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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron ELEVEN  
To: Director, Naval Historical Center (Aviation History Branch)  
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1988  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D  
Encl: (1) Fighter Squadron ELEVEN History for 1988  
(2) Biography of CDR Isaac E. Richardson, III  
(3) Photo of CDR Isaac E. Richardson, III  
(4) Nomination for Selection of Defense Maintenance Award

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), (3) and (4) are hereby submitted.

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## FIGHTER SQUADRON ELEVEN COMMAND HISTORY

1. MISSION: Navy fighter aircraft provide the primary capabilities for the achievement of air superiority for a Carrier Battle Group. Fighters must destroy enemy aircraft (fighters, bombers, jammers) under all weather conditions, day and night, and they must contribute to battle group anti-ship missile defense by attacking airborne anti-ship cruise missiles. Tasks consist of detection, identification and classification of hostile airborne threats to the fleet and hostile interceptor aircraft threatening friendly strike or reconnaissance aircraft.

2. a. COMMANDER: 1 January through 31 December 1988 CDR Isaac E. Richardson, III.

b. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 1 January through 31 December 1988 CDR Robert L. Kimmel.

c. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron ELEVEN reports to CAPT Hauert, Carrier Air Wing SIX.

### 3. CHRONOLOGY

#### JANUARY 1988

11 Departed NAS Mayport on board USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) for FLEETEX training in Caribbean.

27 Returned to NAS Mayport, disembarked from USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) and returned to NAS Oceana.

#### FEBRUARY 1988

8 Departed NAS Mayport on board USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) for carrier operations.

12 USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) transits Mississippi River, ties up pierside at Waterside in New Orleans, Louisiana. Liberty begins during Mardi-Gras.

17 USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) departs New Orleans, carrier qualifications begin.

22 Returned to NAS Mayport, disembarked USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) and returned to NAS Oceana.

#### APRIL 1988

7 Fighter Squadron ELEVEN on board USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) departed NAS Mayport for Ocean Venture training in Gulf of Mexico.

18 Returned to NAS Mayport.

25 Fighter Squadron ELEVEN, an element of Carrier Air Wing SIX, departs NAS Mayport for extended deployment to Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and North Atlantic Ocean.

13 MAY through 30 JULY

Deployed on station in the North Arabian Sea in support of Earnest Will exercise escorting tankers in the Persian Gulf.

AUGUST 1988

13 Arrived in Naples, Italy, for first liberty port after 108 days at sea.

17 Depart Naples, Italy, for National Week exercises in the Mediterranean Sea.

22 Arrive in Benidorm, Spain, for liberty.

27 Departed Benidorm, Spain, for Team Work '88 exercises with NATO forces in the North Sea and USS ROOSEVELT in Norwegian Fjords operating area.

SEPTEMBER 1988

24 Arrived in Portsmouth, England, for liberty.

27 Departed Portsmouth, England. USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) heads for NAS Mayport.

OCTOBER 1988

7 Returned to NAS Mayport, disembarked from USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) and returned to NAS Oceana.

4. AWARDS RECEIVED DURING 1988

Meritorious Unit Commendation for 1 January through 31 December 1986.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for 20 May through 30 July 1988.

Commander, Fighter Wing ONE and Commander, Fighter, Medium Attack, Airborne Early Warning Wings, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, nomination for Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award.

5. SPECIAL TOPICS

Statistical Accomplishments for FY 1988

Total Hours - 4,281.1

Embarked Hours - 2,879.0

Ashore Hours - 1,402.1

Total Sorties - 2,227

Embarked Sorties - 1,318

Ashore Sorties - 909

98% Sortie Completion Rate

90% Full Mission Capable Rate

92% Mission Capable Rate

100% Completion of alert launches



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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron ELEVEN  
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Via: Commander, Fighter Wing ONE  
Subj: NOMINATION FOR 1988 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MAINTENANCE  
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Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 4790.3  
(b) COMNAVAIRLANTINST 1650.5

Encl: (1) Proposed Citation

1. Fighter Squadron ELEVEN, in meeting its responsibility to operate and maintain 350 million dollars of national defense assets, namely ten F-14A "Tomcat" fighters, set specific goals for FY 88 to ensure the successful completion of its mission. First and foremost was to promote the welfare and advancement of its people. Second was the ongoing effort to maintain and improve the material readiness of its aircraft. The Squadron achieved unprecedented results throughout a year of intense operations. The dedicated attitude of its personnel, superior material condition of its aircraft and constant awareness of its mission requirements afforded the mix required to create and maintain a fully combat capable Fighter Squadron. Essential to successful maintenance accomplishment were the people and their pride in striving to be the best at every challenge they faced.

### 2. Chronology of Events (FY 88)

- a. 01 Oct - 08 Oct: Exercise Ocean Safari 87 embarked in USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) (Norwegian Fjords).
- b. 30 Oct - 07 Nov: NAS Fallon Detachment (Airwing Training).
- c. 15 Nov - 21 Nov: NAS Roosevelt Roads Detachment (Missile Shoot and Airwing Training).
- d. 01 Dec - 14 Dec: Carrier Qualification Detachment (NAS Cecil Field and USS FORRESTAL (CV 59)).
- e. 11 Jan - 25 Jan: FLEETEX 1-88 (Puerto Rican Operating Area) USS FORRESTAL (CV 59).
- f. 11 Jan - 13 Feb: TOPGUN Detachment (Naval Fighter Weapons School, NAS Miramar).
- g. 08 Feb - 18 Feb: New Orleans Detachment USS FORRESTAL (CV 59).

