During this year a total of 16 Terriers would be fired. Of these, seven were judged successful, two were duds, two firing results could not be determined and five were considered failures.

Entering Subic Bay on 28 July the ship completed her repairs to the machinery spaces during this inport period. These weeks in Subic were valuable to KITTY HAWK and her crew; they enabled the Engineering Department to accomplish much needed overhaul of the machinery plant; they let the crew enjoy some liberty in the Subic Bay complex and they permitted the air wing to fly from a shore base, Cubi Point Naval Air Station.

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On the 7th of August KITTY HAWK sailed from Subic for a few days in the South China Sea which was followed by a week in Hong Kong. While the carrier was at anchor by Green Island from 13 to 20 August her crew thoroughly enjoyed the exotic port's shopping, sight-seeing and food liberty. While in Hong Kong the men of KITTY HAWK reached into their pockets and raised \$2100 to help support three Cambodian children. The three had been marooned in Hong Kong following their country's civil war; subsequently they had been adopted by a First Class Petty Officer stationed in Hong Kong. The donation from KITTY HAWK's crew will be a real help to clothe and educate the three.

The carrier sailed from Hong Kong and joined numerous other ships of the Seventh Fleet, including the carrier HANCOCK, in a major fleet exercise, READEX 1-76, from 28 August to 4 September. This exercise required the force to perform at its very best in a simulated large scale open ocean war. Conducted in both the South China Sea and the Philippine Sea under the control of VADM Hayward, READEX 1-76 was a very successful evolution; lengthy and demanding, it permitted the force to significantly increase its readiness to carry out its assigned mission. The extensive underway training emphasized complex round the clock and cyclic operations. Air Wing Eleven practices those long range search tactics necessary to locate surface, sub-surface and airborne targets and then conducted War At Sea Strikes on the surface targets as well as defending the task force from incoming "enemy" aircraft.

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KITTY HAWK returned to Subic from 4 to 17 September for continued inport training and repair work. This inport period was highlighted by a church painting. As part of the crews desire to be good guests in the Philippines several charitable projects had been planned and carried out. This week saw two large working parties go to a rural church in the Bataan peninsula to paint and fix it up. The men went on their liberty time and contributed the materials themselves. Through this, and other acts, including the donation of several hundred school books to the Olongapo school system, the men of KITTY HAWK really became close friends with their Filipino hosts. During subsequent inport periods at Subic the ship was host to the Subic PTA which held a crafts fair on the hanger bay of the carrier, featuring local handicrafts for sale. The profits from this sale went towards the construction of a new school in Olongapo city.

The carrier was at sea from the 17th of September until the 1st of October conducting routine training operations in the Subic area at the conclusion of which the airwing conducted Exercise NEWBOY 5-75 to test the Philippine air defense system. On the 23rd AMS3 WANTULOK from HS-8 was fatally injured while working on an SH-3D helicopter that was preparing to launch.

Inport Subic from 2 to 8 October the ship made final preparations for a transit to Japan. Scheduled to depart Subic on 9 October the KITTY HAWK made an early sortie to evade an approaching typhoon.

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After a rough and bouncy transit to Japan during which several scheduled exercises were cancelled due to high winds and heavy seas (a follow-on to the typhoon) the carrier entered Yokosuka on the 17th of October. During a mostly rainy inport period the crew had a good opportunity to visit this charming country. Of particular note was the outstanding liberty record achieved by the men of KITTY HAWK. Commendations were received from all echelons in our chain of command for the crews exemplary conduct ashore.

On the 24th of October the KITTY HAWK departed Yokosuka for a special operating period that included a circumnavigation of the main island of Japan, entering the Sea of Japan via the Tsurgaru Straits and departing it through the Tsushima Straits. This, the first operation of its kind by a carrier was an excellent opportunity to test the crew's ability to carry out her mission and to let us experience operations in a colder climate. During the transit of the Sea of Japan the task force was the subject of Soviet reconnaissance efforts on several occasions. Among our visitors was a Kashin class missile cruiser that escorted the carrier.

Leaving the Sea of Japan the ship returned to the warmer waters of the South China Sea and to her "home away from home", Subic Bay Naval Station. On the 3rd of November, in the South China Sea, during routine air operations an SH-3D helicopter from HS-8 was lost at sea. The helo experienced engine failure and was forced to ditch alongside the carrier. The five men aboard were rescued by our plane guard helo. On the 4th, six members of the Miss America Pageant came aboard KITTY

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HAWK and presented an excellent show for all hands on the flight deck. Their singing and dancing was well received.

