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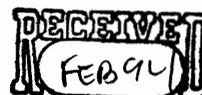
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(2) Chronology of Outstanding Events  
(3) Narrative of Outstanding Events  
(4) Biography of CDR Bruce W. Clingan  
(5) Photo of CDR Bruce W. Clingan

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are hereby submitted.

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B. W. Clingan

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COMCRUDESGRU THREE  
COMFITWINGPAC  
COMCARAIRWING FOURTEEN



## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

COMMANDING OFFICER  
(7 DEC 92 to Present)  
CDR Bruce W. Clingan

EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
(7 DEC 92 to Present)  
CDR Michael D. Crisp

LOCATION OF COMMAND  
(26 FEB 92 to Present)  
Naval Air Station Miramar  
San Diego, CA 92145

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ASHORE  
(26 FEB 92 to Present)  
Commander, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN  
Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

OPERATION CONTROL AFLOAT  
(26 FEB 92 to Present)  
Commander, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN  
Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group THREE

AIRCRAFT  
(26 FEB 92 to Present)  
F-14D SUPER TOMCAT  
Tail Code "NK"

CARRIER ASSIGNMENTS  
(26 FEB 92 to Present)  
USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
Homeported at Naval Air Station Alameda, California

MISSION  
Fleet Air Superiority and Power Projection Missions include: Combat Air Patrol, Air Intercept, Maritime Air Superiority and Strike Escort.

## CHRONOLOGY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

### JANUARY

29-31 Red Ripper Reunion celebrating 66 years of continuous active service.

### FEBRUARY

01-5 Mar Integrated Weapon System Review (IWSR).  
02 Commission Chief Petty Officer Lewis to Ensign, U.S. Navy.  
03 Purchased disestablished VF-114 Aardvark's squadron bus.  
17 Attended Dedication Ceremony for Aircraft Carrier Memorial Plaza, San Diego Harbor.  
23-25 Administration and Material Inspection (ADMAT).

### MARCH

26-9 Apr Fleet Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (FFARP), NAS Fallon, Nevada.

### APRIL

18-26 Sea Trials, USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).  
26-6 May Combat Systems Sea Qualification Tests (CSSQT), USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).

### MAY

9-23 Tailored Ship Availability Training I & II (TSTA), USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).  
14 Red Ripper Spouse Appreciation Day.

### JUNE

23-1 Jul Tailored Ship Availability Training III (TSTA), USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).

### JULY

7 Red Ripper all-hands squadron beach party.  
11-16 High Noon Air-to-Air Gunnery Excercise, NALF El Centro, California.  
21-2 Aug Seattle Sea Fair, Seattle, Washington, USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).

### AUGUST

3-4 Host first ever Radar Intercept Officer Aerial Combat Maneuvering Derby in Weapon System Trainers (WST).  
7-21 Joint Air Defense Organization/Joint Engagement Zone Excercise (JADO/JEZ), Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.  
8 COMFITWINGPAC Maintenance Program Assist Visit.  
16-20 Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program, NAS Fallon, Nevada.  
25-17 Sep Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN Strike Detachment, NAS Fallon, Nevada.

### SEPTEMBER

7 Missile Excercise, PMTC, California. Successfully employed 3 AIM-7 Sparrow and 4 AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles.  
17 Tomcat Ball, awarded MUTHA trophy.

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27 Missile Excercise, PMTC, California. Successfully employed 4 AIM-9 Sidewinder and 1 night AIM-7 Sparrow missiles.

OCTOBER

10-15 Nov ITA/COMPTUEX at-sea period, USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).

NOVEMBER

1 Missile Excercise, PMTC, California. Successfully employed 1 AIM-7 Sparrow and 2 AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles.

9-10 Aircraft Maintenance Evaluation.

24 Visit San Diego Naval Hospital Children's Ward.

30-12 Dec FLEETEX, USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).

DECEMBER

15 Red Ripper all hands Christmas Party.

16-31 Holiday leave period.

