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1. The VC-12 1982 Command History is hereby submitted.


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1982 Command History for VC-12

VC-12 is assigned to the Commander, Reserve Tactical Support Wing (COMRES-TACSUPPWING) with the mission to train Naval Reservists for possible mobilization while simultaneously providing aircraft services in support of operational training of Regular and Reserve units of the Navy and other armed services. These aircraft services include: Adversary, Air Combat Maneuvering training, Defensive Combat Maneuvering training, Air Intercept training, Air Search and Fire Control Radar Tracking, various types of aerial target towing and inflight refueling.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, 1 JANUARY 1982 - 31 DECEMBER 1982

1982

JANUARY

- 9 - Commander K. L. BLOOD relieved Commander R. C. JOHNSON as Commanding Officer of VC-12. A gala celebration followed the ceremony at which Rear Admiral J. F. Fetterman was the honored speaker.
- 17 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida for six days to provide air combat maneuvering services to VF-201, 63.0 hours were utilized to complete 48 sorties.
- 24 - Five TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Beaufort, South Carolina for six days to provide air combat maneuvering support to VMFA-312, 50.6 hours were expended providing 36 sorties. 263 hours were flown in January.

FEBRUARY

- 7 - Four TA-4J Aircraft were deployed to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida for eight days to provide air combat maneuvering training for VF-101, 48.7 hours were required to provide 31 sorties.
- 22 - Two TA-4J Aircraft and three pilots deployed to Naval Air Station, Miramar, California to participate in adversary training at the Navy Fighter Weapons School, 21.2 hours were flown to complete 16 sorties.
- 25 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida for ten days to support VF-101 with air combat maneuvering training, 24.6 hours were utilized for 16 sorties. TA-4J BUNO. 158112 was damaged slightly when it was struck by a target dummy unit (TDU) during reel-in; a change to squadron standard operating procedures resulted. 294 flight hours were completed in February.

MARCH

- 29 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida to provide adversary support to CVWR-20, 13.1 hours were expended for seven sorties. 294 flight hours were flown in March.

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APRIL

- 12 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida in support of VF-101 air combat maneuvering training, 24.6 hours were required for 16 sorties. 390 flight hours were completed for April.

MAY

- 23 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to the Air National Guard Base at Gulfport, Mississippi to provide banner towing service to the 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron. 30.7 flight hours were utilized to fly 16 sorties.
- 24 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida to provide adversary services for CVWR-20. 19.5 flight hours were expended to complete 10 sorties.
- 29 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida to provide air combat maneuvering for VF-202; 25 hours were required for 24 sorties. VC-12 marked the highest monthly flight hours of Fiscal Year 1982 when it flew 465 flight hours in May.

JUNE

- 2 - RADM F. F. PALMER presented the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award to VC-12 for the second consecutive year as VC-12 marked over 21,000 accident-free flight hours since its reactivation in 1973.
- 13 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Canadian Forces Base, Bagotville, Canada for seven days to provide air combat maneuvering support; 42.9 hours were flown for 39 sorties.
- 20 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida to provide air combat maneuvering for VF-101, 74.3 flight hours were required for 55 sorties.
- 26 - Three TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada to provide umpires for the Naval Reserve Annual Photo Derby; 60.1 hours were required for 19 sorties. 218 flight hours were completed in June.

JULY

- 12 - USS Eisenhower conducted a live missile firing exercise in which VC-12 provided tow services. A Seasparrow missile was accidentally fired at the VC-12 tow aircraft; it narrowly missed. There were lessons learned as a result of this human failure.
- 25 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Phelps-Collins Air Force Base, Alpena, Michigan for six days in support of the Indiana Air National Guard; 43.2 hours were flown for 42 sorties. 297 flight hours were flown in July.

AUGUST

- 3 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina for five days to provide dissimilar air combat maneuvering training for VMFA-451; 27.1 hours were flown to complete 23 sorties.

AUGUST (Cont'd)

- 20 - Two TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland for three days to provide adversary services to VFP-206; 15.6 flight hours were expended to complete 16 sorties. 347 flight hours were completed in August.

SEPTEMBER

- 12 - Two TA-4J Aircraft and three VC-12 pilots were deployed to the Navy Fighter Weapons School, Naval Air Station, Miramar, California for five weeks.
- 17 - One TA-4J Aircraft visited Terra Haute, Indiana for a weekend air show and open house at the invitation of the Indiana Air National Guard.
- 19 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Arizona for six days to provide air combat maneuvering services to the 426 TFTS; 80 hours were utilized to complete 49 sorties. 346 flight hours were completed in September.

OCTOBER

- 2 - VC-12 hosted VMFA-451 from the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina for two days of dissimilar air combat maneuvering.
- 10 - Four TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida to provide adversary services for VF-101 for ten days; 118.3 hours were flown to complete 89 sorties.
- 25 - VC-12 provided one week of dissimilar air combat maneuvering training at Naval Air Station Oceana for VMFP-3, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California prior to their deployment. 410 flight hours were completed in October.

NOVEMBER

- 3 - A Safety Survey of VC-12 was conducted by the Naval Safety Center.
- 5 - Aircraft 11, BUNO 158098 was transferred to VT-7, Naval Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi.
- 7 - Five TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida for six days to provide adversary services for VMFA-321 and the Canadian Air Force (433 ETAC); 62.6 hours were flown to provide 48 sorties.
- 22 - The Felix Invitational Fighter Derby commenced for five days with VC-12 providing support for Commander Fighter Wing ONE.
- 28 - Five TA-4J Aircraft deployed to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida to provide adversary services for VF-101. 279 flight hours were flown in November.

DECEMBER

- 9 - Detachment to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida returned after completing 97 sorties and 116 flight hours. 166 flight hours were flown in December.

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DECEMBER (Cont'd)

25 - A Merry Christmas was enjoyed by all hands.

31 - All hands of VC-12 reflected on the best year in VC-12's illustrious history.