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From: Commanding Officer Fleet Composite Squadron THIRTEEN
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-0502)

Subj: Annual Command History 1981

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

Encl: (1) Flight hour and deployment data

1. In accordance with reference (a) the VC-13 "Fighting Saints" submit the following data and supporting enclosure for VC-13 squadron history covering calendar year 1981.

2. Again, VC-13 has completed another year of accident free aviation and operation having flown over 3600 hours for more than 17,600 accident free hours since commissioning in 1973. As an aviation squadron VC-13 is unique in the U. S. Navy. Because of the diversity of missions necessary to meet the demanding training requirements of the reserve and active duty navy, the training and versatility required of the squadron itself are well above that of most combat ready units in the U. S. Navy. In support of the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps Fighter Squadrons, the USAF and Air National Guard, VC-13 provides adversary services unequalled in aviation background and experience anywhere in the U. S. Navy. During the reporting period alone, VC-13 flew 1,144 Dissimilar Air Combat Training sorties for a total of 1,405 hours in the demanding air combat maneuvering arena. Additionally, the pilots of VC-13 have developed the expertise to provide a multitude of target services, strike opposition, air intercept training, tracking for fire control radar calibration and air to air refueling. It is these services that have enabled the U. S. Navy's surface and aviation units to accomplish the invaluable training that has enhanced their unmatched readiness. This capability of the squadron, it's men and aviators, is the reflection of a very aggressive and dynamic training program.

3. Along with the capability to provide varied training, VC-13 has demonstrated both the mobility and versatility to provide services anywhere in the continental U.S. This mobility has required the pilots of VC-13 to operate in all geographic areas of the United States in a variety of terrain and environmental conditions, placing the greatest of demands on each pilot's experience and performance. Throughout 10 separate Detachments and 719 flight hours, the squadron showed it's ability to safely provide valuable training at sites far from homebase.

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4. Since the decommissioning of Fleet Composite Squadron SEVEN, VC-13 has undertaken a very aggressive flight hour program, demanding in excess of 300 flight hours per month in direct training support of the U. S. Naval Fleet. This program is accomplished with a complement of 12 SAR and 5 TAR aviators in VC-13 and the additional support of 9 SAR aviators of VC-885. The total commitment to meet the obligations of this program have required the pilots of the squadron and SRU to volunteer for additional active duty service throughout the year.

5. Summary. VC-13 has completed a very demanding and rewarding year. The officers and men have professionally executed primary and secondary goals and significantly contributed to the overall training and readiness of the U. S. Navy.



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1. CALENDAR 1981:

- a. Total Flight Hours 3605
- b. Total Landings 2586
- c. Total Sorties 2478

2. DETACHMENT DATA:

a. Deployment Sites and Dates:

<u>DEPLOYMENT SITE</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>A/C</u>
NAS Fallon	CVW-8	68.8	17JAN - 24JAN	8	4
NAS Key West	VF-201	91.6	04FEB - 14FEB	11	4
Tyndall AFB	VF-202	81.6	15FEB - 21FEB	7	4
NAS El Centro	VF-24	88.1	03MAR - 14MAR	12	2
MCAS Yuma	VF-1170	13.7	01APR - 03APR	3	2
NAS El Centro	VX-4	60.7	01APR - 15APR	15	2
NAS Fallon	CVW-7	31.7	02MAY - 08MAY	7	2
NAS Fallon	CVWR-20	102.3	13JUL - 24JUL	12	4
NAS El Centro	VF-2	45.0	20JUL - 31JUL	12	2
NAS Key West	NFWS	<u>136.1</u>	16OCT - 01NOV	<u>17</u>	2
	TOTAL	719.4		104	

ENCLOSURE (1)