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(2) The Officers and Men  
(3) 1988 Awards  
(4) Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award  
(5) Battle Efficiency Competition 1 Jan 88 - 31 Dec 88  
(6) AEW Excellence Award 1 Jan 88 - 31 Dec 88  
(7) Change of Command Brochure (29 Mar 88)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) through (7) are hereby submitted.

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THE SQUADRON AND ITS MISSION

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1988 CHRONOLOGY

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- 29 Mar Change of Command
- 12 May - 17 May NAS Moffet CNO Project
- 17 May - 27 May NAS Fallon CNO Project
- 06 Jun - 17 Jun Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program
- 12 Jul - 29 Jul REFTRA USS RANGER (CV-61)
- 08 Aug - 17 Aug Fighter Derby
- 12 Sep - 30 Sep Air Wing Weapons Deployment NAS Fallon
- 26 Oct - 21 Nov ATA USS RANGER (CV-61)

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1988 NARRATIVE

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January of 1988 saw the Sun Kings taking a much needed breather after their return from WESTPAC/IO cruise on 31 Dec 87. At the end of March the Sun Kings were under new leadership as Commander James A. Reaghard was relieved by Commander William F. Hopper. An intensive period of training started in May as the Sun Kings provided range control and communications connectivity for two separate CNO Priority One Projects. In June the Sun Kings honed their overland tracking skills while controlling VF-1 and VF-2 during FFARP at NAS El Centro. July saw the Sun Kings aboard the USS RANGER (CV-61) for carrier qualifications and exercises to enhance air wing integration. During August the Sun Kings proved their controlling skills during the annual Fighter Derby. Controlling VF-1 and VF-2 in an exercise against VF-126 aggressors on the TACTS range. The result, VF-1 and VF-2 sweeping all of the competitions awards. September the Sun Kings provided airborne early warning and command and control during Fallon Weapons Deployment. Participating in numerous exercises developing their skills in overland strike tactics. At the end of October the Sun Kings were back at sea aboard the USS RANGER (CV-61) for ATA. Once again the Sun Kings proved they were ready for deployment as their months of hard training paid off in this intensive exercise. The year ended with the Sun Kings eagerly awaiting the opportunity to show their skills in their upcoming deployment.

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1988 FLIGHT DATA



**COMMAND HISTORY FLIGHT DATA****LAND**

<u>AIRCRAFT HRS</u>	<u>PILOT HRS</u>	<u>LAND FLIGHTS</u>	<u>FIELD LANDINGS</u>	<u>FCLPS</u>
DAY 737.4	DAY 1474.8	DAY 304	DAY 677	DAY 1465
NIGHT 227.2	NIGHT 454.4	NIGHT 97	NIGHT 208	NIGHT 768
TOTAL 964.6	TOTAL 1929.2	TOTAL 401	TOTAL 885	TOTAL 2233

**SHIP**

<u>AIRCRAFT HRS</u>	<u>PILOT HRS</u>	<u>FLIGHTS</u>	<u>ARRESTMENTS</u>	<u>BOARDING RATE</u>
DAY 254.1	DAY 508.2	DAY 73	192	DAY 98.5
NIGHT 204.8	NIGHT 409.6	NIGHT 70	130	NIGHT 98.6
TOTAL 458.9	TOTAL 917.8	TOTAL 143	322	TOTAL 98.5

**SHIP AND LAND**

<u>FLIGHTS</u>	<u>LANDINGS</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT HRS</u>
DAY 377	DAY 869	DAY 991.5
NIGHT 167	NIGHT 338	NIGHT 432.0
TOTAL 544	TOTAL 1207	TOTAL 1423.5

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IN CONCLUSION

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In 1988 the Sun Kings showed that the foundation for combat readiness is training. The many and varied exercises gave the Sun Kings an opportunity to ready themselves for real world scenarios. In true Sun King fashion all operational commitments were met with outstanding results. VAW-116 enters 1989 with the confidence gained through hard work and outstanding accomplishments.