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STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22
COMMAND COMPOSITION & ORGANIZATION

Strike Fighter Squadron Mission: Carrier based FA-18 Strike Fighter Squadron. Primary mission is delivering ordnance "on target" in support of land and sea power projection. Secondary missions include Fleet Air Defense, Strike Fighter Cover, Strike Rescue, Mining, and Surface Search and Control.

IMMEDIATE SENIOR IN COMMAND:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Air Wing 11

Administrative: Commander, Carrier Air Wing 11

Commanding Officer: Commander James T. Knight, USN,

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Act INFO*

Homeport: Naval Air Station Lemoore, California

Aircraft: 10 FA-18C Lot XII: Tailcode NH3XX

Callsign: Beefeater:

Nickname: Fighting Redcocks

STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22 CHRONOLOGY FOR 1993

JANUARY 1993

DATE	EVENT
4	SAFETY STAND DOWN
5	MTPI
14-15	COMPTUEX ALPHA

FEBRUARY 1993

DATE	EVENT
1-6	COMPTUEX ALPHA
7-11	COMPTUEX BRAVO
19	MISSILE EXERCISE
20	SQUADRON DINING OUT
22-24	COMMAND INSPECTION
26	CHANGE OF COMMAND. CDR CHRIS RONDESTVEDT RELIEVED BY CDR JIM KNIGHT. CDR DAVE WOOD TAKES OVER AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
27	WESLEY MCDONALD AWARD DINNER, SQUADRON NOMINEE LT DOUG GRANT.

MARCH 1993

DATE	EVENT
1-12	FLEET EXERCISE ONE
12	IN PORT NORTH ISLAND, SAN DIEGO
15	UNDERWAY
16-26	FLEET EXERCISE TWO
28	SQUADRON RETURN TO NAS LEMOORE

APRIL 1993

DATE	EVENT
2	LTJG BUDE PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT
5	AOM NATOPS TRAINING LT LAWRENCE AND KERSGIETER TAMPS TRAINING APM SYSTEM INTEL BRIEF
8	APM NATOPS EXAM LT BUDE AND MILLER NATOPS EVAL
13	LT LAWRENCE FIRE FIGHTING SCHOOL SEAD BRIEF
14	CO'S MEETING/LUNCH AVAILABLE OFFICERS MEET ADMIRAL KOHN AIM-7 FIRED BY LT BUDE IN MISSILE EXERCISE
16	CAPTAINS MAST, LT ZEAK AND CWO3 MCMATH
20	WALLEYE AND IMAV DROP
21	CO/XO MEET ADMIRAL BORDY
22	AZ1 AVERY RETIREMENT
23	SQUADRON PRT
26-27	SQUADRON PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION QUICK FORCE
29	XOI-LCDR BIRD AND LT HENDERSON
30	91C SIMULATOR TRAINING FOR 91C SOFTWARE

MAY 1993

DATE	EVENT
3	TFLIR TRAINING FOR ALL PILOTS
5	CVW11 CO / OPS CONFERENCE PC BOARD

E-3 CAPTAINS CALL
6 E-4 CAPTAINS CALL
7 91C TRAINING FOR ALL PILOTS
CURRENT SW ASIA OPS, LCDR BUCK
CAPTAINS MAST, CDR KNIGHT, LT BUDDE, LTJG SORENSEN
10 CROSS, HENDERSON, GRANT AND SORENSEN DEPART TO NAS
ALEMEDA FOR CQ DET ABOARD USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72)
14-16 SQUADRON CQ ABOARD USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72)
20 GULF STATUS BRIEF FROM LCDR WRIGHT
24 SFWSP AMRAAM FLEET INTRO TO ALL PILOTS
25-28 91C TRAINING FOR ALL PILOTS

JUN 1993

DATE	EVENT
1	MINE WARFARE SCHOOL: LT KERSGIETER, LT MILLER
3	CNO BRIEF: CDR KNIGHT AOM/APM
4	CACO SCHOOL: CDR WOOD, LCDR CROSS, LT GRANT, LT YODER, ENS ATKINSON
8	FIRE FIGHTING SCHOOL: LCDR GALANIE
9	ORD CERT BOARD: LCDR BIRD, LT GEHMAN, LTJG GOMEZ NASL CO'S MEETING: CDR KNIGHT CAPTAINS MAST: CDR KNIGHT, LT HENDERSON, LTJG SORENSEN, FTCM RICE
11	SQUADRON PACKOUT DAY FOR CRUISE
15	SQUADRON WALKSONS DEPART FOR CRUISE
16	SQUADRON FLYONS COMMENCE
17	SQUADRON FLYONS CONCLUDE, ALL AIRCRAFT ABOARD CVN-72
20	COMMAND INDOC: ALL PILOTS

