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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 93

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) Fleet Composite Squadron SIX CY 1993 Command History
  - (2) FLECOMPRON SIX ltr 3590 Ser 10/038 of 20 Jan 94 "1993 Battle Efficiency Award Nomination for Fleet Composite Squadron SIX"
  - (3) COMNAVAIRLANT NORFOLK VA 041435Z Mar 94
  - (4) Change of Command Brochure
  - (5) Command Photograph
  - (6) "VC-6 and The One Eyed Man," by CDR Mark Rindler, USN, Wings of Gold, Summer 1993
  - (7) "Short Subjects," The Gator, 20 Aug 93
  - (8) "VC-6 Women Embark In STARK," The Flagship, 26 Aug 93
  - (9) "VC-6 Launches UAV from LPD," Naval Aviation News, Jul-Aug 93
  - (10) "VC-6 Sailors Support U.S. Forces," Tester, 15 Oct 93

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (10) are submitted.

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FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON SIX CY 93, COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization

A. Mission: To provide the finest aerial and seaborne threat simulations to the customer and to support quality, real time aerial reconnaissance requirements of the Fleet. Strong leadership, a totally professional organizational infrastructure, superior maintenance practices, and aggressive equal opportunity and training programs will ensure continued quality Fleet support and mission readiness.

B. Organizational Structure:

- (1) ISIC: Commander, Helicopter Tactical Wing, U. S. Atlantic Fleet
- (2) Squadron Composition:

<u>UIC</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
09806	- VC-6 Shore (NAS Norfolk, VA; NAB Little Creek, VA)
32019	- VC-6 Sea Det Component (NAB Little Creek, VA; FCTC Dam Neck, VA)
30197	- VC-6 Shore Det Dam Neck (FCTC Dam Neck, VA)
55243	- VC-6 Sea Surveillance Det (NAS Patuxent River, MD)
46550	- VC-6 Shore Surveillance Det (NAS Patuxent River, MD)

C. Squadron Commander: Commander W. D. Place, USN

D. Headquarters location: Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia

E. Type and number of assets assigned:

- (1) UAV - 10
- (2) BQM 74 - 36
- (3) QST 35 - 8
- (4) QST 33 - 10
- (5) DLR-3 - 1

2. Chronology

January

08-15	SEPTAR Detachment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba supporting Fleet Training Group
15-23	BQM-74C CG-70 Trial B aboard USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15) supporting Aegis Program Manager
25-20 Feb	BQM-74C Missilex aboard USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) supporting COMUSNAVCENT

February

08-13	BQM-74C Missilex aboard USS DEWERT (FFG 45) supporting COMNAVSURFLANT
15-20	DLR-3 Exercise in support of FLEETEX 2-93, Morehead City, NC
15-20	SEPTAR Detachment to Morehead City, NC supporting CTF-88
16-26	UAV operations aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) supporting UAV/LPD Work Up
16-27	SEPTAR Detachment to Mayport, FL supporting COMNAVSURFGRU

Enclosure (1)

March

06 VC-6 Birthday  
06-14 SEPTAR Detachment to Guantanamo Bay, CU supporting Fleet Training Group  
08-22 BQM-74C MSR exercise aboard USS FOSTER (DD 964) supporting C3F  
16 Detachment Dam Neck performed first test track of BQM-74E target upgrade  
31-03 Apr BQM-74C Missilix aboard USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7), & USS SAMUEL E. MORISON (FFG 13) supporting COMDESRON SIX

April

02 MWR Breakfast in the Crew's Lounge  
04-23 BQM-74C MEFEX aboard USS SPRUANCE (DD 963) supporting COMDESRON TWO ZERO  
07-23 SEPTAR Detachment to Mayport, FL supporting CDS-20/COMNAVSURFGRU  
10 Children's Easter Party  
16 Car Wash/Tune-up - MWR fund raiser  
19-22 Industrial Hygiene Survey  
21-02 May UAV operations aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) for UAV/LPD Work Up  
21-02 May SEPTAR Detachment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba supporting Fleet Training Group  
22 Fishing Tournament at Lake Whitehurst  
22 Earth Day - Spring Clean-up  
23-24 Squadron Static Display at Azalea Festival Air Show  
24 "Paint Your Heart Out Chesapeake" Community Project  
30 PRT/Squadron Picnic

