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Command Operations Report

This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. See instructions appendices for assistance in compiling and on submitting this form and any attachments.

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

Name of your Command or Organization: Strike Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 09084

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

Last: Pritchard **First:** Corey **M.I.:** L **Rank:** CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2015-03-20

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Strike Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN, as a part of U.S. Naval Aviation, utilizes the F/A-18E Super Hornet aircraft to project power ashore and at sea, to defend the Fleet against air and sea threats and to carry out all other missions which may be assigned by the appropriate authority.

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): NAS Lemoore, CA

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Air Wing NINE

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):

N/A

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:

12 F/A-18E Super Hornets Assigned:

200-166434

201-166435

202-166428

203-166433

205-166431

207-166429

211-166436

212-166425

213-166420

214-166422

215-166424

216-166439

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

N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 23 Enlisted: 190 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: Schedules Officer, Public Affairs Officer

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]

Phone number(s): [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: NAS Lemoore, Hangar 2, Mod 4
NAS Lemoore, CA 93246

2. Commander's Assessment

As the "Oldest and Boldest" squadron in the United States Navy, the Officers and Sailors of Strike Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN are honored to continue the tradition of excellence that began nearly a century ago. Superb operational mission effectiveness while operating during the pre-deployment work-up phase is testament to the cohesiveness, esprit-de-corps and professionalism of this command. The TOPHATTERS have proven themselves as leaders within the Strike Fighter Community and more importantly within Naval Aviation as a whole.

3. Chronology

Jan 6th – Jan 30th: Air-to-Surface Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP) Fallon

Mar 20th: Change of Command, CDR Corey "Humble" Pritchard Assumes Command

Apr 1st – May 1st: Tailored Ships Training Assessment (TSTA)

Jun 7th – Jul 2nd: Air Wing Fallon

July: Awarded Commander of Naval Operations "Safety S"

July 24th: Flyover of USS Ronald Regan (CVN 76) while pier side at NAS North Island

Jul 27th – Aug 27th: COMPTUEX

Oct 31st – Nov 16th: SUSTEX

Narrative

In January, the TOPHATTERS of Strike Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN (VFA-14) honed their Air-to-Surface employment skills by participating in a wide variety of strike tactics, and practicing the successful operation of numerous different weapons systems out of NAS Fallon, NV. Shortly after their change of command, Fighting FOURTEEN and the rest of Carrier Air Wing NINE (CVW-9) helped prepare the sailors and crew assigned to the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) for the upcoming deployment through regular flight deck operations on Tailored Ships Training Assessment (TSTA). In June, it was time for CVW-9 to practice operating as a unified force at Air Wing Fallon, where the air wing participated in multiple large force strike exercises. After mastering operations as a cohesive air wing, Fighting FOURTEEN and CVW-9 took their tactical prowess to the seas, and operated with the USS John C. Stennis during the Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). COMPTUEX was the last requirement the TOPHATTERS and CVW-9 needed to complete before being deemed ready for deployment. During COMPTUEX VFA-14 executed Unit Level Training, Large Force Strikes and scenario-based training all aimed at preparing them to dominate whatever and whomever they may face during deployment. Now, with pre-deployment work ups complete, VFA-14 and the rest of CVW-9 had the chance to re-hack their skills during a short underway on CVN-74 during Sustainment Exercise (SUSTEX) in early November.

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

N/A

5. Published Documents

Crushing Workups, LT Chad Henderson. Published in Spring '15 Tailhook Magazine

Ramping Up For Deployment, LT Steven Johnson. Published Fall '15 Tailhook Magazine

Work Ups Complete, LT Steven Johnson. Published Winter '15 Tailhook Magazine

6. Photographs

N/A