21 CDO TRAINING: CDR KNIGHT, CDR WOOD, LCDR GALLAGHER
24 AIRWING QUARTERS
27 CO/CAG AND ADMIRALS BRIEF: ALL PILOTS
28 SHOP FAMILY GRAM PICTURES

JUL 1993

DATE	EVENT
1	GENERAL QUARTERS
2	AMRAAM TRAINING FILM: LTJG GOMEZ, ENS ATKINSON EAWs QUAL BOARD; LTJG ROSE, FTCM RICE, AFCM SWEITZER, AMS2 HUSTON
3	BOAT "O" TRAINING; TYPHOID SHOTS
4	SAR BRIEF; PC BOARD; QUARTERS; AIR WING SOCIAL; NIS BRIEF
5-9	INPORT HONG KONG
10	UNDERWAY, FLIGHT OPS COMMENCE
11	NIMITZ PASSEX; STANDARDS AND CONDUCT TRAINING; AWARDS BOARD
12	AD1 WILEY RE ENLISTMENT; GENERAL QUARTERS
13	CO'S MEETING: CDR KNIGHT; SDO MEETING
14	HARM TRAINING LECTURE; ROE BRIEF; FAMFIRE BRIEF; PRC 112 BRIEF; MAVERICK/WALLEYE BRIEF
16	MALAYSIAN TOUR; WORLDWIDE INTEL UPDATE
17	GPS TRAINING; GULF THEATER INTEL UPDATE; MILITARY LEADERSHIP EXAMS
18	CAPTAINS MAST; CPO CAPTAINS CALL; PLANE CAPTAIN BOARD
19	FAM FIRE FOR ALL PILOTS
20	GENERAL QUARTERS
21	COMMAND INDOC; STRIKE PLANNING

24 DESERT SURVIVAL; ADVANCEMENT EXAM

27 RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

AUG 1993

DATE	EVENT
1	NO-FLY DAY; CDI TRAINING; COMMAND ASSESSMENT MEETING; DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING; OPSO MEETING, LCDR GALLAGHER; CVW-11 STRIKE WARFARE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; ALL PILOTS MEETING; PLANE CAPTAIN BOARD, LCDR BIRD, LTJG SORENSEN
2	CDO TRAINING, CDR KNIGHT, CDR WOOD, LCDR GALLAGHER UNREP TRAINING, CDR WOOD
3	UNREP TRAINING, CDR WOOD
4	CO'S MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; LASER SAFETY EYE EXAM
5	GENERAL QUARTERS
7	CPO TRAINING; CDO TRAINING
8	NO-FLY DAY; CAPTAIN'S MAST; OPSO MEETING; CO'S MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING; HARM TRAINING; APM; LASER SAFETY EYE EXAMS; PC BOARDS; QUARTERS
9	AMSI LARSON RETIREMENT
12	COMMAND INDOC; CDO TRAINING; GENERAL QUARTERS
13	ABU DHABI DET MEETING
14-19	INPORT DUBAI
20	AIRWING QUARTERS; JET TURNING MAINTENANCE; ALL OFFICERS MEETING
21	STRIKE WARFARE MEETING
22	CMS TRAINING
23	STRIKE EX MISSION CDR MEETING, CDR WOOD;
24	REC COMMITTEE MEETING; UNREP BRIEF, CDR WOOD
25	UNREP TRAINING, CDR WOOD; CAPTAIN'S MAST, CDR KNIGHT; STRIKE DEBRIEF IN RIYADH, CDR WOOD

26 GENERAL QUARTERS; FAMILY GRAM VIDEO, LT HENDERSON
 28 REC COMMITTEE MEETING, CO'S BRIEF, ALL OFFICERS; CDO
 TRAINING; PLANE CAPTAIN BOARD
 29 NO-FLY DAY; CPO RANKING BOARD; DEPT HEAD MEETING; ESO
 MEETING, LT HENDERSON; PAO MEETING, LT HENDERSON; APM
 ACT TESTING, .LT HENDERSON

