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(2) Documentary Appendix

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted:

2. A brief chronological list of events for calendar year 1973.

JAN Squadron remained in a stand-down status since May 1970.

FEB Squadron in stand-down status.

MAR

1 Responsibility for VAW-112 diary shifted to VAW-112.  
13 First man received for duty.

APR

3 Status report to Commander Fleet Air San Diego by prospective Commanding Officer, CDR M. W. PARSONS, indicates a serious problem arising with insufficient numbers of officers arriving in a timely fashion.

MAY

21 Status report to Naval Air Station, North Island (NASNI) shows no aircraft, no officers, and 22 enlisted personnel aboard.

JUN

1 CDR Marland W. PARSONS assumes command of VAW-112.

JUL

2 Reactivation ceremony for VAW-112. Captain J. R. EVANS, Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet was the guest speaker.

JUL

- 11 Received E-2B BUNO151709 from VAW-114.  
16 Received E-2B BUNO150538 from VAW-115.  
16 Commanding Officer, CDR M. W. PARSONS, LTJG ROGERS, LCDR AMANTEA, AT1 PRUETT, and AT2 BEECHER fly VAW-112's first flight since stand-down in May 1970.  
31 9 Officers and 85 enlisted personnel assigned to VAW-112, 11.9 hours flown.

AUG

- 13 E-2B BUNO 151709 transferred to RVAW-110.  
20 11 Officers and 90 enlisted assigned to VAW-112.  
31 AEL K. E. WHITE recommended for Associate Degree Completion Program (ADCOP).

SEP

- 24 12 Officers and 113 enlisted personnel aboard.  
26 First monthly meeting of VAW-112 Human Relations Council.

OCT

- 3 Received E-2B BUNO 152479 from Naval Air Rework Facility North Island.  
10 Received 2 E-2B's BUNO's 150531 and 151717 from VAW-116.  
13 E-2B NE 014 displayed at Naval Air Station Miramar for Navy Birthday.  
17 Christ Church Parish School of Coronado Kindergarden Class tours squadron area.  
19 15 Officers and 127 enlisted personnel aboard.  
25 Defense Condition 3 (DEFCON 3) set due to Middle East Crisis.  
25 VAW-112 assists Medical Evacuation by the Coast Guard for an unidentified man on a Liberian tanker "Spray Derrick".

NOV

- 8 Fallon, Nevada Weapons deployment commences with aircraft NE 014 and NE 010 departing for Fallon.  
9 E-2B BUNO 150538 sent to Naval Air Rework Facility, North Island.  
16 Aircraft NE 014 and NE 010 return from Fallon.  
20 15 Officers and 133 enlisted personnel aboard.

DEC

- 20 16 Officers and 147 enlisted personnel aboard.

  
M. W. PARSONS

## NARRATIVE

In May 1970, VAW-112 was temporarily deactivated and remained in a stand-down status until reactivated by CDR M. W. PARSONS at 1000, 2 July 1973. CDR PARSONS had assumed command of VAW-112 on 1 June 1973. VAW-112 was temporarily based ashore at Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) slated to deploy with Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW-2) aboard USS RANGER sometime in the spring of 1974.

The indication of the squadron beginning to standup was with the shifting of the responsibility of the VAW-112 diary to VAW-112 on the first of March. In March, CDR M. W. PARSONS began sending status reports to Commander Fleet Air San Diego. The general text of these reports indicated the squadron's biggest problems would be a general lack of people with E-2B experience. With 70% of the Naval Flight Officers (NFO's) and 30% of the pilots to report within four months of deployment, the desired level of expertise required by the Navy would be difficult to achieve. The E-2B experience level of Maintenance personnel was extremely low, and none of the Aviation Jet Mechanics (ADJ's) slated for VAW-112 had any previous E-2B experience.

At the VAW-112 reactivation ceremony the guest speaker was Captain J. R. EVANS, Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing, Pacific. Nine days later VAW-112 received its first E-2B BUNO 141709 from VAW-114, and on the 16th of July it received E-2B BUNO 150538 from VAW-115. On 16 July flight operations officially commenced with the Commanding Officer, CDR M. W. PARSONS, LTJG ROGERS, LCDR AMANTEA, AT1 PRUETT and AT2 BEECHER flying an acceptance check flight. By 31 July, VAW-112 had flown 11.9 hours. There were two aircraft, 9 officers and 85 enlisted personnel aboard.

Administratively all Squadron Departments, Operations, Maintenance, and Administration, had to start from little or nothing and rebuild. Most VAW-112 Instructions were outdated and had to be rewritten and up-to-date publications from various Navy Departments had to be requested. \$51,700 was allocated to the squadron for the calendar year. At the end of the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year VAW-112 turned in \$4,000. VAW-112, nicknamed the Golden Hawks, has a call sign of "Knick-Knack". The tail letters on the aircraft were NE 010 through NE 014 since NE was CVW-2 aviation designation. Operations were to proceed gradually until VAW-112 had sufficient experience and material to proceed at a more rapid pace. Every Monday was designated to be a stand-down day for safety and training.

