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**STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22  
COMMAND COMPOSITION & ORGANIZATION**

Strike Fighter Squadron Mission: Carrier based FA-18 Strike Fighter Squadron. Primary mission is delivering ordnance "on target" in support of land and sea power projection. Secondary missions include Fleet Air Defense, Strike Fighter Cover, Strike Rescue, Mining, and Surface Search and Control.

**IMMEDIATE SENIOR IN COMMAND:**

Operational: Commander, Carrier Air Wing 11

Administrative: Commander, Carrier Air Wing 11

Commanding Officer: Commander James T. Knight, USN,

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Info*

Homeport: Naval Air Station Lemoore, California

Aircraft: 10 FA-18C Lot XII: Tailcode NH3XX

Callsign: Beefeater:

Nickname: Fighting Redcocks

STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22 CHRONOLOGY FOR 1992

JANUARY 1992

DATE	EVENT
1-6	NO FLIGHTS SCHEDULED, SAFETY STAND DOWN.
7	THREE WEEK LEAVE PERIOD.
9	FOG CANCELS ENTIRE SCHEDULE.
13-16	CLOSE AIR SUPPORT IN HUNTER LIGGETT MOA.
06-17	TOPGUN GROUND SCHOOL, LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], AND LT [REDACTED].
13-17	ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER SCHOOL, 1 PILOT, LT [REDACTED].
13-24	WEAPONS TRAINING OFFICER SCHOOL, LTJG [REDACTED] ATTENDED. LT [REDACTED] ATTENDS COMMUNICATIONS MATERIAL SECURITY (CMS) SCHOOL.
28-31	MINE WARFARE, 2 PILOTS, LT [REDACTED] AND LT [REDACTED].
26-29	CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS DETACHMENT TO CVN-72, 10 PILOTS

FEBRUARY 1992

DATE	EVENT
05	QUARTERS.
06	HAIL-FAREWELL; HAIL ENS [REDACTED]. FAREWELL LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], INTELLIGENCE OFFICER LT [REDACTED].
25	AIRWING PARTY O'CLUB.
26	AIRWING STRIKE INTO FALLON TARGETS.
27	QUARTERS. THREE NEW PILOTS LCDR [REDACTED], ENS [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], AND NEW INTELLIGENCE OFFICER LT [REDACTED] WELCOMED.

MARCH 1992

DATE	EVENT
08	LTJG [REDACTED] & MAINTENANCE DET LEAVES FOR FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL "TOP GUN" AT NAS MIRAMAR SAN DIEGO, CA.
16	DETACHMENT TO NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE IN SUPPORT OF THE AIR FORCE FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL.
19	QUARTERS.
21	NELLIS DETACHMENT RETURNS TO NAS LEMOORE.
26	QUARTERS.

APRIL 1992

DATE	EVENT
05	7 AIRCRAFT DEPART FOR NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, IN SUPPORT OF THE AIRFORCE FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL.
09	CDR KNIGHT AND LT [REDACTED] PARTICIPATE IN VA-95 LONG RANGE STRIKE INTO THE UTAH TEST RANGE.
10	NELLIS DET RETURNS TO LEMOORE.
15-16	BOMBING DERBY NAS FALLON, VFA-22 TAKES SECOND PLACE.
17	VFA-22 SELECTED AS THE BATTLE "E" RECIPIENT FOR 1991.
22-26	REDCOCKS PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION QUICK FORCE, FLYING 190 HR'S AND 57 SORTIES.
30	TWO AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATE IN NO NOTICE MISSILE SHOOT, FIRING AN AIM-7 SPARROW AND AN AIM-9 SIDEWINDER.
31	SQUADRON ANNUAL NATOPS EVALUATION CONDUCTED.

MAY 1992

DATE	EVENT
02	HORNET BALL IN VISALIA.
07	LCDR MCGUIRE AND AIRCRAFT 300 ARE LOST IN A SINGLE AIRCRAFT MISHAP IN THE VICINITY OF BISHOP, CALIFORNIA.
08	SQUADRON SAFETY STAND DOWN FOLLOWING 07 MAY MISHAP.

