Classification (when filled in): unclassified

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. Instructions on submitting this form and the required attachments are at the end.

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: Strike Fighter Squadron TWO TWO

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 09561

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

Last: Tashjian First: Randall M.I.: D. Rank: CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2006-12-07

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Conduct combat air-to-air and air-to-ground flight operations in support of Carrier Air Wing Fourteen and RONALD REAGAN Carrier Strike Group

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: CAPT Craig B. Williams, Commander, Carrier Air Wing Fourteen

Administrative: CAPT Gary Shoman, Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

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): Carrier Strike Group SEVEN

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: Ten FA-18E Super Hornets: Tail codes NK100, NK101, N102, NK103, NK104, NK107, NK110, NK111, NK112, NK114; Two FA-18F Super Hornets: Tail codes NK105, NK106.

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

    Officers: 25 Enlisted: 207 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

        Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LCDR ███████████
        Job Title/Office Code: VFA-22 Operations Officer
        E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): ████████████████
(deployed) ████████████████████ (ashore)
        Phone number(s): ████████████
        Command Mailing Address: VFA-22, Unit 25436, FPO AP 96601-6202

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2. Commander's Assessment

The Commander's Assessment briefly tells the story of the command's role in national defense and should highlight any general and specific lessons-learned. It should contain the commander's commentary, insights and reflections on the unit's activities. Attention should be directed to significant issues impacting training, operations and mission accomplishment during the reporting period. Descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to major command decisions and results of those decisions are particularly desired. Also desired are accounts of specific contributions of individuals in the command to mission accomplishment. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, particular attention should be given to the commander's estimate of the situation, records of discussions and decisions, descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to operational decisions and results of those decisions. For a unit returning from deployment or participating in a single operation this can normally be a single assessment. For higher-echelon commands or units engaging in multiple operations, a separate assessment for each operation in addition to an overall assessment may be appropriate.

    In the reporting period of 1 March 2006 - 28 February 2007, the Fighting Redcocks of Strike Fighter Squadron TWO TWO (VFA-22) participated in one scheduled deployment

to the Fifth and Seventh Fleet AORs, two major training/sustainment exercises in support of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP) and an unscheduled Surge deployment to the Seventh Fleet AOR.

In early March 2006, VFA-22 was operating in the Northern Arabian Gulf flying combat missions in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Redcock aircrews routinely flew six to seven hour missions over Iraq amassing over 2,000 flight hours a month. The Redcock maintenance department produced a 95 percent sortie completion rate with twelve FA-18E Super Hornets.

In late May, USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) outchopped from the Fifth Fleet AOR and started the transit home with port calls in Kuala Lumpar, Hong Kong and Hawaii. Prior to returning to homeport, the squadron participated in Operation VALIANT SHIELD off the coast of Guam. Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN conducted coordinated operations with the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) and USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) Strike Groups, as well as numerous U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps units. Commander, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN awarded VFA-22 the CVW-14 Strike Fighter Excellence Award, an award given to the air wing squadron that demonstrates the highest sortie completion rate and consistently provides the most mission capable aircraft.

On 5 July, the USS RONALD REAGAN returned to San Diego and VFA-22 flew home to NAS Lemoore, CA. In mid August the Redcocks sent aircraft and support personnel to support a flight deck certification onboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68). At the end of September and into October, VFA-22 sent eight aircraft and most of its personnel to NAS Key West for a two week fighter detachment. While in Key West the Redcocks conducted numerous training flights devoted to developing and implementing tactics to increase proficiency and lethality.

The squadron was back aboard REAGAN in November for a two week sustainment exercise to maintain the RONALD REAGAN Carrier Strike Group's ability to surge if called upon. After returning home, the squadron made preparations for its Change of Command. On 7 December, Commander Nicholas Mongillo was relieved by Commander Randall Tashjian. Commander Christopher Chope was welcomed as the Redcock's Executive Officer.

The holiday season brought many changes to VFA-22 as the squadron began the acceptance phase for two FA-18F aircraft as part of its transition to a two seat Strike Fighter Squadron. The Lot 29 Super Hornets are equipped with the new APG-79 AESA radar, greatly increasing the Redcock's combat lethality.