18 Red Ripper Children's Christmas Party.

28 Visit San Diego Center for Children.

## NARRATIVE OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

The beginning of 1993 marked the completion of aircrew transition to the F-14D and the start of the turnaround cycle for WESTPAC '94. In January, upon return from a well deserved holiday leave period, the squadron held the annual Red Ripper Reunion celebrating 66 years of continuous active service. The five day event brought together former combat proven Red Ripper pilots and today's Super Tomcat aircrews.

In February, VF-11 prepared for the Administrative and Material Inspection. COMFITAEWINGPAC lauded the Red Rippers as having the best spaces at Miramar. During the personnel inspection, COMFITAEWINGPAC, RADM Parcells, stated: "on a scale of 1-10, the Rippers are a 10 and the nearest squadron a 6."

A year full of detachments began with Fleet Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (FFARP) at NAS Fallon, Nevada in the month of March. The squadron focused on refining their new combat tactics to best exploit the outstanding capabilities inherent to the weapon systems of the F-14D.

With USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) out of the yards in April, VF-11 set their sights on carrier qualification and initial workups with Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN and COMCRUDESGRU THREE. Combat Systems Sea Qualifications Tests (CSSQT) saw the Rippers test many systems on board the aircraft and ship, while continuing to hone their landing skills.

Tailored Ship Availability Training I, II and III on board CVN-70 encompassed most of May and June with the focus being flight deck readiness training and melding the efforts of the Air Wing and aircraft carrier.

After four at-sea periods spaced closely together, VF-11 invited families and friends for a beach party on Coronado Bay, basking in the July sun at the beach on NAS North Island.

July, August and September was an aggressive time period for VF-11 as they participated in five detachments - three simultaneously. On 11 July, the squadron packed up for NALF El Centro, California for the High Noon Air-to-Air Gunnery Competition, evaluating and exploiting the new gunsight in the F-14D and shooting an impressive average of 17 percent bullets on target.

Returning to Miramar on 16 July, VF-11 prepared a small detachment to fly aboard CVN-70 for Seattle Sea Fair. The ship sailed north to dock in downtown Seattle, providing the public an up-close look at America's most modern Carrier Air Wing.

In August, VF-11 participated in the Joint Air Defense/Joint Engagement Zone Exercise at NAS Fallon, Nevada, assisting the Department of Defense in evaluating the JEZ principle with all services. Concurrent with this detachment, a small contingent of personnel and aircraft were invited to participate with the Air Wing's F/A-18 Hornets in their Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program at NAS Fallon, Nevada.

VF-11 returned almost immediately to Fallon, in September, for the Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN Strike Detachment where outstanding performance was observed throughout the Air Wing by Strike University. The Air Wing was categorized as the best in the last 22 evaluated by Strike U., and the Rippers were largely responsible for achieving the highest fighter/bogey kill ratio ever achieved. Concurrent with this detachment, VF-11 conducted the second and third fleet firing of AIM-7 and AIM-9 air-to-air missiles from the F-14D.

Returning to Miramar on 17 September, the annual Tomcat Ball took center stage with the Rippers participating in the West Coast event for only the

second time. At the Tomcat Ball, the Red Rippers won the famous MUTHA award for being the most professional and spirited fighter squadron on the West Coast.

At sea for six weeks in October/November, the Rippers joined the Air Wing and Battle Group for COMPTUEX/ITA evaluation putting the final touches on deployment readiness. While at sea, VF-11 participated in the COMNAVAIRPAC Aircraft Maintenance Evaluation where the Ripper maintenance team scored second out of nine Air Wing Squadrons in overall maintenance rankings. In yet another missile shoot, aircrew successfully employed an AIM-7 Sparrow and two AIM-9 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles.

The final detachment of 1993 was on board CVN-70 where the Battle Group conducted FLEETEX B/C refresher operations before the holidays and deployment.

During the Holidays, the Rippers continued their community involvement, visiting the San Diego Naval Hospital Children's Ward before Thanksgiving and the San Diego Center for Children during Christmas.

The Red Ripper Christmas Party and Children's Christmas Party were highlights of an extremely well deserved holiday leave period for the entire command. 1993 was an extremely successful year for the Navy's oldest continuously active fighter squadron, and its new aircraft. The Red Rippers look forward to 1994 and what should be an exciting WESTPAC 94 cruise, the first for the F-14D Super Tomcat.