MAY 1992 (CONTINUED)

11 ALL HANDS TURN OUT FOR FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LCDR MCGUIRE AT THE BASE CHAPEL.

14 ADMIRAL SMITH AWARDS THE BATTLE "E" AT QUARTERS.

19 NAVY TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY INSPECTION SQUADRON SCORES FIFTH NO MAJOR NO MINOR EXAMINATION.

26 LCDR [REDACTED] LEAVES FOR SLATS SCHOOL AT NAS FALLON.

28 THE SQUADRON WELCOMES ITS TWO NEWEST MEMBERS LT [REDACTED] AND LTJG [REDACTED].

JUNE 1992

DATE	EVENT
01-04	ONE WEEK OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AT MARINE CORPS 29 PALM'S. ROCKEYE AND MK 82S DROPPED.
09	VS-29 MINEX COMMENCES WITH VFA-22 SUPPORT.
24	AIM-9 MISSILE EXERCISE, LT [REDACTED] AND ENS [REDACTED] PARTICIPATE.
25	TWO AIRCRAFT FLY TO COLD LAKE CANADA FOR FOUR DAYS OF PRE-DETACHMENT PLANNING.
30	FOUR SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF RIMPAC EXERCISE.

JULY 1992

DATE	EVENT
07-08	CDR KNIGHT FLIES TO NAS MIRAMAR FOR THE CVW-11 CO'S MEETING.
15	ADVANCE DETACHMENT LEAVES FOR COLD LAKE, CANADA.
15	LCDR [REDACTED] AND LT [REDACTED] FLY TO MCAS EL TORO TO ASSIST IN THE INTEGRATION OF VMFA 314 INTO CVW-11.
17	AIRLIFT AND SEVEN AIRCRAFT LEAVE FOR COLD LAKE.
20	FLYING BEGINS AT COLD LAKE IN SUPPORT OF THE 410 SQUADRONS'S CANADIAN FIGHTER WEAPONS INSTRUCTOR COURSE.
23	FIGHTER WEAPONS INSTRUCTOR COURSE GRADUATION PARTY.

JULY 1992 (CONTINUED)

24 SQUADRON RETURNS TO NAS LEMOORE.  
27 ADVANCED AIR TO GROUND READINESS AND PREPAREDNESS  
GROUND SCHOOL AT STRIKE FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL  
PACIFIC.

AUGUST 1992

DATE	EVENT
03-04	WALLEYE DROP UTAH TEST RANGE, WALLEYE I & WALLEYE II DROPPED. CDR KNIGHT, LCDR [REDACTED] AND LT [REDACTED].
07	NINE AIRCRAFT LEAVE NAS LEMOORE FOR THE ADVANCED ATTACK READINESS PROGRAM (AARP) DETACHMENT INDIAN SPRINGS NEVADA.
08-16	AARP INDIAN SPRINGS NEVADA.
16	SQUADRON RETURNS TO NAS LEMOORE.
19	CLOSE AIR SUPPORT 29 PALMS (KC-130 TANKING). REDCOCK AIRCRAFT DROP LIVE MK 82 BOMBS DURING HIGH ALTITUDE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT.
24	LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED] AND LT [REDACTED] ATTEND ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER SCHOOL.
27	ALL HANDS ATTEND CVN-72 DAMAGE CONTROL TRAINING.

SEPTEMBER 1992

DATE	EVENT
01	NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROFICIENCY LOADING AT STRIKE FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL PACIFIC.
02	LIVE 16MK 82 BOMBS ARE DROPPED DURING MINI STRIKE TO THE TARGETS OF NAS FALLON, NV.
03	FIELD CARRIER LANDING PRACTICE COMMENCES FOR UPCOMING SEA TRIALS.
08	2 A/C PARTICIPATE IN HARM WEAPONS SHOOT AT TEST RANGES OF CHINA LAKE.
09	TWO AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATE IN CVN-72 SEA TRIALS OFF THE COAST OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

SEPTEMBER 1992 (CONTINUED)

13 FLY OFF TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA FOR STRIKE FIGHTER  
ADVANCED READINESS AND PREPAREDNESS TRAINING (SFARP).  
13-26 SFARP KEY WEST, FL.  
26 COMPLETION OF SFARP AND GRADUATION PARTY.  
27 RETURN FROM KEY WEST.

