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

a. Basic History

(1) Mission Accomplishment:

The past two years have witnessed an increased concern for the availability of quality fleet training as assets such as the regular Navy VC squadrons have disappeared. At the same time, the vast pool of talent and instructional ability available in reserve VC squadrons has been recognized as a major asset to be tapped for the accomplishment of training requirements. Consistent with this increasing responsibility and its reputation for professional competence and the attainment of goals, VC-12 has set new standards of performance by meeting and surpassing the demands of this growing tempo of operations. Mission tasking increased substantially 1 October 1980 when VC-12 assumed additional fleet missions formerly assigned to VC-2. Although the increase was projected for October, VC-12 actually felt the impact and, in fact, operated at the newly increased level in September. Flying 119 fleet support missions, a monthly increase of 49%, VC-12 exceeded the monthly goal established for fiscal year 81. This achievement proved beforehand that VC-12 is fully capable of performing the additional fleet tasking while accomplishing its reserve training mission. This was accomplished despite the problem of the enlisted personnel manning level being below the authorized strength that

was promulgated to support the increased operational requirements. In support of the build-up, eight pilots in a non-flying status in VC-686, the VC-12 augment unit, began refresher training in July 1980.

All pilots were current and flying fleet support missions by 1 October 1980. The brunt of this training effort fell during the build-up month of September, further evidence of the squadron's ability to meet its operational commitments. The squadron's mission success rate has consistently been maintained at an exceptionally high level. Verification is readily apparent in the statistics maintained outside the squadron by VC-12's primary tasking authority, Fleet Area and Surveillance Facility Virginia Capes (FACSFAC VACAPES). The mission success rate for service missions tasked by CRTSW was 97%. The squadron flew 104% of the original flight hour program while placing highest priority on efficient utilization of available assets to provide aircraft service missions and, as a result, 88% of the total flight hours were used for this purpose. This exceptionally productive program has been enhanced by integrating squadron training, NATOPS/instrument qualification flights and maintenance check flights with fleet missions whenever possible. Although only 12% of the total flight hours were utilized solely for squadron purposes, the level of squadron proficiency is considered to be exceptionally high as attested to by VC-12's safety record, mission success rate, and quality of aircraft services provided. In addition to local fleet support, the squadron provided 19 detachments, in response to requests for services outside the NAS Oceana area. These frequent detachments normally required from 3 to 7 pilots and represented a sizable portion of the squadron's assets.

(2) Pilot Qualification:

VC-12 pilots are selected from applicants who are highly experienced Naval Aviators averaging 2500 total flight hours and 1000 A-4 flight hours.

This vast experience, coupled with mature, sound judgment gained through many years of tactical jet flying, enhances VC-12's mission performance capability as well as its exceptional safety record.

(3) Operational/Mobilization Readiness:

The mission of VC-12 is to train Naval Reservists for possible mobilization while simultaneously providing aircraft services in support of operational training of regular and reserve units of the Navy and other armed services. The squadron's exceptional level of mobilization readiness is enhanced since the daily operating environment is the same as would exist in the event of mobilization.

(4) Safety:

September 19, 1980 marked Fleet Composite Squadron TWELVE's seventh consecutive year of accident free flight operations since recommissioning in 1973. During Calendar 1980, this command flew a total of 2,870 hours and has now accumulated in excess of 17,000 accident free hours. This accomplishment is all the more impressive when one considers that squadron aircraft assets were increased by 45%, maintenance personnel assigned rose from 44 to 59, and the number of squadron/SRU pilots assigned increased from 20 to 31. The achievement of the milestones noted is a direct result of command emphasis on safe operation and the dedication of all hands.

b. Command Organization.

Fleet Composite Squadron TWELVE was commissioned 1 September 1973, at NAF Detroit, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, as the first Reserve Fleet Composite Squadron in Naval History. In June 1975, the squadron was relocated to its present home, NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

(1) Commanding Officers:

CDR O. B. POLLOCK March 79 - January 81
CDR R. C. JOHNSON January 81 - Present

(2) Mission and functions remain unchanged since previously submitted.

(3) Composition of Command - VC-12 currently operates and maintains fourteen (14) TA-4J Skyhawk aircraft. Personnel assets consist of 22 officers and 142 Enlisted members.

(4) The location of the command remains unchanged since previously reported.

c. Summary of Operations.

During 1980 VC-12 continued to provide airborne training services to aviation and surface units of the Naval Reserve and Atlantic Fleet. These services have included radar tracking, air intercept control, air refueling, TDU and Banner Towing and Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT).

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE SERVICED</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE SERVICE</u>
TYNDALL, AFB	6 - 11 JAN 80	VMFA 321	DACT
NAS, NEW ORLEANS	25 - 26 JAN 80	VA 2082	TANK
NAS, CECIL FIELD	29 JAN - 1 FEB 80	VA 203	DACT
MCAS YUMA	22 FEB - 1 MAR 80	VMFA 321	DACT
NAS DALLAS	23 MAR - 5 APR 80	VF 1170	DACT
NAS FALLON	13 - 31 MAY 80	CAG 20	DACT
NAS MIRAMAR	24 JUN - 4 JUL 80	TOPGUN	TRAINING
PHELPS-COLLINS	27 JUL - 1 AUG 80	122ND TFW	DACT
NAS DALLAS	3 - 9 NOV 80	VF 202	DACT
NAS DALLAS	10 - 14 DEC 80	VF 201	DACT

Exercises:

Exercises in which VC-12 participated were the Navy's SEABAT on 23 October 1980 and the Air Force's (NORAD) AMALGAM CHIEF on 13 February 1980 and the 18th and 19th of June 1980. Services were also provided in SOLID SHIELD on 12 May 1980. Additionally, tracking services were provided on several occasions for Combat Systems Engineering Development Center, Moorestown, N.J.

d. Special Topics:

VC-12 completed calendar year 1980 with over seven