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- h. 18 Feb - 22 Feb: Carrier Qualification Detachment (NAS Cecil and USS FORRESTAL (CV 59).
- i. 08 Apr - 08 Oct: Deployment USS FORRESTAL (CV 59).
  - (1) 20 Apr - 18 Apr: Ocean Venture 88 (Gulf of Mexico)
  - (2) 07 May - 08 May: Tunisian Passex (Med. Sea)
  - (3) 11 May - 12 May: Libyan Fir Ops (Med. Sea)
  - (4) 15 May - 31 Jul: on station, Gulf of Oman
  - (5) 17 Aug - 19 Aug: National Week 88 (Med. Sea)
  - (6) 02 Sep - 03 Sep: Portuguese Passex (Atlantic)
  - (7) 07 Sep - 21 Sep: Teamwork 88 (Norwegian Fjords)

The Air Wing SIX/USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) FY 88 schedule was the most demanding of any Atlantic Fleet Unit. The squadron, based at NAS Oceana, Virginia, was required to move personnel, material and parts eighteen times to participate in deployments onboard USS FORRESTAL, based at NAS Mayport, Florida and numerous detachments throughout the country. The Squadron maintained the highest level of material and operational readiness despite this intense schedule of events.

3. Specific Accomplishments For FY 88

a. For the period October - December Maintenance Control was tasked with completing all required maintenance inspections while providing ready aircraft for three major exercises. Through precise management, exact scheduling, and effective liaison with Fighter Wing ONE concerning parts supply, the aircraft endured minimum down time meeting each exercise with 100% required assets.

b. The period of January - February had overlapping detachments requiring personnel and material in three geographic locations at the same time. Once again, 100% of required assets were available allowing the squadron to exceed all its training goals prior to deployment.

c. In November and December two aircraft received Aircraft Service Period Adjustment (ASPA) inspections. Both aircraft passed the inspection with exceptional results affording the fleet two assets for deployment. Additionally, after deployment three more aircraft successfully passed ASPA inspections due to their outstanding material condition.

d. Due to deck loading requirements on board USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) the Squadron deployed with only nine of its ten assets. The tenth aircraft was transferred to the fleet replacement squadron (VF-101) in a full mission capable status.

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e. On 27 May, only days after arriving on "BENO" station in the Gulf of Oman, the Squadron suffered a major material setback when one aircraft sustained serious structural damage due to an airborne engine fire. Subsequent investigation relieved the Squadron of any responsibility. Since the aircraft could only be fixed at the Naval Aviation Depot level at the end of deployment the Squadron was faced with the challenge of meeting its material requirements for the remaining four months with only eight available aircraft. The damaged aircraft had to be preserved while becoming a major source of critical parts for both Fighter Squadrons in the Air Wing. Detailed management of parts removal, and replacement, and recurring preservation were required to maintain this critical asset. The Naval Aviation Depot applauded the Squadron for the outstanding material condition of the aircraft upon its transfer at the end of cruise.

f. The Line Division was challenged by the hard fact of the carrier spending 77 days in the Gulf of Oman during the hot summer months (15 May - 31 July). Fresh water availability for aircraft washes was critically short. In addition to preparing aircraft around the clock for the demanding combat contingencies, the Line Division had to constantly hand wipe the aircraft to maintain the expected high standards of material condition. The Gulf of Oman is one of the most severe corrosive environments in which aircraft can operate. Only hard work and sheer dedication maintained the aircraft throughout this demanding period.

g. The Avionics/Armament (AV/Arm) Division was the catalyst in maintaining both weapons systems and weapons stations in a constant combat ready status. Their primary goal was to launch only full mission capable aircraft to meet any real world contingency. Prior planning allowed "Black Boxes", highly susceptible to the extreme heat, to be readily changed. A full 70% of these boxes needed only a cool down period and were ready for use again. The Av/Arm division's close scrutiny and attention to detail afforded maximum availability of critical parts without unnecessary maintenance.

h. The Aircraft Division removed and replaced twenty engines during FY 88. Prior planning enabled only five engine changes during the demanding schedule of deployment. Major airframe fixes, special inspections, and corrosion maintenance were performed professionally and in minimum time allowing maximum aircraft availability.

i. A total of three maintenance beneficial suggestions were submitted at Squadron level. Two of these received initial cash awards and have been forwarded for approval by higher authority with the possibility of substantial monetary savings to the Navy.

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j. The Air Wing and USS FORRESTAL/AIMD attained an unprecedented first for zero "not mission capable supply/partial mission capable supply" (NMCS/PMCS) material requisitions twice during the cruise. The Squadron, on at least twenty days had no "NMCS/PMCS" requisitions demonstrating the aggressiveness employed to maintain and work around maintenance/supply difficulties.

4. Statistical accomplishments for FY 88:

Total Hrs	4281.1
Embarked Hrs	2879.0
Ashore Hrs	1402.1
Total Sorties	2227
Embarked Sorties	1318
Ashore Sorties	909
- 98% Sortie completion rate	
- 90.1% FMC rate	
- 92.0% MC rate	
- 100% completion of alert launches	
- 5.3% Cannibalization rate	

5. Fighter Squadron ELEVEN has excelled in every maintenance category throughout FY 88. The Navy and the country have benefited by the maximum combat readiness of ten expensive fighter assets. The squadron's people, managed and supervised by the best in the fighter community, have been flexible to the most demanding schedule and have maintained their aircraft in a state of readiness that will guarantee their superb material condition into the next century.

6. Basic information:

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Maintenance Officer
- d. Category: I 25 - 300 people

  
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