OCTOBER 1992

DATE	EVENT
02	DEPENDENTS DAY CRUISE ON BOARD CVN-72.
05	LT [REDACTED] LT [REDACTED] AND ATCS [REDACTED] ATTEND "CMS" SCHOOL.
05	AME ASSIST.
13	FIELD CARRIER LANDING PRACTICE COMMENCES.
14	KC-135 TANKER QUALIFICATIONS DAY AND NIGHT.
20	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY INSPECTION ASSIST.
22	SQUADRON DEPARTS FOR NAS NORTH ISLAND TO WALK ON BOARD CVN-72 FOR UPCOMING AT SEA PERIOD.
23	NO FLY DAY.
26	FLY ABOARD CVN-72 WITH 9 JETS.
27	CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS DAY AND NIGHT.
30	CYCLIC OPERATIONS COMMENCE.

NOVEMBER 1992

DATE	EVENT
03	AIM-7 MISSILE SHOOT W-291.
09	NINE AIRCRAFT FLY OFF THE SHIP FOR NAS LEMOORE.
13	CVN-72 PULLS INTO NAS ALAMEDA.
16	LT [REDACTED] AND LTJG [REDACTED] ATTEND NUCLEAR SAFETY OFFICER SCHOOL AT NAS NORTH ISLAND.

NOVEMBER 1992 (CONTINUED)

17 CDR [REDACTED], CDR KNIGHT, LCDRS [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED] ATTEND EXECUTIVE SLATS SCHOOL, NAS FALLON.  
LT [REDACTED] AND LTJG [REDACTED] ATTEND JMEMS SCHOOL.

18 SQUADRON FAILS THE CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNICAL  
PROFICIENCY INSPECTION. A PASSING SCORE WAS ACHIEVED  
UPON REEXAMINATION.

20 NO FLY DAY.

23 ADVANCE DET TO FALLON FOR AIRWING DET PLANNING.

25 CONVENTIONAL WEAPON TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY INSPECTION  
(CWTP) TEST FOR SQUADRON PILOTS

29 SQUADRON DEPARTS FOR NAS FALLON AIRWING DET WITH NINE  
AIRCRAFT.

30 START OF CVW-11 AIRWING DET.

DECEMBER 1992

DATE	EVENT
01	FIRST COMBINED AIRWING FLY DAY OF THE AIR WING DETACHMENT.
09	LT [REDACTED] FIRES A MAVERICK AIR TO GROUND MISSILE IN THE NAS FALLON TARGET AREAS.
12	CLOSE AIR SUPPORT IN THE BRAVO 17 TARGET AREA.
14	BEGINNING OF THE FINAL EVALUATION PHASE OF THE AIRWING DETACHMENT.
17	FINAL DEBRIEF AND AIRWING PARTY.
18	NINE AIRCRAFT RETURN TO NAS LEMOORE.



## STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22 NARRATIVE FOR 1992

THE YEAR OF 1992 BEGAN WITH STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 22 GOING BACK TO SEA ABOARD USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY NUMEROUS DETACHMENTS BEGINNING WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE AIR FORCE FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL AT NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE. FOLLOWING THIS WAS A DETACHMENT TO CANADA, THE AARP DET AND SFARP. CLOSING UP THE YEAR WERE REFRESHER TRAINING ON THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE AIR WING DETACHMENT TO NAS FALLON NEVADA.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR INCLUDE:

### JANUARY

FOLLOWING THE HOLIDAY SEASON THE REDCOCKS JUMPED RIGHT INTO THE TURN AROUND TRAINING CYCLE WITH A TRIP BACK TO CVN-72 FOR A SHORT AT SEA PERIOD WORKING WITH CVW-11 ONCE AGAIN.

### FEBRUARY

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY SAW THE FIRST TWO NEW PILOTS IN THE SQUADRON SINCE PRIOR TO THE LAST CRUISE. THE SQUADRON LOST THREE OF ITS MOST EXPERIENCED JUNIOR OFFICERS. THIS TREND WAS TO CONTINUE IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS AS THE SQUADRON WOULD EXPERIENCE AN ALMOST COMPLETE TURNOVER OF JUNIOR OFFICERS.

### MARCH

THE MONTH OF MARCH PROVED TO BE A SLOW MONTH FOR THE REDCOCKS. THE FIRST DETACHMENTS OF THE TURNAROUND CYCLE OCCURRED DURING MARCH AS DID THE TRAINING OF THE NEW SQUADRON LEGAL OFFICER AND THE NEW AIR TO AIR WEAPONS TRAINING OFFICER.