SEP 1993

DATE	EVENT
2	CDO TRAINING FOR CDR KNIGHT AND CDR WOOD. RIVET JOINT CAPABILITIES BRIEF FOR THE SQUADRON.
4	FAMFIRE (COLT 45) BRIEF FOR LCDR GALLAGHER, LT HENDERSON, LT LAWRENCE, LT MILLER, AND LT SORENSEN.
5	FIRST CLASS MEETING; CO'S MEETING; XOI; ALL OFFICERS MEETING; TIGER CRUISE INFORMATION MEETING.
7	ADM MEETING IN WAR ROOM FOR LCDR BIRD; AMRAAM MEETING FOR ALL PILOTS.
8	PDB FOR LT BUDDE; ZONE INSPECTION FOR ENS ATKINSON.
9	E-4 ADVANCEMENT EXAM; CVN-72 COC; ALL OFFICER PICTURE; CO'S MEETING, CDR KNIGHT.
10	INPORT JEBEL ALI; USO SHOW.
11	INPORT
12	INPORT
13	INPORT
14	E-5 ADVANCEMENT EXAM
15	LIBERTY SECURED
16	E-6 ADVANCEMENT EXAMS; JET TURNING MAINTENANCE;

SAFETY STANDDOWN; CHIEFS ADVANCEMENT FOR AD1 HULL AND
AD1 LITTLEJOHN.

- 17 REENLISTMENT FOR AT1 RATHS; DET MEETING FOR LT'S YODER
AND ZEAK.
- 18 CAPTAINS MAST; LT ZEAK AND YODER DEPART FOR DOHA DET.
- 19 CPO MEETING
- 20 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT MEETING, CDR WOOD; KUWAIT DET
MEETING, CWO3 MCMATH; PDB, FTSM RICE.
- 21 KUWAIT DET MEETING, CDR WOOD, LT HENDERSON AND CWO3
MCMATH; LT ZEAK AND LT YODER RETURN FROM DOHA DET.
- 22 MAN OVERBOARD DRILL; DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
- 24 CAG OPS MEETING, LCDR GALLAGHER; CDR WOOD AND LT
HENDERSON DEPART FOR KUWAIT DET.
- 25 REC COMMITTEE MTG; CAPTAINS MAST; SAFETY STANDDOWN; TCC
BRIEF; FOD/SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING; ENLISTED SAFETY COUNCIL
MEETING.
- 26 CO'S MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; ALL PILOTS MEETING; LSO
MEETING; QUARTERS; CMS TRAINING.
- 27 A\C DIVISION MEETING
- 29 CDR WOOD AND LT HENDERSON RETURN FORM KUWAIT DET

OCT 1993

DATE	EVENT
1	GENERAL QUARTERS
2	PDB BOARD
3	NO FLY DAY; REC COMMITTEE MTG; DEPT HEAD MTG; CO'S MTG; AWARDS BOARD; AOM/APM; ACT TESTING; QUARTERS
4	UNREP TRAINING, CDR WOOD; A/C DIVISION MEETING; PDB BOARDS.

5 CERT/QUAL BOARD, LCDR BIRD, LT GOMEZ AND AOCs HART.
6 MAN OVER BOARD DRILL; CAG DEBRIEF; CERT QUAL BOARD
LCDR BIRD, LTJG GOMEZ, AOCs HARTZ
7 GENERAL QUARTERS
8 PDB BOARDS; ESO MEETING, LT HENDERSON
9 VFA-22 COMMAND INDOC
10 NO-FLY DAY; COMMAND INDOC
12 APU TURN QUALS EXAM, LT MILLER; MAINTENANCE TURN
QUALS, LT MILLER.
13 ZONE INSPECTION, LT HENDERSON
15 GENERAL QUARTERS; STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT
16 RETENTION TEAM MEETING, LT BUDE; STRIKE MEETING, CDR
KNIGHT; FENAB, LCDR BIRD
17 FENAB LCDR BIRD
18 NO FLY DAY; URINALYSIS FOR LT HENDERSON, LT MILLER, LT
KERSGIETER and ENS ATKINSON; AOM; QUARTERS
20 GENERAL QUARTERS; OPS MEETING; STRIKE MEETING, CDR
KNIGHT; UNREP, CDR WOOD.
21 REC MTG; STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; 91C IMPROVEMENT
MEETING, ALL PILOTS
23 NO-FLY DAY; DEP HEAD MTG; APM; TURN QUAL EXAM, LT
MILLER
24 SAT TESTING, LT HENDERSON
26 STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT
27 REC MEETING, STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT
28 STRIKE MEETING CDR KNIGHT
29 NO-FLY DAY; GENERAL QUARTERS; OPS MEETING; CAPTAINS
MAST; CDO TRAINING
30 NO-FLY DAY; CDO TRAINING, CDR WOOD; PLANE CAPTAIN