The final at sea period for the ship during this deployment was from 17 to 23 November as the ship and air wing conducted air operations in the Subic OPAREA. Operations culminated with the air wings participation in Exercise MULTIPLEX 1-76 and NEWBOY 6-75. The air wing was able to maintain its proficiency despite a reduction in the flying hours available to it as compared to previous years. Statistics for the year support this.

	<u>Embarked</u>	<u>Ashore</u>
Total Hours	10,172	5,224
(day/night)	(7,811/2,361)	(4,166/1,058)

The last Subic Bay inport period lasted from 24 to 26 November and for the first time this cruise the carrier was berthed at Leyte Pier at Cubi Point Naval Air Station as the air wing loaded its planes aboard. RADM Harris and his staff departed the ship on 25 November. With the offload of the Admiral and the onload of our airwing and countless Christmas gifts which the crew had purchased KITTY HAWK got underway on 26 November enroute San Diego and home.

Steaming an easterly course KITTY HAWK chopped back into the Third Fleet on 3 December and prepared to enter Pearl Harbor. The view of Diamond Head on 8 December was accompanied by the sight of 200 "Operation Tiger" guests waiting on the pier for the ship. KITTY HAWK's Operation Tiger allows the fathers, sons, and brothers of the crewmembers to transit from Pearl Harbor to San Diego and experience the KITTY HAWK

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man's life at sea. Their ages ranged from ten to eighty years young. On 15 December the ship turned past Point Loma and entered San Diego Harbor. Alongside the pier at North Island the air wing personnel and ships company greeted their family's and began the usual post-deployment 30 day stand down.

There were several notable aspects to 1975 for KITTY HAWK: We served as the test bed for an improved command and control facility serving the embarked flag (Project Outlaw Hawk); our transit of the Sea of Japan was a "first"; the ships ASCAC continued to develop its capabilities; KITTY HAWK's creation of a separate department for training was a test for all carriers on the west coast; and the ship had a very great number of days at sea and/or working days in port.

Outlaw Hawk was the forerunner of several forthcoming major improvements to the flag's control and defense of his task force. The enhancement of the TFCC (Tactical Flag Command Center) was done under the supervision of the Commander Carrier Group One. When completed it gave the admiral and his staff a significantly greater ability to track and follow the air, surface, and sub-surface contacts in the vicinity of the task force.

The ship's transit of the Sea of Japan enabled Commander Seventh Fleet to have a better understanding of the operating problems that his ships and aircraft would face in this colder environment. It let the staff see at first hand the reactions of Soviet air and naval defense forces and it let the crew of KITTY HAWK get a close look at Soviet warships and aircraft. The brief circumnavigation of Honshu

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was of great benefit to the operational planners and the actual forces involved in the transit.

During 1975 the primary role of KITTY HAWK's ASCAC and her ASW air assets was to further develop and exercise tactics, multi-unit coordination, and command and control aspects of the CV Concept. Major exercises such as RIMPAC 75 conducted in the Hawaiian OPAREA in March and READEX 1-76 conducted during deployment to WESTPAC in September were utilized to exercise all aspects of Anti-Submarine Warfare, while numerous ASW encounters and Submarine Service periods were utilized to test new tactics and develop aircrew proficiency. Included in the evaluation work while in WESTPAC were exercises utilizing TACAIR assets as quick reaction ASW vehicles. KITTY HAWK's WESTPAC 75 Cruise saw the last deployment of the S2 Tracker aircraft. In future deployments CV's will embark the highly sophisticated and more versatile S3 Viking aircraft. Because of this aircraft transition, during the upcoming overhaul period, the ASCAC (Anti-Submarine Classification and Analysis Center) will be replaced by a TSC (Tactical Support Center) which will have the equipment necessary to support the S-3 Viking.

On 1 July 1975 the KITTY HAWK established a Training Department. The purpose of the department was to provide one agency to coordinate and assist the many types of training that occurs aboard ship. The department was organized with the approval of CNAP, on a trial basis. A final decision on whether or not to make it a permanent change to this, and all carrier's organizations, was to be made prior to beginning the COH.

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The Training Department is composed of four branches: The Technical Training Branch, the General Training Branch, the Personal Training Branch and the Training Aids Branch. They incorporate the functions of the following offices:

Educational Services  
Command Career Counselor  
Human Resources Management

In October, the Human Resources Management office was dropped from the department, in order to make it an independent agency.

