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Encl: (1) Fighter Squadron ELEVEN History for 1990
(2) Biography of CDR Steven R. Nichols
(3) Photo of CDR Steven R. Nichols

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are hereby submitted.

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FIGHTER SQUADRON ELEVEN COMMAND HISTORY

1. MISSION: Navy fighter aircraft continue to provide the primary capability for the achievement of air superiority in a Carrier Battle Group. Fighters must be ready to destroy enemy aircraft (fighters, bombers, jammers, etc) under all weather conditions, day and night and they contribute to the battle group anti-ship missile defense by attacking airborne anti-ship cruise missile platforms. 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. CHAIN OF COMMAND

a. COMMANDER: 1 January through 23 May 1990, CDR Robert L. Kimmel. 23 May through 31 December 1990, CDR Steven R. Nichols.

b. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 1 January through 23 May 1990, CDR Steven R. Nichols, 23 May through 31 December 1990, CDR Leo F. Enwright.

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

3. CHRONOLOGY**JANUARY 1990**

03 LT [REDACTED] detaches.

08 USS FORRESTAL departs Marsailles, France.

13-16 Training anchorage, Augusta Bay.

24-28 In port Valencia, Spain.

30 DACT with French Navy.

FEBRUARY 1990

01 Tunisian PASSEX.

03-13 In port Naples, Italy (FITWING ONE corrosion inspection).

14 WASEX with Italian Navy.

16-17 Air-to-Air guns.

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- 18 JO Bombing/strafing derby.
- 19-22 In port Cannes, France.
- 25 LTJG [REDACTED] checks in.
- 27-28 DACT with Egyptian Air Force.

MARCH 1990

- 01-04 In port Alexandria, Egypt.
- 05-09 DACT with RAF and Turkish Air Force.
- 11-17 In port Haifa, Israel.
- 18 Air-to-Air guns.
- 19-23 Juniper Hawk Exercise.
- 24-25 AAWEX vs USS EISENHOWER (National Week).
- 26 FIR OPS, Libya/missilex.
- 27 Tunisian PASSEX.
- 28-30 Turnover anchorage at Augusta Bay with USS EISENHOWER.

APRIL 1990

- 01 Outchop MED.
- 10 Fly-off to NAS Oceana.
- 12 USS FORRESTAL pulls into Mayport.
- 25 LT [REDACTED] attends Leading Edge of Technology brief in Oceana.

MAY 1990

- 03 Fighter Fling Air-to-Air Guns Derby.
- 07 Fighter Fling ACM Derby.
- 10 VF-11 represents Naval Air at Philadelphia World Affairs Council in Oceana.
- 15 LT [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED] attend OAG meeting at Oceana.

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- 16 LTJG [REDACTED] arrives.
- 17 Commander, Fighter Wing ONE Change of Command ceremony.
- 18 Executive OAG meeting in Oceana.
- 19 CDR Kimmel's farewell dinner.
- 21 Corrosion inspection debrief. Physical Readiness test.
- 21 LT [REDACTED] arrives.
- 22 LT [REDACTED] detaches.
- 23 VF-11 Change of Command.
- 29 Missilex practice. Fighter Fling Sports Day.
- 30 Missilex practice.

JUNE 1990

- 01 Fighter Fling Follies.
- 02 Fling dinner.
- 06 Fly-off to NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 08 Missilex in NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 09 Return from Roosevelt Roads to NAS Oceana.
- 11 Safety Standown.
- 12 A/A tanking, W-72 (VA-176).
- 15 Begin ACM Derby with 94th TFS in Langley.
- 19 Officer vs. Enlisted softball game.
- 24 Officer picnic.
- 30 LCDR [REDACTED], LCDR [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED] detach.

JULY 1990

- 09 A/A tanking in W-72 (VA-176).

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- 12 Fly-off to MCAS Beaufort, S.C. for ACM det.
- 16 RTB from MCAS Beaufort.
- 17 A/A tanking, W-72 (VA-176).
- 26 Aircrew Conventional Weapons Tactical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPI).
- 27 LT's [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] depart for Navy Fighter Weapons School.

AUGUST 1990

- 16 Missilex in W-72.
- 19-21 Orange Air vs USS KENNEDY (NAS Oceana).
- 23 Missilex in W-72.
- 26 Top Gun Det returns.
- 30 Carrier qualifications on USS FORRESTAL.

SEPTEMBER 1990

- 08-10 Tailhook '90 in Las Vegas.
- 08-21 ACM det to Luke AFB, Arizona.

OCTOBER 1990

- 01-26 Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program (FFARP).
- 28 Depart for Orange Air vs USS AMERICA and USS ROOSEVELT (NS Roosevelt Roads, P.R.).

NOVEMBER 1990

- 16 Return from Orange Air at NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 28-30 Battle Group Phase in JAX OP area.

DECEMBER 1990

- 01-23 Battle Group Phase (cont).
- 24 USS FORRESTAL pulls in for Christmas holidays.

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Total Hours Flown in 1990: 3285

Total Sorties: 2124

Embarked Hours in 1990: 2165

Embarked Sorties: 902

Days Embarked on USS FORRESTAL (CV-59): 127

Days Away from NAS Oceana: 167

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