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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

AVIATION COMMAND

Fighter Squadron ELEVEN (VF-11) - UIC: 09560

COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR W. Scott Moyer

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CDR Mark E. Black

LOCATION OF COMMAND

Naval Air Station Oceana
Virginia Beach, Virginia

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ASHORE

Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVEN
Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet
Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

OPERATIONAL CONTROL AFLOAT

Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVEN
Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT

AIRCRAFT

11 F-14B Tomcats
Tail Code "AG"

CARRIER ASSIGNMENT

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
Home ported at Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia

MISSION

Fleet Air Superiority and Power Projection Missions, including:
Combat Air Patrol, Air Intercept, Maritime Air Superiority,
Strike, Strike Escort, Forward Air Control (Airborne), Close Air
Support and Combat Search and Rescue.

CHRONOLOGY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

JANUARY

21-31 TRSG/CVW-8 Orange Air, Puerto Rico

FEBRUARY

01-06 TRSG/CVW-8 Orange Air, Puerto Rico

MARCH

07-17 EWTGLANT TACP Support

APRIL

01-10 FAC(A) Detachment, NAS Fallon

MAY

12-14 USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) Deck Certification

JUNE

02-26 Air-to-Air SFARP, NAS Oceana

JULY

07-20 Air-to-Ground SFARP, NAS Fallon

AUGUST

22-31 CVW-7 Airwing Training, NAS Fallon

SEPTEMBER

01-19 CVW-7 Airwing Training, NAS Fallon

OCTOBER

16-27 GWSG TSTA I/II, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

NOVEMBER

13-30 GWSG TSTA III/COMPTUEX USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

DECEMBER

01-19 GWSG TSTA III/COMPTUEX USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

NARRATIVE OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

Having just stood down following a successful deployment aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM the previous summer, the Red Rippers of Fighter Squadron ELEVEN (VF-11) began 2003 by providing Orange Air support for the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) battle group while operating out of NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. During the detachment, the Red Rippers conducted a missile shoot in which four AIM-54 Phoenix missiles and two AIM-9 sidewinder missiles were successfully launched in an exercise designed to provide aircrew real-world air-to-air employment opportunities.

After returning from NAS Roosevelt Roads, the Rippers spent March and April qualifying new Forward Air Controller (Airborne) (FAC(A)) aircrew by providing support sorties out of NAS Oceana, VA, to Camp Lejeune, NC. These sorties were flown in order to qualify six FAC(A) candidates in the ground FAC role prior to sending them on detachment to NAS Fallon, NV, for airborne qualification.

Only a month after returning from NAS Fallon, the Red Rippers were tasked with a deck certification aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65). VF-11 accumulated more than 40 traps in only three days

The VF-11 Red Rippers began their turnaround training in earnest with air-to-air SFARP (Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program) out of NAS Oceana. The Rippers flew over 380 hours in the air-to-air arena in preparation for the coming deployment.

Upon completion of air-to-air SFARP, VF-11 returned in July to NAS Fallon, NV. Honing their skills on the desert ranges of Nevada, the Rippers flew more than 320 hours and dropped a multitude of air-to-ground ordnance such as GBU-31 JDAM (Joint Direct Attack Munition), GBU-12 and GBU-16 Paveway II laser-guided bombs, as well as every member of the MK-80 series family of general purpose bombs.

Following the completion of air-to-ground SFARP, VF-11 took a much needed rest before again returning to NAS Fallon in late August for CVW-7 airwing training. Participating in large, coordinated strikes comprised of aircraft from each of the airwing's squadron's, the Red Rippers executed flawlessly and flew over 340 hours in their final preparation before the beginning of their at-sea work-ups cycle.

The Red Rippers of VF-11 embarked aboard USS GEOGRE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) in October for TSTA (Tailored Ship's Training Ability) I/II. With their next deployment only three months away, TSTA I/II was instrumental in getting all aircrew carrier qualified and comfortable flying around the aircraft carrier while conducting cyclic operations.

With the holidays and the last few weeks of time with family and friends quickly approaching, VF-11 began COMPTUEX (Composite Unit Training Exercise), their last at-sea training period prior to deploying in January. Flying simulated coordinated strikes,

CAS (Combat Air Support), and air-defense missions off the coast of Florida, the Rippers flew more than 600 hours and 338 sorties in only 37 days.

2003 proved to be a very successful year for the Red Rippers of VF-11. Over the course of the year, the Rippers flew 3493.8 flight hours in 2159 sorties with 500 carrier arrested landings. In January of 2004, the VF-11 Red Rippers will embark on a six-month deployment aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.