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From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron 13
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Encl: (1) Operations Fact Sheet, Calendar Year 1985
(2) Squadron History

1. Per reference (a), the following information is submitted for calendar year 1985:

(a) Command Organization. During the period 01 January 1985 to 09 March 1985, Fleet Composite Squadron 13 was commanded by CDR Thomas J. Smisek, USNR-R, and 10 March 1985 to 31 December 1985 was commanded by CDR Peter C. Hunt, USNR. From 01 January 1985 to 09 March 1985, the Executive Officer was CDR Peter C. Hunt, USNR, and 10 March 1985 to 31 December 1985 was CDR Charles F. Lowry, USNR-R.

(b) Summary of Operations. A complete summary of services provided by the command is documented in enclosure (1).

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VC-13 SQUADRON HISTORY

Fleet Composite Squadron 13 (VC-13) was commissioned at New Orleans on 1 September 1973. Initially VC-13 operated the F-8H Crusader with a complement of 17 officers and 127 enlisted men, former members of the two decommissioned New Orleans Anti-Submarine Fighter Squadrons, VSF-76 and VSF-86. In April 1974, the squadron transitioned to the single-seat A4L Skyhawk. As the demand for the services of VC-13 increased, the squadron began operating more detachments on the West Coast. Finally, in February 1976, VC-13 was permanently assigned to NAS Miramar. During the Summer and Fall of 1976, the squadron transitioned to the TA4J Skyhawk, significantly increasing its support capabilities.

The "Fighting Saints" of VC-13 provide the finest, most varied airborne services available to surface and air units of the U. S. Armed Forces. In addition to the traditional target presentation mission flown by other composite squadrons, VC-13, utilizing the work horse A-4 "Skyhawk" series aircraft, provides realistic hands-on-hardware air combat readiness practice for units as diverse as the CNO AEGIS Project, the U. S. Navy and Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Fighter Squadrons of the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, as well as countless ship and shore units from coast to coast and Canada. VC-13, has provided these services in a timely and professional manner.

Fleet Composite Squadron 13 was commanded by CDR Peter C. HUNT until relieved by CDR Charles F. Lowry on 15 March 1986. VC-13 has a complement of 30 officers and 177 enlisted and 9 TA4J and 5 A-4E Skyhawks.

OPERATIONS FACT SHEET CALENDAR YEAR 1985

Operations 01 January 1985 - 31 December 1985

1. Flew 4528.1 hours - 100% of program.
2. Flew 663 sorties.
3. 84% of flight hours in support of 96 major surface combatants and 103 squadrons of the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps (active and reserve).
4. 16% of flight hours in direct support of Naval Reserve training and readiness.
5. Surpassed a milestone of 3442 maintenance related accident free hours.
6. Detachments: 15 dets, 1002.2 hours, 663 sorties.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Mission/Host</u>	<u>Flight Hrs Sorties</u>
NAF Roosevelt Roads	26 Jan-10 Feb	VC-8	116.3/70
NAF El Centro	10 Feb-16 Feb	VF-114	29.9/24
NAF El Centro	10 Mar-15 Mar	VF-211	19.4/11
NAF China Lake	11 Mar-16 Mar	VX-5	12.2/11
NAF El Centro	29 Mar-09 Apr	VF-213	30.0/24
MCAS Yuma	22 Apr-26 Apr	VF-301	16.4/14
NAS Fallon	05 May-16 May	CVW-11	141.1/89
NAS Fallon	16 Jun-28 Jun	VX-4	131.8/116
NAS Fallon	11 Jul-20 Jul	CVW-2	45.6/35
NAS Dallas	21 Jul-26 Jul	VF-202	67.3/33
NAS Fallon	11 Aug-16 Aug	CVWR-30	56.2/38
NAS Oceana	07 Sep-18 Sep	VC-12	119.5/51
McConnell AFB	19 Oct-25 Oct	184th TFG/ 127th TFS	81.1/65
NAF El Centro	29 Oct-08 Nov	VF-2	51.7/33
Tyndall AFB	01 Nov-09 Nov	325 TTW	73.7/49