REVIEW BOARD, LCDR BIRD, LT SORENSEN; AIRWING QUARTERS

31 STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT

NOV 1993

DATE	EVENT
1	STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT;
2	PDB BOARD, LT GEHMAN; SOP REVIEW; STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT.
3	PDB BOARDS, LT LAWRENCE; STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; APU TURN QUALS, LT MILLER.
4	GENERAL QUARTERS; STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; ENLISTED SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING, LCDR GALANIE, LT KERSGIETER.
5	STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT.
6	NO-FLY DAY; REC COMMITTEE MEETING; DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING; SOP REVIEW; ENLISTED SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING
7	NO-FLY DAY; LINE DIVISION MTG; AOM; QUARTERS
8	STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT
9	STRIKE MEETING, CDR KNIGHT; WATCHSTANDER ASSIGNMENT MEETING
10	DETENTION TEAM MEETING; CERT QUAL BOARD MEETING
11-17	INPORT PERTH AUSTRALIA
18	CAPTAIN'S CALL FOR E-3'S; GENERAL QUARTERS
19	CAPTAINS CALL FOR E-4'S; FAMILY RELATIONS SEMINAR; SINGLE SAILORS SEMINAR
20	NO-FLY DAY; REESTABLISHING INTIMACY; CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY; AOM; RETURNING TO CHILDREN SEMINAR; CUSTOMS INSPECTION
21	NO-FLY DAY; CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY
22	E-5 CAPTAIN'S CALL;
23	E-6 CAPTAIN'S CALL

24 CPO CAPTAIN'S CALL; CDO BOARD; TAT BRIEF, CDR KNIGHT
 25 NO-FLY DAY; PETTY OFFICER INDOC; MONEY MANAGEMENT
 SEMINAR; CAR BUYING SEMINAR; THANKS GIVING DAY DINNER
 26 GENERAL QUARTERS; EAWS AWARD
 27 PETTY OFFICER INDOC; TURNAROUND TRAINING PLAN
 28 NO-FLY DAY; PETTY OFFICER INDOC; AWARDS BOARD; AOM;
 SUBMARINE CAPABILITIES BRIEF; TURN QUALS
 29 GENERAL QUARTERS; PNA MEETING
 30 PETTY OFFICER INDOC

DEC 1993

DATE	EVENT
1	PETTY OFFICER INDOC;
2	PETTY OFFICER INDOC; CO'S MEETING CDR KNIGHT;
3	CAT MTG, CDR WOOD; AIRWING CHECKOUT
(4-8)	INPORT PEARL HARBOR
(9-13)	TIGER CRUISE, VARIOUS SQUADRON TOURS
14	FLYOFF - NLC
15	OFFLOAD CVN 72, NAS ALEMEDA
23	ALL PILOTS MEETING
28	PBFT
29	QUARTERS
30	OPS MEETING

STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22 NARRATIVE FOR 1993

THE YEAR OF 1993 BEGAN WITH STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22 GOING BACK TO SEA ABOARD USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN COMTUEX ALPHA AND BRAVO PREPARING FOR THE WESTPAC 93 DEPLOYMENT. THE DEPLOYMENT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 31 APRIL BUT THEN RESCHEDULED FOR 15 JUNE 93. WESTPAC 93 TOOK VFA-22 TO THE ARABIAN GULF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "SOUTHERN WATCH" AND THEN TO SOMALIA IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "RESTORE HOPE". WESTPAC 93 CAME TO A CLOSE JUST AS THE YEAR DID WITH VFA-22 ARRIVING HOME JUST IN TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR INCLUDE:

JANUARY

FOLLOWING THE HOLIDAY SEASON THE REDCOCKS JUMPED RIGHT BACK INTO THE TURN AROUND TRAINING CYCLE WITH A MTPI INSPECTION AND A TRIP BACK TO CVN-72 FOR A THE BEGINNING OF COMTUEX ALPHA.

FEBRUARY

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY DEMANDED A FAST PACE WITH THE SQUADRON AT SEA FOR COMTUEX ALPHA AND BRAVO FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE MONTH AND FINISHING WITH A CHANGE OF COMMAND DURING THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY.

MARCH

THE MONTH OF MARCH CONTINUED THE FAST PACE AS THE REDCOCKS WENT BACK TO SEA FOR FLEET EXERCISE ONE AND TWO. VFA-22'S NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DAVID WOOD, ACCOMPANIED THE SQUADRON FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THIS SEA PERIOD.

