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Encl: (1) Operations Fact Sheet, Calendar Year 1988
(2) Squadron History

1. Per reference (a), the following information is submitted for Calendar Year 1988.

a. Command Organization. During the period 1 January 1988 to 31 December 1988, Fleet Composite Squadron 13 was commanded by CDR Robert W. Wendt, USNR-R. During this time frame, the Executive Officer was CDR Michael P. Rishel, USNR. On 22 April 1988, the squadron was redesignated as Fighter Squadron Composite 13 (VFC-13).

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

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VFC-13 SQUADRON HISTORY

The "Fighting Saints" of VFC-13 trace their origins back to 1946 when VF-753 was commissioned flying F6F-5 Hellcats. Today's squadron was formed on 1 September 1973 at NAS New Orleans during the reorganization of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Initially, the squadron operated the Chance Vought F-8H "Crusader" with a complement of 17 officers and 127 enlisted men, former members of VSF-76 and VSF-86. In April 1974, the "Saints" transitioned to the single-seat A-4L "Skyhawk." As the demand for west coast adversary services and other fleet support missions increased, the squadron was permanently transferred to NAS Miramar, arriving in San Diego in February 1976. That summer, a transition was made from the A-4L to the more reliable two-seat TA-4J. 1983 marked the return of the single-seat aircraft to VC-13 with the arrival of the A-4E, and in 1988, the squadron moved up to the A-4F "Super-fox," the more powerful and capable version of the Skyhawk. The change enhanced the squadron's ability to perform its adversary mission by providing a more worthy and accurate adversary aircraft.

Although the "Fighting Saints" provide target services for the regular Navy forces, the major emphasis has been in the development of a formidable dissimilar adversary threat. In recognition of that primary mission assignment, VC-13, on 22 April 1988 was proudly redesignated as "FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE THIRTEEN (VFC-13)." At the same time, the squadron logo was redesigned to reflect the changes undergone by the command over the past years. The new logo incorporates as its focal point, the wings worn by the highest classification of Soviet fighter pilot, the "Snipper." VFC-13 provides quality adversary training for Regular Navy Fleet and Replacement Squadrons and Air Wings, Reserve Fighter and Attack Squadrons, the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps and Canadian Forces.

Fighter Squadron Composite 13 is currently command by CDR Robert W. Wendt and has a complement of 33 officers, including 6 TAR pilots, 24 SELRES pilots, 1 TAR ground officer and 2 SELRES ground officers. Total enlisted complement is 202, including 111 TARS and 91 SELRES. The squadron currently flies seven TA-4J and seven A-4F "Skyhawk."

1946	VF-783	- F6F-5 Hellcat
1946-1949	VF-53L	- FG-1D Corsair
1949-1955	VF-821	- F4U-4 Corsair, F9F Panther
1955-1958	VA-821	- AD-4NA Skyraider
1958-1968	VF-821	- F9F-8B Cougar, FJ-3/4 Fury, A-4A/B Skyhawk
1968-1970	VSF-75X1	- A-4B Skyhawk
1970-1973	VSF-76/VSF-86	- A-4B/C Skyhawk, F-8H Crusader
1973-1974	VC-13	- F-8H Crusader
1974-1988	VC-13	- A-4L, TA-4J, A-4E Skyhawk
1988-1989	VFC-13	- A-4F, TA-4J Skyhawk

OPERATIONS 01 JANUARY 1988 - 31 DECEMBER 1988

1. Flew 5320.0 hours.
2. Flew 2834 sorties.
3. 65% of flight hours in support of major surface combatants, squadrons of the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps (active and reserve) and CNO Special Projects.
4. A total of 225 sorties/325.0 hours in direct support of Naval Reserve training and readiness.
5. Surpassed a milestone of 17,750 accident-free hours.
6. Detachments: 13 dets, 639.2 hours, 438 sorties.

<u>Locations</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Mission/Host</u>	<u>Flight Hrs/Sorties</u>
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	18-22 JAN	DACT/MAWS	50.2 / 22
LUKE AFB	28MAR-01APR	DACT/58 & 310 TFS	59.7 / 48
NAS PT MUGU	23-25 MAR	TGT OPS/VX-4	11.3 / 06
NAS FALLON	04-07 APR	DACT/CVW-9	21.7 / 18
NAF EL CENTRO	18-22 APR	DACT/VF-302	14.8 / 11
NAF EL CENTRO	09-13 MAY	DACT/VF-126/21/54	29.1 / 24
NAS FALLON	18-27 MAY	DACT/MAWS VA-196	42.6 / 25
NAS FALLON	15-26 AUG	DACT/CVWR-20	106.2 / 87
NAF EL CENTRO	15-18 AUG	DACT/MAWS VMA-121	23.0 / 16
NAS FALLON	07-14 SEP	DACT/MAWS	38.6 / 20
NAF EL CENTRO	31OCT-01NOV	DACT/VF-302	42.4 / 32
COLD LAKE CANADA	02-05 NOV	DACT/410 SQD	44.9 / 31
NAS CECIL FIELD	14-23 NOV	DACT/VFA-106/VS-27	154.7 / 98