During this year the men of KITTY HAWK were at sea 186 days, of which five were officially "holiday routine"; of the 179 days in port, 129 were working days. This very high percentage of working days for a "peace time" environment was one of the reasons for KITTY HAWK's successful operations. The ship turned to day in and day out to get her work done and to maintain a fourteen year old ship that was overdue for an extended period in the shipyards. As an example of the amount of work accomplished: The carrier's AIMD (Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department) processed a total of 26,162 repairable components, with a 71.1% RFI return rate. A total of 156,043 man hours were utilized in support of the Air Wing and aviation support equipment. The C-1A flew 841.4 hours and was operationally ready 85.8% of the time. Of her port calls overseas a total of 82 days were spent at anchor or alongside. These included 68 days in Subic (seven visits), 7 days in Hong Kong and 7 days in Yokosuka. Despite the great number of days at sea and long and arduous hours the crew's liberty record ashore set high marks for the rest of Seventh Fleet. In Subic Bay there were

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only 3.5 incidents per 1000 liberties and in Yokosuka there were less than 2 incidents per 1000 liberties; high standards for aircraft carrier crewmembers ashore in the Western Pacific.

The close of 1975 saw KITTY HAWK and her crew preparing to enter the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington for a one year COH (Complex Overhaul). The anticipated repairs and modernization will affect every part of the carrier.

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS

<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>Hull Number</u>	<u>Date</u>
USS WABASH	AOR-5	10 Jan 1975
USS ALBERT DAVID	FF-1050	11 Jan 1975
USS KISKA	AE-35	14 Jan 1975
USS ALBERT DAVID	FF-1050	14 Jan 1975
USS BRONSTEIN	FF-1037	28 Jan 1975
HMNZS CANTABURY	F-421	27 Feb 1975
USS O'CALLAHAN	FF-1051	27 Feb 1975
USS BRONSTEIN	FF-1037	28 Feb 1975
USS ALBERT DAVID	FF-1050	28 Feb 1975
USS BRONSTEIN	FF-1037	2 Mar 1975
USS ALBERT DAVID	FF-1050	2 Mar 1975
USS MASON	FF-852	2 Mar 1975
USS DOWNES	FF-1070	2 Mar 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	4 Mar 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	7 Mar 1975
USS KISKA	AE-35	13 Mar 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	17 Mar 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	19 Mar 1975
USS KILAUEA	AE-26	25 Apr 1975
USS NAVASOTA	AO-106	27 Apr 1975
USS JONES	FFG-32	22 May 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	28 May 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	4 Jun 1975
USS MAUNA KEA	AE-22	10 Jun 1975
USS MAUNA KEA	AE-22	15 Jun 1975
USNS MISPELLION	AO-105	17 Jun 1975
USS KISKA	AE-35	30 Jun 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	1 Jul 1975
USS VEGA	AF-59	4 Jul 1975
USS PASSUMPSIC	AO-107	4 Jul 1975
USNS TALUGA	TAO-62	21 Jul 1975
USS WHITE PLAINS	AFS-4	24 Jul 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	24 Jul 1975
USS RAMSEY	FF-62	25 Jul 1975
USNS TALUGA	TAO-62	27 Jul 1975
USS NIAGARA FALLS	AFS-3	8 Aug 1975
USNS TALUGA	TAO-62	10 Aug 1975
USS KIRK	FE-1087	12 Aug 1975
USS SACRAMENTO	AOE-1	21 Aug 1975
USS SACRAMENTO	AOE-1	21 Aug 1975
USNS TALUGA	TAO-62	24 Aug 1975
USS SACRAMENTO	AOE-1	27 Aug 1975
USS BRONSTEIN	FF-1037	28 Aug 1975
USS SACRAMENTO	AOE-1	30 Aug 1975

Underway Replenishments (con't)

<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>Hull Number</u>	<u>Date</u>
USS SACRAMENTO	AOE-1	2 Sep 1975
USNS TALUGA	TAO-62	19 Sep 1975
USS NIAGARA FALLS	AFS-3	19 Sep 1975
USNS MISPELLION	TAO-105	22 Sep 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	27 Sep 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	1 Oct 1975
USS NIAGARA FALLS	AFS-3	10 Oct 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	11 Oct 1975
USS HOLT	FF-1074	14 Oct 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	15 Oct 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	16 Oct 1975
USS MARS	AFS-1	24 Oct 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	25 Oct 1975
USS PARSON	FFG-33	28 Oct 1975
USS HOLT	FF-1074	28 Oct 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	26 Oct 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	31 Oct 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	3 Nov 1975
USS MARS	AFS-1	4 Nov 1975
USS KILAUEA	AE-26	18 Nov 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	19 Nov 1975
USS PONCHATOULA	AO-148	23 Nov 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	28 Nov 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	2 Dec 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	7 Dec 1975
USS KISKA	AE-35	9 Dec 1975
USS WICHITA	AOR-1	10 Dec 1975