The first awards received at VAW-112 were the Navy Unit Commendation to LCDR Thomas R. AMANTEA, The Navy Commendation Medal to CDR Robert L. HARSHBERGER and a letter of commendation to AEC Candelario TORRES on 16 July. On 1 May, AT3 William K. HOLLAND had been advanced to AT2 for VAW-112's first advancement since being stood-down three years prior. On the 20th of July, PN3 Redentor O. BURDEOS became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America.

Enclosure (1)

On 13 August, VAW-112 transferred E-2B BUNO 151709 to RVAW-110. By the end of the month, there were 11 officers and 90 enlisted personnel aboard and VAW-112 had flown 43.1 hours for the month. On 26 September, the first monthly meeting of the VAW-112 Human Relations Council was held. An on-going schedule of personnel to UPWARD (Understanding Personal Worth and Racial Dignity) had been established. There had been four reenlistments during September. ADRC Paul E. ROMA had reenlisted for six years, AMEC Franklin D. MECUM for four years, PN1 Gary O. THOMAS for four years, and AT3 Dennis D. McCULLICK for six years. The squadron flew 17.0 hours in September.

On the First of October AZAN Leffie A. CRAPS was designated the first VAW-112 Man Of The Quarter since reactivation. The third of October saw VAW-112 receive an E-2B, BUNO 152479 from Naval Air Rework Facility, North Island and the 10th of October saw 2 E-2B's BUNO's 150532 and 151717 arrive from VAW-116. On the 13th and 14th of October VAW-112's, E-2B, NE 014, was on display at Naval Air Station Miramar for the annual Navy Day. The 25th of October found VAW-112 in Defense Condition THREE (DEFCON 3) due to the Middle East Crisis. On the same day VAW-112 performed its first medical evacuation mission. Its alert crew launched at 0530 Local to search and identify a Liberian tanker "Spray Derrick" and to vector a Coast Guard Helicopter to it to rescue a sick man aboard. On the 16th of October YN2 John W. BROOKS was advanced to YN1 via Field Advancement. On the 17th of October the Christ Church Parish School of Coronado Kindergarden class toured the Squadron spaces. They were shown various survival equipment, line operations and the inside of an aircraft. This tour was featured in the 2 November issue of the North Island Newspaper. By the end of October there were 15 Officers and 127 enlisted aboard. The squadron had flown 70.0 ~~hours~~ for the month.

On the 8th of November, VAW-112's first deployment since reactivation occurred with aircraft NE 010 and NE 014 departing to Fallon, Nevada for a CVW-2 exercise. VAW-112 provided tracking, clearance, communication relay and vectors for striking aircraft. Due to the squadron's critical shortage of Naval Flight Officers (NFO's), VAW-112 asked two NFO's from VAW-113 to accompany them. LTJG Loy RICKMAN and LTJG Dave ERSEK volunteered to accompany VAW-112. The VAW-112 Fallon deployment returned to North Island on the 16th of November. On 9 November E-2B BUNO 150530 was sent to Naval Air Rework Facility, North Island. By the end of November the squadron had 15 officers and 133 enlisted personnel aboard. They had flown 63.1 hours for the month.

In December operations were stepped up slightly due to the coming Carrier Qualifications in January, although many personnel would be on leave for Christmas. On 10 December AMEC Franklin D. MECUM received the Presidential Unit Citation. For the Year, seven good conduct medals had been given to squadron personnel. The reenlistment rate had been 75% for first tour personnel, 100% for career personnel for an overall percentage of 90%. 71.0 hours were flown for the month. For the calendar year, VAW-112 flew 276.1 hours. 115.7 hours of which were systems flights, 48.0 hours were field carrier landing practices, and 106.9 hours were pilot proficiency flights. By the end of the calendar year there were 17 officers and 131 enlisted personnel aboard VAW-112. VAW-112 is authorized 21 officers and 124 enlisted personnel.

OFFICERS REPORTING ABOARD

DATE

1 JUN 73  
6 JUN 73  
30 MAY 73  
26 NOV 73  
17 AUG 73  
6 JUN 73  
29 SEP 73  
23 JUL 73  
2 JUL 73  
8 JUN 73  
1 OCT 73  
28 AUG 73  
11 JUN 73  
6 JUL 73  
25 SEP 73  
20 DEC 73  
3 AUG 73

NAME

CDR M. W. PARSONS  
CDR R. L. HARSHEBERGER  
LCDR T. R. AMANTEA  
LCDR A. W. GROMAN  
LCDR H. T. TETTENBURN  
LT P. D. VOGT  
LT W. H. SCHALK  
LT R. R. RICHARDS  
LT D. M. BROWN  
LT D. P. COOVREY  
LT E. A. SAURO  
LTJG S. J. EISENMAN  
LTJG M. B. ROYALL  
ENS M. D. ROGERS  
ENS D. M. CUTTER  
ENS D. R. GUEBERT  
CWO3 W. T. LITTLE

Enclosure (2)

AIRCRAFT SIDE NUMBER

NE013  
NE010  
NE011

AIRCRAFT TYPE

E-2B  
E-2B  
E-2B

BUNO

152479  
150531  
151717