### APRIL

DURING APRIL, IN ADDITION TO THE ASSORTED DET'S AND STRIKES, THE SQUADRON ALSO HAD THE TASK OF INDOCTRINATING AND BRINGING UP-TO-SPEED TWO NEW PILOTS. AS OLD SQUADRON MEMBERS LEAVE AND NEW ONES ARRIVE THE REDCOCKS PREPARE FOR WHAT LOOKS TO BE A BUSY SUMMER.

### MAY

THE MONTH OF MAY WAS A TRAGIC TIME FOR THE REDCOCKS AS THE SQUADRON MOURNED THE LOSS OF LCDR MCGUIRE. LCDR MCGUIRE'S PRESENCE IN THE SQUADRON WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, HE WAS ONE OF THE FA-18 COMMUNITIES AND NAVAL AVIATION'S FINEST. THE MONTH CAME TO A CLOSE ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE WITH THE AWARDING OF THE BATTLE "E" AND A ZERO, ZERO NTPI.

## JUNE

AS OPTAR IS STILL AVAILABLE THE REDCOCKS FOUND THEMSELVES TRAINING HARD WITH THE ADDITIONAL FLIGHT TIME. THIS MADE FOR A BUSY MONTH FOR ALL HANDS. AS JULY APPROACHES THE SQUADRON PREPARES FOR UPCOMING DETS AND THE BEGINNING OF WORK-UPS IN THE FALL.

## JULY

JULY MARKED THE FIRST OF THE SUMMER'S NUMEROUS DETACHMENTS WITH A TRIP TO COLD LAKE CANADA IN SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL. UPON RETURN TO LEMOORE THE SQUADRON BEGAN AARP GROUND SCHOOL FOR THE UPCOMING AARP DETACHMENT TO INDIAN SPRINGS NV.

## AUGUST

THE MONTH OF AUGUST OFFICIALLY SIGNALLED THE START OF WORKUPS. THE FIRST DETACHMENT IN THE WORKUP CYCLE CONSISTED OF NINE DAYS IN INDIAN SPRINGS EMPLOYING AIR TO GROUND TACTICS WHILE BEING OBSERVED BY STRIKE FIGHTER WING PACIFIC. THE DETACHMENT WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

## SEPTEMBER

WITH THE COMPLETION OF SFARP THE SQUADRON HAS COMPLETED ANOTHER PHASE OF THE WORKUP CURRICULUM AND IS NOW FULLY PREPARED TO INTEGRATE WITH THE AIRWING. AS THE SQUADRON HAS BEEN SHORT HANDED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER THE PROMISE OF TWO NEW PILOTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS MUCH ANTICIPATED AS THE REDCOCKS PREPARE FOR THEIR FIRST AT-SEA PERIOD IN OVER NINE MONTHS.

## OCTOBER

THE SQUADRON'S FIRST AT-SEA PERIOD OF THE WORKUP SCHEDULE GAVE THE REDCOCKS THEIR FIRST TASTE OF THE CARRIER OPERATING ENVIRONMENT SINCE LAST JANUARY. UPON COMPLETING CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS THE SQUADRON PARTICIPATED IN CYCLIC OPERATIONS GIVING THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SQUADRON THEIR FIRST TASTE OF AIR WING OPERATIONS.

## NOVEMBER

DURING NOVEMBER THE SQUADRON STUMBLED SLIGHTLY BY FAILING THE CWTPI. THE PROBLEM WAS QUICKLY RECTIFIED AND THE INSPECTION PASSED. BECAUSE OF THE FAST PACED SCHEDULE THE REDCOCKS HAD LITTLE TIME TO DWELL ON THEIR MISFORTUNE. THE FALLON AIRWING DET WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER FOLLOWED BY THE HOLIDAYS.

DECEMBER

NARRATIVE: DECEMBER COMMENCED WITH THE AIR WING DETACHMENT TO NAS FALLON. DURING THE DETACHMENT THE SQUADRON FLEW DAY AND NIGHT AIR WING STRIKES AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AS PART OF AN INTEGRATED AIRWING. DESPITE THE WEATHER WHICH CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF NUMEROUS EVENTS THE DETACHMENT WAS A VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.