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ARRESTING GEAR AND CATAPULT STATISTICS

ARRESTING GEAR STATISTICS

<u>Engine Number</u>	<u>Arrestments on Cruise</u>	<u>Total for Year</u>
1	643	1068
2	1317	2072
3	1597	2728
4	981	1508
5	0	0

CATAPULT STATISTICS

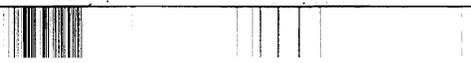
<u>Catapult Number</u>	<u>Launches on Cruise</u>	<u>Total for Year</u>
1	995	2358
2	1341	2144
3	1449	2243
4	997	1692

THOUSANDTH CARRIER LANDINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LANDING</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SIDE #</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>
			<u>ACFT</u>		<u>ATTACHED</u>
29 JAN 75	155,000	CDR TITUS	C-1	571	ASCAC OFFICER
21 MAR 75	156,000	LCDR BAGGETT	A-6	506	VA-52
25 APR 75	157,000	LCDR DAY	A-7	405	VA-195
03 JUL 75	158,000	LT GIBSON	A-6	503	VA-52
11 AUG 75	159,000	CDR HEISNER	F-4	207	VF-213
23 SEP 75	160,000	LT MURPHY	A-6	511	VA-52
28 OCT 75	161,000	LT MULLER	F-4	102	VF-114

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ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

AIM 7E2 (EXER) SPARROW	13
AIM 9G (EXER) SIDEWINDER	22
AIM 9H (TACTICAL) SIDEWINDER	1
20 MM TPT	15,500 RDS
MK 82 G.P. BOMBS	64
MK 84 G.P. BOMBS	17
MK 82 INERT BOMBS	52
MK 83 INERT BOMBS	29
MK 76 PRAC BOMB	1,269
MK 106 PRAC BOMB	255
BDU 33 PRAC BOMB	709
M112A1 PHOTO FLASH	702
MK 13 DISTRESS SIGNAL	1,114
MK 45 PARAFIARES	938
MK 6 SMOKE LITES	6
MK 25 MARINE MARKERS	1,373
MK 58 MARINE MARKERS	120
MK 84 SUS	428
MK 64 SUS	298
ALE 29 CHAFF	11,299 RDS
MK 83 G. P. BOMBS	17
MK 84 INERT BOMBS	8

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CVW-11 COMPOSITION

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>
VF-213	F4J
VF-114	F4J
VA-52	A6E/KA6D
VA-192	A7E
VA-195	A7E
VS-37	S2G
VS-38	S2G
VAQ-136	EA6B
RVAH-6	RA5C
HS-8	SH-3G
VAW-114	E2B

CHANGES OF COMMAND

14 May	VS-38	CDR G. K. McCAULEY relieves CDR J. E. BURGESS
15 May	KITTY HAWK	CAPT S. W. HUBBARD, JR. relieves CAPT R. E. KIRKSEY
	COMCARGRU ONE	RADM A. J. MONGER relieves RADM G. E. R. KINNEAR, II
2 Jun	VAQ-136	CDR D. L. DIETZ relieves CDR D. E. KENTOPP
	VA-195	LCDR R. R. LEE relieves CDR B. WOODS
3 Jun	CVW-11	CDR W. J. BYNG relieves CAPT F. S. TEAGUE
5 Jul	CTF 77	RADM W. J. HARRIS relieves RADM R. B. COOGAN
8 Sep	VS-37	CDR B. C. MARSHALL relieves CDR T. W. ENTWISTLE, JR.
6 Oct	VA-192	CDR G. R. GOLDENSTEIN relieves CDR D. N. ROGERS
7 Nov	HS-8	CDR D. L. LARSON relieves CDR B. W. COATS

VISITORS TO KITTY HAWK - 1975

3 Feb 75- RADM J. D. Bulkeley, senior member of the INSURV Board.  
7 Feb 75

14 Feb 75 VADM J. H. Doyle, COMTHIRDFLT, one day inspection visit.

4 Mar 75 MGEN T. H. Miller, Jr. Deputy Commander Fleet Marine Forces Pacific, and BGEN Joseph Koler, Jr., Commanding General First Marine Brigade, observed Marine CARQUALS.