May

03-19 Industrial Hygiene Survey  
04 Working Zone Inspection  
06-15 SEPTAR Detachment to Deland, FL supporting COMLAWING ONE  
07 Formal Zone Inspection  
18 Safety Stand Down at Dam Neck Site  
21 Personnel Inspection  
24 Industrial Hygiene Survey  
25 VC-6 Det Patuxent River Change of Charge/Personnel Inspection  
28-09 Jun UAV operations aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) for UAV/LPD Work Up

June

04-07 DLR-3 supports Harborfest in Norfolk, VA  
11 Industrial Hygiene Survey  
12 VC-6 supports community in "Clean The Bay Day"  
13-19 SEPTAR Detachment to Morehead City, NC supporting VMFA-115  
13-19 DLR-3 Exercise in support of Missilix, Morehead City, NC  
14-19 BQM-74C DDG-53 Trial B aboard USS CARON (DD 970) supporting Aegis Program Manager  
16-02 Jul UAV operations aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) in support of FLEETEX 93-1M  
16-25 SEPTAR Detachment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba supporting Fleet Training Group  
22-23 Industrial Hygiene Survey  
23-07 Jul AQM-37C MED Missilix, Sigonella, Sicily supporting C6F  
23-07 Jul BQM-74C Missilix aboard USS SEATTLE (AOE 3) supporting C6F

July

06-23 UAV operations aboard USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) supporting  
UAV/LPD Work Up  
07 Industrial Hygiene Survey  
09 Squadron Picnic at NAB Little Creek  
11-16 UAV operations aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) supporting ARG/MEU  
Training  
12-21 SEPTAR Detachment to Morehead City, NC supporting CTF-88/  
FLEETEX 3-93  
14-22 Nov BQM-74C UNITAS XXXIV aboard USS STARK (FFG 31) supporting  
USCOMSOLANT  
16 VC-6 Detachment Dam Neck Change of Charge  
16-24 UAV operations aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) supporting UAV/LPD  
Work Up

August

05-24 SEPTAR Detachment to Mayport, FL supporting COMNAVSURFGRU  
08-14 BQM-74C Missilix, Souda Bay, Crete supporting C6F  
11-05 Feb 94 UAV operations aboard USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) supporting  
MED Deployment  
13 First Class Petty Officer Association Fish Fry  
25-18 Mar 94 UAV operations aboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) supporting West PAC  
Deployment

September

02-16 SEPTAR Detachment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba supporting Fleet  
Training Group  
12-18 SEPTAR Detachment to Morehead City, NC supporting VMAQ-4  
12-18 DLR-3 Exercise in support of Missilix, Morehead City, NC  
28-04 Oct SEPTAR Detachment to Mayport, FL supporting VC-6  
29 First-ever dual launch of two BQM-74E targets

October

01 Detachment Dam Neck Personnel/Zone Inspection  
03-09 BQM-74C DDG-54 Trial B aboard USS OLIVER HAZARD  
PERRY (FFG 7) supporting Aegis Program Manager  
04 PRT  
08 Civilian Clothes Day - MWR fund raiser  
20 Relocation of Detachment Little Creek  
21-22 Nov SEPTAR Detachment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba supporting Fleet  
Training Group  
22 COMHELTACWINGLANT Change of Command  
24-03 Nov BQM-74C MSR exercise aboard USS FOSTER (DD 964) supporting  
C3F  
27 Chili Cook-off in the Crew's Lounge - MWR fund raiser  
29 Safety Stand Down

November

04-08 VC-6 supports the Oysterfest in Urbanna, VA  
12 Sports Day

December

02 Squadron Christmas Party at Dam Neck Shifting Sands Club  
02-17 BQM-74C Missilix aboard USS DEYO (DD 989) supporting  
COMDESRON TWO SIX

