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and CAPT D. W. Baird took over for CDR L. E. Thomassey. VA-25 also received the Golden Tailhook Award for the highest Wing Carrier Landing Grades for the workups prior to deployment.

After leaving Hawaii, Ranger was engaged in an attempt to transit to Guam without Soviet detection. The exercise was a complete success. Approaching Guam, the squadron was involved in a fleet exercise with the USS Constellation (CV-64) and the USS Midway (CV-41). The three carriers simulated an intense three day operation against the Naval Station at Guam.

On May 11, VA-25 flew 12 planes off of the USS Ranger to NAS Cubi Point, R.P. to take over as the CVW-2 Beach Detachment. The USS Ranger pulled into Naval Station Subic Bay on 13 May and off-loaded the rest of VA-25 squadron personnel.

In June, VA-25 participated in Exercise "Newboy", a Joint Air Defense Exercise with the Philippine Air Force. Later in June, the squadron participated in a two week long Cope Thunder Air Combat Exercise, consisting of elements of Air Force Fighters, Marine EA-6's and OV-10 Forward Air Controllers as well as A-4's from VC-5 of NAS Cubi Point. The exercise included opposed low level ingress into the Crow Valley Target Area and high altitude air combat against F-4, F-5, F-15 and F-16 Fighter Squadrons. On June 26th, the squadron went six years Accident-Free.

In July, the squadron participated in two Cope Strike Exercises with elements of the 44th Tactical Fighter Wing and elements of the South Korean Air Force out of Osan, S. Korea. Each exercise consisted of 4 days of low level navigation through South Korea which culminated in ordnance delivery on the Nightmare Target Range, while under the control of U. S. and S. Korean ground Forward Air Controllers.

In August, the squadron was busy "swapping out" VA-25's twelve A-7's for eleven of VA-56's A-7's, in order to renovate VA-56's older generation aircraft. VA-25 is scheduled to receive the new F/A-18 in the Spring of 1983.

Due to operational necessity, the USS Ranger was extended in the Indian Ocean and then visited Perth, Australia. This allowed VA-25 to participate in a second Cope Thunder Exercise. In the second week of September, the squadron expended all of its live and exotic ordnance allocations, such as APAM, Rockeye, FAYE, 20mm and live MK 84's and MK 83's during a SINKEX, 100 NM west of NAS Cubi Point, R.P. The target was an old LCU amphibious boat towed to sea for sinking.

A Minex quickly followed in which six MK 52 and MK 36 mines were delivered against Binanga Bay near Cubi Point, R.P. VA-25 was later chosen as "Miners of the Year" in the Light Attack Community for their efforts in their two mining exercises for the year.

While aboard NAS Cubi Point, the squadron built-up, loaded and delivered over 277 tons of ordnance, comprising over one half of the Air Wing's total ordnance.

On 23 September, VA-25 loaded back onboard USS Ranger at Naval Station Subic Bay and departed the Philippines on 28 September with the aircraft flying aboard that afternoon.

On 17 October, VA-25 and VA-113 combined forces for a 23 plane formation fly-in after a highly successful WestPac Deployment. Three days after returning to NAS Lemoore, VA-25 transferred three aircraft to VA-27.

On 26 November, the Fist of the Fleet celebrated an unprecedented two years of FOD Free Operations and on 7 December, reached 30,000 Hours Accident Free. By the end of 1982, VA-25 had reached 770 days FOD Free and 6½ years and 30,200 Hours of Accident Free operations.

During the year, the squadron attained 3356 day and 774 night flight hours. Of these, 947 day and 269 nights were embarked. The Fist totalled 377 day and 158 night traps.

VA25 finished the year on a high note by winning the COMLATWINGPAC Safety Award for both the deployed and overall categories for the Fourth Quarter of 1982. The squadron also won the Bruce Carrier Memorial Award for 1982, an award presented to the COMLATWINGPAC squadron which demonstrates the highest continuous proficiency and excellence in maintenance. The squadron was runner-up in 1981.

The squadron's superb operational performance coupled with an enviable safety record, have set VA-25 at the top of the Light Attack Community.

After ending the year with the observance of Christmas and New Years with reunited families, the squadron looks forward to leading the Light Attack Community into a new generation of aircraft with the scheduled transition to the F/A-18 during 1983.

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