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Encl: (1) Officer Roster
(2) Commanding Officer/Executive Officer Photographs
(3) Commanding Officer and Executive Officer Biographies
(4) Copy of VA-22 Squadron History
(5) Aircraft Photograph

1. Per reference (a), VA-22's Command History is submitted for the period of 1 January through 31 December 1988.
2. During this time period, VA-22 was assigned to Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN. The squadron's mission was to locate and destroy enemy units on land or sea, in order to establish and maintain sea control, perform power projection and provide close air support for U.S. and Allied ground forces.
3. Chronology of events, 1 January - 31 December 1988:

January 88

04 Embarked onboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65)
05 Underway from NAS Alameda enroute NORPAC/WESTPAC onboard
USS Enterprise (CVN-65)
21 Safety Standdown

February 88

01 Inport Subic Bay PI
06 At sea WESTPAC enroute Indian Ocean

March 88

04 Awarded Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
15 Inport Mombasa Kenya
19 At sea Indian Ocean

April 88

18 Operation Praying Mantis Iranian Frigate Sahand sunk
19 Awarded Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Logged

ODS-300
entered

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May 88

28 Enroute Westpac

June 88

01 Inport Subic Bay PI
04 At sea WESTPAC
07 Inport Hong Kong
12 At sea WESTPAC
14 Inport Pusan South Korea
17 At sea WESTPAC enroute CONUS
27 VA-22 Awarded Top Hook Squadron for deployment
28 Inport Seattle WA
29 At sea enroute homeport

July 88

02 Disembark USS Enterprise (CVN-65)
Return to NAS Lemoore

August 88

STAND DOWN

September 88

October 88

November 88

20-23 Nellis AFB Det
29-30 Detachment VX-5, Naval Weapons Center China Lake

December 88


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VA-22 SQUADRON HISTORY

Attack Squadron 22, also known as the "Fighting Redcocks", is a Lemoore based Light Attack squadron. The squadron's personnel consists of 242 enlisted men and twenty-five officers. The squadron's mission is to maintain, fly, and fight the A-7E Corsair II aircraft.

The squadron's history dates back to July 1948, when it was commissioned as Fighter Squadron 63 at NAS Norfolk, Virginia. In July 1959, the Fighting Redcocks were redesignated Attack Squadron 22.

The first Redcock aviators flew the F-8F "Bearcat". Succeeding pilots have progressed through the F-4U "Corsair", F-9F "Panther", F9F-6/8 "Cougar", FJ-4B "Fury", A-4 B/C/F "Skyhawk, and currently the A-7E "Corsair II."

Over the last 38 years the Fighting Redcocks have been called into action during the Korean and Vietnam wars. The Redcocks participated in three combat deployments to Korea and six combat deployments to Vietnam. During the Redcocks last combat deployment to Vietnam in 1972 the squadron participated in the mining of Hai Phong Harbor as well as intensive strikes over North Vietnam.

In peacetime the Redcocks have responded to peacetime crisis including readiness maneuvers for the Pueblo Crisis of 1968, the evacuation of Saigon in 1974, the rescue of the Mayaguez in 1975, the search and rescue of Southeast Asian refugees in the Western Pacific and South China Sea in the late 1970's, and support of operations near Libya in 1986. The Redcock's most recent combat action occurred in April 1988 in the Persian Gulf. Deployed aboard the USS Enterprise, Redcock pilots sunk the Iranian frigate SAHAND. American leaders describe the action as a measured response to Iranian mining of international waters in the Persian Gulf.

Attack Squadron 22 received the COMNAVAIRPAC Battle Efficiency "E" for its performance during the January 79 to July 80 and July 80 to December 81 competitive cycles, making the Redcocks the holder of the Battle "E" for three consecutive years. Additionally, VA-22 earned the 1981 CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Retention Award for deployable squadrons in the Pacific Fleet. The squadron won the RADM Clarence Wade McClusky Award for 1981 as the best Attack Squadron in the United States Navy.

In 1987 the Redcock's were awarded their third COMNAVAIRPAC Battle Efficiency "E" for the squadron's performance during the July 1986 to December 1987 competitive cycle. In 1986, the Fighting Redcocks were awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation for operations near Libya in 1986, and most recently, the Fighting Redcocks were awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for combat action on 18 April 1988 in the Persian Gulf.