APRIL

WITH DEPLOYMENT BEING DELAYED UNTIL JUNE 93, THE REDCOCKS USED APRIL TO GET SOME BADLY NEEDED LEAVE FOR THE SQUADRON PERSONNEL. APRIL STILL PROVED TO BE A VERY BUSY MONTH WITH THE SQUADRON UNIT NATOPS EXAM, AN AIM-7 AIR TO AIR SHOOT AND A WALLEYE DROP, ALL WITH VERY SUCCESSFUL RESULTS. IN ADDITION, THE SQUADRON STARTED TO TRANSITION TO AN UPGRADED COMPUTER TAPE(91C) FOR THE F/A-18 WHICH INCORPORATED AN EXTENSIVE TRAINING SYLLABUS.

MAY

THE MONTH OF MAY WAS A VERY BUSY MONTH WITH THE REDCOCKS GOING BACK OUT TO THE CVN-72 FOR A TEN DAY CQ DETACHMENT. THE MONTH WAS ALSO FILLED WITH BRIEFS CONCERNING THE UPCOMING DEPLOYMENT TO THE ARABIAN GULF AND MORE 91C INTEGRATION TRAINING.

JUNE

THE REDCOCKS DEPARTED CONUS FOR WESTPAC 93 ABOARD CVN-72 THIS MONTH. THE BATTLE GROUP CONCENTRATED ON FLIGHT OPS TO KEEP EVERYONE IN NIGHT CURRENCY AS IT MADE IT'S WAY TOWARD THE ARABIAN GULF.

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JULY

JULY MARKED THE FIRST PORT STOP OF WESTPAC 93 AS THE REDCOCKS WENT ASHORE IN HONG KONG. ONCE BACK TO SEA, THE WESTPAC PACE PICKED UP QUICKLY AS THE SQUADRON PLUNGED INTO THREAT BRIEFS, FIREARMS TRAINING, GPS TRAINING AND EVERYDAY CRUISE EVENTS. THE SQUADRON ALSO HOSTED VIP'S FROM MALAYSIA WHO WERE INTERESTED IN THE CAPABILITIES OF THE F/A-18.

AUGUST

THE MONTH OF AUGUST OFFICIALLY SIGNALLED THE START OF ARABIAN GULF OPERATIONS. THE OPERATIONS CONSISTED OF ENFORCING THE UNITED NATIONS NO-FLY ZONE SOUTH OF THE 32 PARALEL. THE SQUADRON ALSO PULLED INTO DUBAI FOR THE FIRST LIBERTY PORT CALL OF THE ARABIAN THEATER. THE REDCOCKS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN AN AIR TO AIR DETACHMENT IN UAE WHILE INPORT DUBAI.

SEPTEMBER

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WAS FILLED WITH TWO MORE AIR TO AIR DETACHMENTS (KUWAIT AND DOHA). ARABIAN OPERATIONS WERE STARTING TO SETTLE DOWN TO A PREDICTABLE PACE AS AND THE REDCOCKS WERE GOING TO SCHOOL FLYING PRACTICE STRIKE MISSIONS INTO SOUTHERN IRAQ. THE SQUADRON ALSO PULLED INTO DUBAI FOR IT'S SECOND PORT CALL IN THE ARABIAN GULF AREA.

OCTOBER

THE BATTLE GROUP WAS SORTIED OUT OF THE ARABIAN GULF TO THE COAST OF SOMALIA IN OCTOBER AND THE FIGHTING REDCOCKS WERE UP TO THE TASK OF ENFORCING OPERATION "RESTORE HOPE". THE WHOLE MONTH WAS SPENT AT SEA ENTITLING THE ENTIRE SHIP TO A BEER DAY AFTER BEING AT SEA FOR MORE THAN FORTY FIVE DAYS.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER PROVED TO BE A VERY UPBEAT MONTH AS THE BATTLE GROUP TURNED EAST AND STARTED HOME. THE REDCOCKS ENJOYED A PORT VISIT IN PERTH AUSTRALIA AND CONTINUED TO EXCEL IN THEIR SHIPBOARD FLYING OBLIGATIONS.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER COMMENCED WITH THE REDCOCKS ENJOYING A PORT VISIT IN HAWAII AND A TIGER CRUISE FROM THERE TO THE MAINLAND. THE REDCOCKS FLEW OFF THE SHIP ON THE 15TH AND LANDED AT NAS LEMOORE ONE HOUR LATER. THE REST OF THE MONTH WAS SPENT GETTING THE SQUADRON SPACES BACK IN ORDER AND ENJOYING FAMILY REUNIONS AFTER A SIX MONTH SEPERATION.