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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron ELEVEN
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Encl: (1) Fighter Squadron ELEVEN History for 1989
(2) Biography of CDR Robert R. Kimmel
(3) Photo of CDR Robert R. Kimmel

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are hereby submitted.

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FIGHTER SQUADRON ELEVEN COMMAND HISTORY

1. MISSION: Navy fighter aircraft provide the primary capabilities for the achievement of air superiority for a Carrier Battle Group. Fighters must destroy enemy aircraft (fighters, bombers, jammers, ect) under all weather conditions, day and night, and they must contribute to battle group anti-ship missle defense by attacking airborne anti-ship cruise missles. Tasks consist of detection, identification and classification of hostile airborne threats to the fleet, and hostile interceptor aircraft threatening friendly strike of reconnaissance aircraft.

2. a. COMMANDER: 1 January through 6 January 1989 CDR Isaac E. Richardson, III. 6 January through 31 December 1989 CDR Robert L. Kimmel.

b. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 1 January through 6 January 1989 CDR Robert L. Kimmel. 6 January through 31 December 1989 CDR Steven R. Nichols.

c. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron ELEVEN reports to CAPT Richardson, Carrier Air Wing SIX.

3. CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY 1989

4 Fitwing ONE Safety Standown. Change of Command dinner.

6 Fighter Squadron ELEVEN Change of Command at held at NAS Oceana. CDR Robert L. Kimmel relieves CDR Isaac E. Richardson, III.

9 Squadron safety standown.

10 Electronic Warfare school quota at FASFAC Oceana, Va (three aircrew).

11 LT Adkerson and LTJG Conti report aboard.

12 LT Larsen transfers.

24 Three FITRON ELEVEN aircraft participate in first of several CVW-6 coordinated strikes from NAS Cecil Fld.

30 Squadron conducts KC-135 tanking quals off the Virginia coast.

FEBRUARY 1989

4 CVW-6 detachment to NAS Roosevelt Roads for missle shoot and Orange Air.

5 Long range strike from NAS Cecil Fld to Roosevelt Rds, P.R.

11 LT Cocker and LTJG Statts report aboard.

23 LCDR Brauer reports aboard.

27 Fleet Fighter ACM Rediness Program (FFARP).

27 LCDR Fleishman reports aboard.

28 LCDR Floyd transfers.

MARCH 1989

7 Two aircraft fly aboard USS Forrestal for sea trials (two days).

17 Topgun quota (one crew).

21 Leading Edge of Technology seminar (two aircrew).

APRIL 1989

1 Safety School quota (one aircrew).

3 SLATS quota at Fallon, Nv. (one aircrew).

4 Three aircraft fly aboard the USS Forrestal for Carrier Quals.

6 Two aircraft participate in Vandalex missle shoot in cooperation with NASA/ Wallops Island.

19 Advanced SLATS conference is held in Fallon, Nevada, for LCDR Reade/ C.O.

21 CVW-6 conducts Fallon detachment.

MAY 1989

4 Fitwing ONE ACM Derby held in connection with Fighter Fling week.

17 Squadron participates in Strategic Defense Initiative Operation Delta Star.

18 Missle shoot from IWSR aircraft.

22 FITWING ONE advisory corrosion inspection.

30 Corrosion school (CITC) training for all officers.

JUNE 1989

3 LTJG Cartwright reports aboard. LCDR Reade and LTJG Hiett transfer.

9 REFTRA

24 Dependents Day cruise held aboard USS Forrestal.

28 Squadron conducts open house and picnic at NAS Oceana.

JULY 1989

5 Misslex

10 Advance Phase

13 Inport Mayport, Florida

17 LT Herren reports aboard. LT Wooley transfers.

26 Inport St Thomas, U.S.V.I. LT's Bodoh and Herdlick report aboard.

AUGUST 1989

5 Hostilities Phase.

7 Misslex vs TALD aboard USS Forrestal.

14 Fitwing ONE conducts second preliminary Corrosion Inspection at NAS Oceana.

16 No-notice misslex at NAS Oceana.

24 Battlegroup Phase.

28 Manned raids against USS Forrestal.

30 Fleetex misslex.

SEPTEMBER 1989

9 Flyoff to NAS Oceana.

18 Pre-cruise Corrosion Inspection/ SPEAR brief and planning conference.

22 LCDR Thompson reports aboard.

OCTOBER 1989

2 LCDR McAloon reports aboard.

9 Major electrical fire delays deployment of Forrestal & air wing.

12 Original deployment date.

18 Conops planning at Mayport.

24 CQ for airwing aboard USS Saratoga (off Florida coast).

30 LT Gawne reports aboard.

NOVEMBER 1989

4 CVW-6 and USS Forrestal underway for MED 1-90.

12 Inchop MED Sixth Fleet.

15 CVW-6 conducts detachment to Heyers, France.

15 Port visit Toulon, France.

23 Harmonie Sud Est exercise.

26 Western Med ops.

DECEMBER 1989

1 Presidential Visit off the coast of Malta.

4 Port visit Naples, Italy.

9 Port visit Palma, Spain. Squadron conducts C.Q. detachment to Sigonella, Sicily.

12 LT's Facinelli and Davis transfer.

13 Tunisian Phiblex/ Italian low levels. Operation Aglow Charlie.

21 Port visit Marsailles, France (thru 7 JAN 90).

4. SPECIAL TOPICS

Statistical Accomplishments for FY 1989

Total Hours - 3667.3

Embarked Hours - 1826.1

Ashore Hours - 1841.2

Total Sorties - 2363

Embarked Sorties - 960

Ashore Sorties - 1403

98% Sortie Completion Rate

74% Full Mission Capable Rate

88% Mission Capable Rate

100% Completion of alert launches