6 Mar 75 The Honorable George R. Ariyoshi, Governor of Hawaii, accompanied by VADM DOYLE, COMTHIRDFLT, and seven other civic/political leaders from Hawaii.

16 Mar 75 RADM Julian Lake, COMNAVELEXSYSCOM, to observe project Outlaw Hawk in operation.

17 Mar 75- VADM DOYLE, COMTHIRDFLT, shifts his flag to KITTY HAWK  
20 Mar 75 during exercise RIMPAC 75.

20 Mar 75 ADM Noel A. GAYLOR, CINCPAC, to observe RIMPAC 75 operations.

21 Mar 75 ADM Maurice WEISNER, CINCPACFLT, to observe RIMPAC 75 operations.

1 Apr 75 2,500 of KITTY HAWK's favorite VIPs, their families, for the ship's family day cruise prior to deployment.

9 Apr 75 Forty senior officers of allied Navys from the Naval War College, to observe air operations.

10 Apr 75 RADM CARMICHAEL, USNR (MC) and 40 civilian doctors, to observe naval medical practices and air operations.

15 Apr 75 VADM R. B. BALDWIN, COMNAVAIRPAC, to observe air operations.

16 Apr 75- RADM C. P. EKAS, Assistant Chief of Naval Material, to  
17 Apr 75 observe air operations.

18 Apr 75 RADM B. H. SHEPHERD, Navy Inspector General, a brief visit to observe operations.

10 May 75 Twenty Flag and General Officers from the Inter-American Defense Board and the Inter-American Defense College; to visit KITTY HAWK.

15 May 75 VADM DOYLE, COMTHIRDFLT and VADM BALDWIN, COMNAVAIRPAC to attend change of command ceremonies.

3 Jun 75 VADM BALWIN, COMNAVAIRPAC, to speak at CVW-11 change of command.

16 Jun 75 RADM J. C. DONALDSON, COMFAIRWESTPAC, to inspect Main Machinery Room Number One.

19 Jun 75 RADM R. P. COOGAN, Commander Carrier Group Five/ Commander Task Force Seven Seven to observe air operations.

24 Jun 75 RADM COOGAN, CCG-5/CTF 77 shifts his flag to KITTY HAWK.

3 Jul 75 VADM T. B. HAYWARD, COMSEVENTHFLT, to observe air operations.

4 Aug 75 VADM BALDWIN, COMNAVAIRPAC, to observe air operations.

27 Aug 75- BADM HAYWARD, COMSEVENTHFLT, to observe exercise  
3 Sep 75 READEX 1-76.

27 Sep 75- RADM F. J. BAUGHMAN, COMNAVAIRPAC Force Material Officer,  
31 Sep 75 to discuss material support matters.

1 Oct 75- RADM T. J. KILCLINE, Commander Naval Forces Philippines,  
2 Oct 75 to observe air operations.

21 Oct 75 ADM WEISNER, CINCPACFLT and VADM HAYWARD, COMSEVENTHFLT, to discuss the up-coming Sea of Japan SPECOPS.

23 Oct 75 VADM R. C. GOODING, COMNAVSEASYSKOM, to observe SPECOPS preparations.

24 Oct 75- RADM T. B. RUSSELL, COMFAIRWESTPAC, to observe SPECOPS  
25 Oct 75 preparations.

31 Dec 75 RADM J. D. RAMAGE, retires from active duty onboard USS KITTY HAWK.

AWARDS AND 'ATTABOYS'

