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Command Operations Report

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1. Command Data (Boxes will expand as information is typed)

Name of your Command or Organization: STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO TWO

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

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

Last: CALLARI First: MARK M.I.: J Rank: CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2014-02-21

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Upkeep, unit level training and pre-deployment workups within the United States and her coastal waters.

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN

Administrative: Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific

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):

Carrier Strike Group ONE
Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN
USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70).

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: 16 FA-18F, Tail Codes: NA100, NA101, NA102, NA103, NA104, NA105, NA 106, NA107, NA110, NA111, NA112, NA113, NA114, NA115, NA116, NA800.

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 34

Enlisted: 181

Civilian: 0

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: Public Affairs Officer

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2. Commander's Assessment

The Fighting Redcocks of Strike Fighter Squadron TWO TWO had a banner year in 2013. Despite facing the challenge of an uncertain schedule, they succeeded in improving upon already strong foundations in both maintenance practices and tactical prowess, finishing the year stronger than they began it.

The Redcocks kicked off 2013 in preparation for a scheduled fall deployment. However in February, shortly after starting the Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP), their deployment aboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) was indefinitely delayed due to funding concerns. The detachment to NAS Fallon for training originally intended to complete SFARP was repurposed into a Unit Level Training (ULT) period. While not officially part of the Fleet Readiness Training Plan (F RTP), this detachment provided invaluable air-to-air and air-to-surface training. Similarly in May, an at sea period aboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) originally planned for Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) was instead used for carrier qualification and ULT training for both the squadron and ship.

With deployment delayed and facing an uncertain future, the Redcocks began to refocus. Redcock One, CDR Richard "Bean" Hill, decided the squadron's attention needed to be given to ensuring his aircraft were well prepared for when the F RTP was eventually turned back on. Thus, a delicate balance was struck between spending the necessary time on depot level maintenance and maintaining aircrew proficiency. Within these constraints, the Redcocks still managed to complete all required training evolutions including the qualification of two new Forward Air Controller (Airborne) (FAC(A)) crews. Consequently, when word came down in mid-summer that the F RTP would begin again in October, VFA-22 was well positioned for success.

The work-up cycle commenced with SFARP lectures in October. Follow on SFARP flight events out of NAS Lemoore and NAS Fallon instructed by Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific (SFWSP) increased the squadron's tactical proficiency to a point not seen since early 2012. With the first stage of the F RTP complete, the Redcocks were ready to begin 2014 with Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) flights and another detachment to the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) for TSTA.

Overall, 2013 was a year fraught with uncertainty. However the Sailors and Officers of Strike Fighter Squadron TWO TWO faced this challenge with poise and are heading into 2014 well positioned to successfully complete the F RTP and begin deployment.

3. Chronology

2013-01-13: Deck Certification, USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)
2013-02-20: Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP), NAS Lemoore
2013-03-11: Unit Level Training (ULT) Detachment, NAS Fallon
2013-05-01: Unit Level Training (ULT) Detachment, USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)
2013-09-10: Missile Exercise
2013-09-30: Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP), NAS Lemoore
2013-11-01: Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP), NAS Fallon

Narrative

See Commander's Assessment

4. Supporting Reports (Refer to specific guide for Ship/Shore/Aviation or Fleet Command)

SITREP 001 081800Z FEB 13
SITREP 002 141800Z MAR 13

MISREP 142211Z MAR 13
SITREP 003 092217Z APR 13
SITREP 004 090300Z MAY 13
SITREP 005 120430Z SEP 13
SITREP 005A FINAL 071706Z OCT 13
SITREP 006 221954Z OCT 13
OPREP 3NB 111939Z NOV 13
OPREP 3NUS/008 010356Z DEC 13

5. Published Documents

Command Website:

<http://www.vfa22.navy.mil/>

Command Ombudsman Report:

Digital copy attached to email

Welcome Aboard Package:

Digital copy attached to email

6. Photographs



CO: CDR Richard "Bean" Hill



XO: CDR Mark "Killer" Callari

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