07	Safety Inspection
07-16	SEPTAR Detachment to Morehead City, NC supporting CTF-88
07-16	DLR-3 exercise in support of FLEETEX 1-94, Morehead City, NC
08	Personnel Inspection/Zone Inspection at Patuxent River
10	VC-6 Detachment Little Creek Change of Charge
11	Children's Holiday Party
14	Personnel Inspection/Zone Inspection
15	Zone Inspection at Detachments Little Creek and Dam Neck

### 3. Narrative

FLECOMPRON SIX was awarded the COMNAVAIRLANT "Battle E" for 1993, the second consecutive year and third time in the last four years. Enclosure (2) contains a detailed narrative of the majority of Squadron activities and accomplishments for CY93. The following information is offered to supplement enclosure (2):

The QST-35 SEPTARs executed a perfect simulated kill on USS GUADALCANAL (LPH 17) on 17 July 1993 during FLEETEX 3-93. The attack profile used by the SEPTAR crew was commended by CTF-88 and written into lessons learned for FLEETEX 3-93 and into current operation profiles for future Task Force Operations.

During six deployments to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba throughout 1993, SEPTAR Detachments DELTA and ECHO provided targeting services to numerous U. S. Navy ships. Operations were conducted in a professional manner providing an outstanding training opportunity for the United States Coast Guard Cutters FORWARD, SENECA, MOHAWK, and TAMPA. The high point of all the deployments to Guantanamo Bay was the training exercise with the Turkish Navy Cruiser TCC ZEFAR on 08 September 1993. The exercise provided excellent gunnery training for the Turkish crew, enabling them to master the gun systems on their newly-acquired USN vessel.

Locally, QST-35 SEPTARs utilized Trimaran targets for ASU-6/ASU-8 deceptive maneuver operations with the Royal Canadian Navy. A QST-35 was used as a training platform for the SEALs during which SEAL Delivery Vehicle (SDV) tow operations to Cape Charles were conducted for the first time ever allowing ten (10) SEALs to qualify as advanced SDV operators. During the course of the year, a multitude of small boat/terrorist attack exercises were performed in the Chesapeake Bay for deploying units, providing excellent training for ship lookouts and gun-mount crews. The Improved Surface Tow Target (ISTT) role was expanded for aerial gunnery and bombing exercises executed on a regular basis by Carrier Air Wings, SWATSLANT and FITWINGLANT.

For the first time ever, Detachment Little Creek completed a deck overhaul of a QST-35, replacing the entire deck and implementing a new freeboard bumper system on SEPTAR 8511. An additional deck replacement was performed on SEPTAR 8507 during a Detachment DELTA Guantanamo Bay Det, 31 October to 12 November 1993. Both of these maintenance actions saved the Navy thousands of dollars on repairs normally done by Depot Level personnel.

1993 was the busiest year in the Retriever's (DLR-3) history, highlighted by four deployments to Morehead City, NC to conduct the first successful "HARM missile shoot" using a Williams Sled (pontoon target), on the East Coast. Local operations were virtually non-stop this year with numerous BQM recovery operations, saving the Navy millions of dollars. Terrorist operations and gunnery exercises greatly enhanced the gunnery proficiency of over 130 NATO and U. S. Naval units in countering threats from potentially hostile, third world nations.

Community event participation and service was highlighted by Harborfest '93 in June, during which the Retriever's craftmaster assisted in saving the life of an elderly woman who fell in the water near the pier; enclosure (7). Also, while transitting Thimble Shoals channel en route to an op area, the Retriever rescued six personnel aboard two disabled pleasure crafts which were in immediate danger of colliding with nearby merchant vessels. The Retriever made her second appearance at the Urbanna Oysterfest as a military static display, receiving over 3,000 guests on board, including Miss Virginia 1993. Numerous Squadron personnel participated in two community service programs, Sentara Hospital's "Meals on Wheels" and the Personal Excellence Partnership Adopt-A-School Program with Malibu Elementary School, Virginia Beach. Additionally, Squadron volunteers completely refurbished and repaired an elderly community resident's home as part of the "Paint Your Heart Out" Program, April 24.