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1982 COMMAND HISTORY FOR HELMINERON FOURTEEN (HM-14)

HM-14 was assigned to Helicopter Sea Control Wing ONE until 30 September 1982. Commencing 1 October 1982 the squadron was assigned to Helicopter Tactical Wing ONE. The squadrons primary mission is to neutralize enemy mines. The squadron is capable of rapid deployment and can operate from either aviation capable vessels or shore bases. During 1982 the squadron was commanded by CDR F. T. Massey and later by CDR M. G. Steen, Jr.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1982

January

- 5 Deck Landing Qualification aboard USS TRENTON (LPD-17)
- 17 Advance liasion team of 2 officers, one MCPO visited NAS Key West to make arrangements for the upcoming deployment.
- 25 Participated in logistics flight to USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)

February

- 6 Squadron Officers held Change of Command Dinner.
- 10 Squadron Change of Command. CDR M. G. Steen, Jr. relieved CDR F. T. Massey.
- 15 VOD support for USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)
- 22 Advance party of HM-14 personnel arrived NAS Key West to prepare squadron spaces and erect Raydist network.
- 25 Five RH-53D aircraft departed Norfolk. Four RH-53D aircraft arrived Key West. One RH-53D BUNO 158756, down at MCAS Beaufort, SC after precautionary landing.
- 26 Squadron main body arrived NAS Key West via three C-9 aircraft.
- 27 Squadron maintenance and aircrew training day.

March

- 1 MK-103 special purpose training flights commenced. Aircraft BUNO 158756 from MCAS Beaufort, SC.
- 2-6 Training flights
- 8-12 Training flights
- 13 Last day of training flights. Static display for Association of Naval Aviation, Key West chapter.
- 15 Squadron pack-up, load out day.
- 16 Four RH-53D aircraft departed for Norfolk.
- 17 Fifth RH-53D departed for Norfolk.
- 18 Squadron main body returned to NAS, Norfolk, Va.

April

- 12 Advance party for Exercise Ocean Venture departed Norfolk, Va. for Jacksonville, FL to arrange for squadron arrival.
- 13 2 RH-53D aircraft departed Norfolk, Va. - arrived NAS Jacksonville.
- 14 2 RH-53D aircraft departed Norfolk, Va. - arrived NAS Jacksonville.
1 RH-53D aircraft departed Norfolk, Va. - arrived SDLM Pensacola, FL.
- 19 One RH-53D conducted VOD support for USS FORRESTAL off coast of Florida. Squadron main body arrived NAS, Jacksonville, FL.
- 20 Began three days of training and preparation for exercise Ocean Venture.
- 23 Commenced exercise Ocean Venture 82.
- 25 One RH-53D departed Norfolk, Va. - arrived NAS, Jacksonville, FL.

May

- 4 RADM JOHNSTON aboard for individual awards ceremony.
- 5 Mine detonation, Photex - 2 aircraft.
- 7 Hot wash-up conference.
- 8 VOD support for USS INDEPENDENCE, Squadron officers conducted Dining In with RADM Johnston, COMSEABASEDASWINGSLANT present as guest of honor.
- 10 One RH-53D departed Jacksonville, FL. - arrived NAS, Norfolk, Va.
- 11 Two RH-53D departed Jacksonville, FL. - arrived NAS, Norfolk, Va.
- 13 Squadron main body airlifted to NAS, Norfolk, Va. (two C-9 flights).
- 14 SAT/BAF support - 2 RH-53D's - NAS, Jacksonville, FL.
Practice parachute jumps - 1 RH-53D - NAS, Jacksonville, FL.
- 15 Parachute jump platform for SECOND ANGLICO Jump Team at Jacksonville, FL. - 3 RH-53D aircraft departed Jacksonville, FL. - arrived NAS, Norfolk, Va.

June

- 3 Participated in VOD offload for USS AMERICA.
- 11 Supported local Harborfest 82 celebration by providing platform for parachute jumpers.
- 14 COMHELSEACONWING ONE - Capt. J. M. HATCHER presented squadron with Meritorious Unit Citation.
- 20 Flight to NARF Pensacola, FL. to pick up aircraft parts.
- 28 SECNAV press conference media flight.

July

- 12-13 VOD support mission for USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70).
- 14 VOD support mission for USS KENNEDY (CV-67).

August

- 9-15 AMCM/ASW Fleet Awareness Week.
- 10 DLQ LPD-14.
- 19 VOD support for USS KENNEDY (CV-67).
- 20 Squadron All Hands Picnic.
- 21 Aircraft sent to NAS, Brunswick, ME. to participate in airshow.

October

- 1 Helicopter Tactical Wing ONE established.
- 7 Advance party departed NAS, Norfolk for CFB Shearwater, Nova Scotia, Canada to begin preparations for squadron arrival and upcoming exercise.
- 11-15 Squadron arrived CFB Shearwater by USAF transports and self lift of RH-53D helicopters.
- 15 Conducted Safety Standown
- 18-22 Local area familiarization flights and practice AMCM flights were conducted to prepare for exercise.
- 25 Commenced MARCOT 1-82 phase one.