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>For</u>
22 Mar	CTF 170	KITTY HAWK	Performance during RIMPAC '75'
25 Mar	CNO	VS-38	Awarded the Arnold J. Isbell trophy for ASW Excellence.
26 Mar	COMNAVAIRPAC	VS-38	Winning the Isbell Trophy
1 Apr	COMNAVAIRPAC	VS-37	NWAI performance
7 Apr	COMNAVAIRPAC	VAQ-136	Two years accident free operations
10 Apr	COMCARGRU ONE	VAQ-136	Two years accident free operations
18 Apr	COMELEVENTH ND	KITTY HAWK	Visit of Naval Command College
13 May	COMELEVENTH ND	KITTY HAWK	Visit of IADB/IADC
4 Jun	CGFIRSTMARBRIG	KITTY HAWK	VMFA 212 Carquals
6 Jun	COMTHIRDFLT	KITTY HAWK	COMPTUEX 1D-75 performance
12 Aug	CTF 77	KITTY HAWK	Repairs to MMR # One
3 Sep	CTF 77	KITTY HAWK	READEX 1-76
4 Sep	VMAAW 533	KITTY HAWK	Carquals assistance
8 Sep	COMDESRON 31	CVW-11	MISSILEX 1-76 assistance
25 Sep	CTF 77	VQ-1 Det 63	CNO Safety Award
25 Sep	COMSEVENTHFLT	KITTY HAWK	Signficant Intelligence Report
14 Oct	R. E. PEARY	KITTY HAWK	Medivac helo's
29 Oct	COMFLEACTS YOKO	KITTY HAWK	Yokosuka liberty record
30 Oct	CTF 77	KITTY HAWK	Yokosuka liberty record

31 Oct	COMSEVENTHFLT	KITTY HAWK	Yokosuka liberty record
31 Oct	COMNAVAIRPAC	KITTY HAWK	Yokosuka liberty record
1 Nov	COMCARGRU ONE	KITTY HAWK	Yokosuka liberty record
3 Nov	CTG 78.7	VS-37/VS-38	USN/ROKN ASW enhancement
3 Nov	COMNAVFORKOREA	VS-37/VS-38	USN/ROKN ASW enhancement
4 Nov	CTF 77	VS-37/VS-38	USN/ROKN ASW enhancement
5 Nov	CTF 77	KITTY HAWK	Sea of Japan SPECOPS performance
6 Nov	COMCARGRU ONE	KITTY HAWK	Sea of Japan SPECOPS performance
8 Nov	COMNAVAIRPAC	VA-192	One year accident free operations
10 Nov	COMNAVAIRLANT	RVAH-6	Battle "E"
24 Nov	CDR 314th AIRDIV	KITTY HAWK	Exercise FOCUS LENSE assistance
25 Nov	CTF 77	KITTY HAWK	Sustained performance through deployment
25 Nov	CTG 77.5	VAQ-136	Training assistance
6 Dec	COMSEVENTHFLT	VAQ-136	Significant evaluation of EXCAP PODS
9 Dec	COMFITAEEWINGSPAC	VAW-114	Five years accident free operations
12 Dec	COMNAVAIRPAC	VAW-114	Five years accident free operations
19 Dec	COMCARGRU ONE	VAW-114	Five years accident free operations
20 Dec	CTF 77	KITTY HAWK	Results of PEB assistance visit
1 Jan	COMNAVAIRPAC	VS-38	Two years accident free operations

REENLISTMENT INFORMATION 1975

MONTH	FIRST TERM		CAREER	
	ELIGIBLE	REENLISTED	ELIGIBLE	REENLISTED
JAN	18	11	4	4
FEB	39	9	3	3
MAR	9	7	7	7
APR	22	10	8	8
MAY	106	8	11	11
JUN	16	16	6	6
JUL	38	7	10	8
AUG	81	11	5	5
SEP	40	6	5	4
OCT	44	9	4	4
NOV	23	9	4	4
DEC	60	6	9	8
TOTAL	<u>496</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>72</u>

EXERCISES

January

27-30 READIEX 1-75

February

3-7 INSURV  
18-21 NWAI

March

4-7 READIEX 3A-75  
13-21 RIMPAC 75  
23-29 OPPE

April

3-5 NWAI  
9-17 WEPTRAEX, NOREX, COMPTUEX 1-75  
24-28 READIEX 5-75, ORE

May

28 - 1 Jun COMPTUEX 1D-75

June

24-25 MULTIPLEX 4-75

July

8 NEWBOY  
8-14 SHARK HUNT XIII  
22 COPE THUNDER

August

11 BLUE SKY (cancelled due target weather on day  
of launch)  
28-4 Sep READEX 1-76

September

9-13            IVORY HUNTER

October

1                NEWBOY 5-75  
15-18           TAE KWON DO (USN/ROKN ASWEX)  
20-23           SHARK HUNT XIV  
30               COPE JADE (modified version)

November

5-14            FOCUS LENS  
18               NEWBOY 6-75  
20-22           MULTIPLEX 1-76

December

3-7             PEB Advise and Assist for a mini-OPPE  
9-15            OPERATION TIGER