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Command Operations Report

This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. Instructions on submitting this form and the required attachments are at the end.

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **Strike Fighter Squadron 22**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **09561**

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: **Mongillo** First: **Nicholas** M.I.: Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2005-09-02**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Conduct flight operations in support of Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA.**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **CAPT Craig B. Williams, Commander, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN**

Administrative: **CAPT Gary Shoman, Commander Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet**

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable): **Commander, Carrier Strike Group SEVEN**

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): **N/A**

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **Twelve F-18E Super Hornets: Tail codes 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111, 112, 114.**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **N/A**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 23 Enlisted: 204 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LCDR [REDACTED]

Job Title/Office Code: VFA-22 Operations Officer

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]

Phone number(s): [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: VFA-22, Unit 25436, FPO AP 96601-6202

2. Commander's Assessment

The Commander's Assessment briefly tells the story of the command's role in national defense and should highlight any general and specific lessons-learned. It should contain the commander's commentary, insights and reflections on the unit's activities. Attention should be directed to significant issues impacting training, operations and mission accomplishment during the reporting period. Descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to major command decisions and results of those decisions are particularly desired. Also desired are accounts of specific contributions of individuals in the command to mission accomplishment. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, particular attention should be given to the commander's estimate of the situation, records of discussions and decisions, descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to operational decisions and results of those decisions. For a unit returning from deployment or participating in a single operation this can normally be a single assessment. For higher-echelon commands or units engaging in multiple operations, a separate assessment for each operation in addition to an overall assessment may be appropriate.

The Redcocks of Strike Fighter Squadron 22 (VFA-22) continued their long-standing tradition of excellence by once again leading the way in every measure of performance throughout the turnaround training cycle. During the year, the Officers and Sailors of

VFA-22 conducted five major exercises in support of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP), while simultaneously training to meet today's threats and challenges.

In early March, VFA-22 began the FRP with the local portion of the Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP) in Lemoore, CA. Following the local portion they traveled to Fallon, NV, to complete the final portion of SFARP. There, the squadron excelled in every facet of training and helped lead the Air Wing with an impressive 96 percent sortie completion rate. This focused training ensured 100 percent pilot completion.

In early May, VFA-22 squadron personnel and pilots embarked aboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) to participate in a Flight Deck Certification. The squadron led the Air Wing by qualifying fifteen pilots.

In July, the Redcocks embarked aboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) once again for an extremely successful Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA). While aboard, the squadron flew over 300 sorties at an unmatched 95 percent sortie completion rate. TSTA also provided an opportunity for VFA-22 to take part in a Non-Combatant Expenditure Allowance (NCEA) by firing two AIM-9 Sidewinders and a HARM missile.

By August, VFA-22 was fully engaged in Air Wing training in the familiar skies of Fallon, NV. There, the Redcocks stood out by flying more than 230 sorties at a phenomenal 97 percent sortie completion rate. Furthermore, three squadron pilots qualified as Air Wing Strike Leads.

The squadron transitioned to the Joint Mission Planning Software (JMPS) in October in a "trusted agent" role. In this capacity, the Redcocks were able to identify issues with the program and correct them prior to incorporation into the rest of the Fleet. VFA-22 was also one of the first FA-18E squadrons to be 100 percent Joint Helmet Cueing System (JHMCS) capable. Due to the outstanding efforts of everyone in VFA-22, the squadron was awarded Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN's Strike Fighter Award for Excellence during the workup cycle. Additionally, October brought a return to USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) in support of the first-ever dual Carrier Strike Group (CSG) Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). Although the squadron was short on pilots, the Redcocks were still able to fly over 371 sorties totaling more than 500 hours, while maintaining a 96 percent sortie completion rate. The workups for deployment wrapped up in December with the Redcocks embarked on USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) for one last underway period before cruise for a Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). During JTFEX, the Redcocks maintained a 96 percent sortie completion rate while flying over 190 sorties totaling more than 330 hours.

The dramatic effect of VFA-22's ability to balance CVW operational commitments and squadron requirements can be summed up by the impressive fact that during the past year the Redcock team used limited resources to groom the most advanced FA-18E aircraft in the fleet. VFA-22 relentlessly continues to set the standard and aggressively raise the bar for other squadrons to follow. Our goal is to become the best Strike Fighter Squadron in the Navy. Each year the squadron faces new challenges and operational commitments that test the resolve of every Sailor within the command. The Redcock team not only meets these challenges head on, but also conquers them by consistently devising new and innovative ways to accomplish the mission. The Redcocks continue to strive for excellence and remain ready to execute any contingency operation when directed by the National Command Authority in support of national security.

3. Chronology and Narrative

Chronology should include dates of movements; local operations and training; exercises and operations (define acronyms and purpose of exercise or operation); installation of new weapons systems or changes; major physical changes to facilities, ship or aircraft; Class A or B mishaps; port visits; unit awards received; reserve augmentation; and other significant operational or administrative events.

Jan	Aircrew began training with the Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS).
20 Mar – 8 Apr	Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP) Detachment; NAS Fallon, NV.
9 May – 13 May	Deck Certification Detachment; CVN 76.
8 Jul – 31 Jul	Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) Detachment; CVN 76.
Aug	Aircraft modification for installation of ALQ-214 as an upgrade to the Integrated Defensive Electronic Measures (IDECM) system.
22 Aug – 16 Sep	Air Wing Detachment; NAS Fallon, NV.
Oct	Aircrew began training with the AIM-9X Air-to-Air Missile
Oct	First Operational squadron to transition to the Joint Mission Planning Software (JMPS).
17 Oct – Nov	Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) Detachment; CVN 76.
6 Dec – 17 Dec	Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) Detachment; CVN 76.

The short narrative should amplify chronology entries (such as objectives and results of exercises/operations; commander's evaluation of exercises/operations, etc). Entries may refer to an enclosure of this report without additional description if the enclosure sufficiently reports the incident/event. For all other entries, give the date or period in YYYY-MM-DD format and provide a brief narrative. All significant events during the reporting period are to be included.

See Commander's Assessment

4. Supporting Reports

Supporting Reports are those reports required by other instructions that provide significant data about the command during the calendar year. These reports may be submitted "as is," eliminating the need to duplicate information for this report that is already contained in reports prepared in response to other instructions and requirements. Examples include battle efficiency, safety and other award submissions, major staff or command studies, and end of cruise reports or briefs. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, enclosures may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Situation Reports
- b. Intentions Messages
- c. Operational Reports
- d. Operations Orders/Deployment Orders
- e. Operational Plans
- f. Personal For Messages

- g. After Action Reports
- h. Significant Electronic Message Traffic (outgoing/e-mail/chat)
- i. Battle Damage Assessments
- j. Casualty Reports
- k. End-of-Cruise/Deployment Reports
- l. Intelligence Summaries
- m. Major Exercise Reports

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List below the published documents being submitted in either electronic or paper format, indicating the classification of each item. Documents to be submitted include cruise books, change of command programs, commissioning/decommissioning brochures, establishment/disestablishment/deactivation brochures, copy of command's web site, news releases, biography of commander, welcome aboard brochures, newspaper articles, command studies, statistical data, etc.

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- Commanding Officer's Biography (Unclassified)

6. Photographs

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- Commanding Officer's Photo (Unclassified)

- Photos of FA-18E Aircraft (Unclassified)

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