In early January, VFA-22 received orders to deploy aboard REAGAN as a surge to the Fleet Response Plan. Preparations were made on short notice to ready the squadron for deployment. REAGAN's maintenance capability did not support the new aircraft and the squadron was forced to exchange their new jets with two lower lot F models from VFA-122.

In the days immdiately preceding deployment, Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific, awarded VFA-22 the AOC Scott F. Kirby Ordnance Proficiency Award for demonstrating the best ordnance practices in the Pacific Fleet.

On 27 January 2007, VFA-22 embarked aboard REAGAN for the short-notice deployment to the western Pacific. As of 28 February, the Fighting Redcocks were still deployed in the Seventh Fleet Area of Operations conducting regular flight operations.

3. Chronology and Narrative

Chronology should include dates of movements; local operations and training; exercises and operations (define acronyms and purpose of exercise or operation); installation of new weapons systems or changes; major physical changes to facilities, ship or aircraft; Class A or B mishaps; port visits; unit awards received; reserve augmentation; and other significant operational or administrative events.

2006

4 Jan - 5 Jul	Deployed Fifth/Seventh Fleet, USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76)
22 Feb - 25 May	Operation IRAQI FREEDOM
19 Jun - 22 Jun	Exercise VALIANT SHIELD
27 Aug - 1 Sep	Deck Certification, USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
29 Sep - 13 Oct	Fighter Tactics Detatchment, NAS Key West, FL
8 Nov - 21 Nov	Sustainment, USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76)
7 Dec	Change of Command
Dec	Acceptance of first two FA-18F aircraft

2007

27 Jan - 28 Feb	Deployed Seventh Fleet, USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76)

The short narrative should amplify chronology entries (such as objectives and results of exercises/operations; commander's evaluation of exercises/operations, etc). Entries may refer to an enclosure of this report without additional description if the enclosure sufficiently reports the incident/event. For all other entries, give the date or period in YYYY-MM-DD format and provide a brief narrative. All significant events during the reporting period are to be included.

See Commander's Assessment

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4. Supporting Reports

Supporting Reports are those reports required by other instructions that provide significant data about the command during the calendar year. These reports may be submitted "as is," eliminating the need to duplicate information for this report that is already contained in reports prepared in response to other instructions and requirements. Examples include battle efficiency, safety and other award submissions, major staff or command studies, and end of cruise reports or briefs. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, enclosures may include, but are not limited to:

a. Situation Reports
b. Intentions Messages
c. Operational Reports
d. Operations Orders/Deployment Orders
e. Operational Plans
f. Personal For Messages
g. After Action Reports
h. Significant Electronic Message Traffic (outgoing/e-mail/chat)
i. Battle Damage Assessments
j. Casualty Reports

k. End-of-Cruse/Deployment Reports
l. Intelligence Summaries
m. Major Exercise Reports

List below the items submitted, indicating the classification of each. Electronic reports should be in a Microsoft Office format (Word, Excel, Power Point, or Access), HTML, PDF, JPG, GIF, or plain text. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Submit electronic reports via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained at the end of this form. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in hardcopy in the same manner as a CD-ROM.

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List below the published documents being submitted in either electronic or paper format, indicating the classification of each item. Documents to be submitted include cruise books, change of command programs, commissioning/decommissioning brochures, establishment/disestablishment/deactivation brochures, copy of command's web site, news releases, biography of commander, welcome aboard brochures, newspaper articles, command studies, statistical data, etc.

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Commanding Officer's Biography (Unclassified)

6. Photographs

List below official photographs and any other command-generated media being submitted in either electronic or paper format. Photographs to be submitted include: official photo of commanding officer; recent photo of ship, aircraft, or facility; and photos of historic events associated with the command. Photographs submitted electronically should be in JPG, TIFF or GIF format. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Photographs in electronic format are to be submitted via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained below. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in the same manner as the CD-ROM. Also include any photographs covering operational strikes, battle damage (especially that sustained by own ship, aircraft, facilities or equipment), or other relevant photos relating to combat or deployment operations.

Commanding Officer's Photo (Unclassified)

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