November

- 5 Completed phase one of MARCOT 1-82.
- 6-8 Preparations made for MARCOT 1-82 phase two.
- 9 Commenced MARCOT 1-82 phase two.
- 11 Squadron stood down from operations. Canadian Holiday, squadron Open House.
- 12 MARCOT 1-82 phase two continued.
- 16 Completed MARCOT 1-82 phase two.

- 17 Commenced departure from CFB Shearwater, by USAF transport and self lift RH-53D helicopters.
- 23 All squadron personnel and assets returned to NAS Norfolk.

December

- 10 Squadron All Hands Christmas Party.
- 14 VOD support for USS Carl VINSON (CVN-70).
- 22 VOD support for USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62)

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

January

Bad weather impacted the squadron flying effort. However, HM-14 was able to conduct deck landing qualifications for pilots. The squadron began to make arrangements for an upcoming deployment and carried dignitaries out to the USS CARL VINSON for sea trials.

February

On 10 February CDR M. G. Steen, Jr. relieved CDR F. T. Massey. The ceremony was held in the squadron hangar LP-3, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va. Present as guests of honor were RADM F. Johnston, COMSEABASEDASWINGSLANT, and CAPT J. M. Hatcher, COMHELSEACONWING ONE. After the change of command the squadron began to prepare for a training deployment to NAS Key West, Florida. There was also one day of vertical onboard delivery (VOD) support for the USS NIMITZ.

March

During the month the squadron conducted extensive MCM training while deployed to NAS Key West. The squadron flew over 75 tow hours during the deployment and trained several pilots and crewman in the operation of the MK-103 special purpose gear. Upon its return from Key West the squadron began preparation for its next deployment soon to follow.

April

In less than one month after returning from NAS Key West the squadron packed up and departed for another deployment. This deployment, part of exercise Ocean Venture 1982 was to NAS Jacksonville, Florida. The squadron's mission in Ocean Venture was to sweep the approaches to the Jacksonville harbor area of simulated mines. During the month of April the squadron set a single month flight hour record of 325 hours.

May

The squadron continued to fly mission flights to meet the requirements for Ocean Venture. As the exercise drew to a close members of the squadron were given a couple of days to relax. The squadron had been working 12 hour days, 7 days a week. After two days of relaxation, the pack up procedures began and the squadron departed for Norfolk, Va. A squadron detachment and three RH-53D's remained behind to participate in a parachute drop commitment and SAT/BAF mission.

June

Because of fiscal constraints the squadron was limited in flight hours this month. However some logistics flights were flown in addition to MCM training missions. On 14 June 1982 Commodore J. M. Hatcher, COMHELSEACONWING ONE presented HM-14 with a Meritorious Unit Commendation for its participation in a NATO deployment in 1981. The squadron supported Navy-Community relations in two instances. One was in support of the Norfolk Harborfest celebration. The other was when squadron aircraft carried members of the news media to Dare County Bombing Range North Carolina for a press conference with the Secretary of the Navy.

July

The squadron conducted two VOD commitments during the early part of the month. Training flights continued for AMCM crewmen and pilot proficiency.

August

The squadron continued flight training including a shipboard qualification period, and completed another VOD commitment. Once again the squadron took an active part in Naval public relations. A squadron RH-53D helicopter and aircrew participated in the week long AMCM/ASW Fleet Awareness Week, a visit to the Naval Aviation Training Command to increase exposure of the AMCM and ASW communities to flight students. On Friday, 20 August 1982 the squadron took a day off for its annual family picnic.

September

The squadron began to prepare for its third deployment of the year. It continued AMCM training for pilots and crewmen.

October

On 1 October 1982, the squadron became part of the newly commissioned HELICOPTER TACTICAL WING ONE (HELTACWING ONE). A commissioning ceremony was held. CAPT. J. Osberg was appointed as the first Wing Commander. The squadron then began preparation for its third deployment of the year, this time to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. HM-14 was tasked to provide AMCM support for MARCOT 1/82 a joint Canadian/U.S. exercise. After arrival at Canadian Forces Base Shearwater, local familiarization flights were conducted and the squadron commenced operations on 18 October.

November

The beginning of the month saw HM-14 still actively involved in MARCOT 1-82. The exercise was completed in mid November. During the exercise the squadron cleared Halifax Harbor of simulated mines. Upon exercise completion the squadron packed up and departed for Norfolk.

December

The squadron began its standown period for the Christmas holiday season. An all hands dinner dance was held on 10 December. The squadron had flown most of its allotted flight hours for 1st quarter FY-83 during October and November. Because of this, flight time was limited. However, the squadron did support two aircraft carriers in VOD missions.