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FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE TWELVE
-FIGHTING OMARS-
COMMAND HISTORY AND MISSION

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09 JAN 93 - 09 MAY 94

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History

~~Fighter Squadron Composite TWELVE was originally commissioned VC-12 on 06 October 1943, at NAS Sand Point, Seattle, Washington. The squadron operated F-4E "WILDCAT" fighters and TBM-1 "AVENGERS" off the west coast aboard the USS CARD (CVE-11) until February 1944. VC-12 saw action against German U-Boats in 1944 and after relocating to NAS Norfolk was decommissioned 7 June 1945.~~

~~On 6 July 1948, Carrier Air Early Warning Squadron TWO was commissioned at NAS Norfolk, Virginia. The squadron was redesignated Fleet Composite Squadron TWELVE on 1 September 1948. VC-12 operated TBM-3 "AVENGERS" from most of the Atlantic Fleet carriers active at that time and saw action in Korea aboard the USS BON HOMME RICHARD. Following the Korean Conflict, VC-12 was again decommissioned on 29 September 1953.~~

On 1 September 1973, at NAF Detroit, Michigan, VC-12 was ~~re~~commissioned as the first Reserve Fleet Composite Squadron in Naval history. VC-12 moved to its current location at NAS Oceana in 1975. In June 1988, VC-12 was redesignated VFC-12 to better reflect its adversary role.

From Jan 1991 to Apr 1991 VFC-12 was instrumental in training the East Coast Fleet/Fighter Squadrons for the Desert Shield/Desert Storm War with Iraq.

On 30 September 1991, VC-0686 (VFC-12's Augment Unit) was decommissioned.

On 1 October 1992, administrative and operational control changed from Commander, Fleet Logistics Support Wing at NAS Dallas to Commander, Carrier Air Wing Reserve Two Zero at NAS Cecil Field.

Chain of Command

The fighting OMARS are under the administrative and operational control of Commander, Carrier Air Wing Reserve Two Zero at NAS Cecil Field, who reports to the Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force, New Orleans, LA. Commander, Tactical Wings Atlantic through Commander, Fighter Wing One at NAS Oceana, VA. provides logistics support and scheduling authority.

Mission

The mission of the Fighting OMAR's is to provide Fleet services and training to Regular and Reserve Aviation and Service units in order to maintain combat readiness. Specific services include:

Air Combat Maneuvering	Air Intercept and Radar Tracking
Air to Air Tactics	CNO Special Projects
Air to Air Gunnery Exercises	Surface to Air Gunnery Exercises
Air to Air Missile Exercises	Surface to Air Missile Exercises

Flight Hour Program

The following is an outline of the last four (4) Years.

FLIGHT HOUR BREAKDOWN SUPPORT / IN-HOUSE

	HOURS PROGRAMED	HOURS FLOWN	PERCENT FLOWN	SUPPORT	%	INHOUSE HOURS	%
FY 92	4700.0	4700.0	100%	3692.9	78.57%	1007.1	21.43%
FY 91	5000.0	5000.0	100%	4016.4	80.33%	983.6	19.67%
FY 90	5316.0	5316.0	100%	4357.5	81.97%	958.5	18.03%
FY 89	5500.0	5500.0	100%	4538.8	82.52%	961.2	17.48%

Unit Manning Levels:

TAR+USN OFF	SELRES OFF	TAR+USN ENL	SELRES ENL					
9	31	119	87					
				SELRES FLIGHT CREW:	TAR/USN FLIGHT CREW:	PILOT	NFO	ENL
PILOT	NFO	ENL		7	1	0		
28	0	0						

COMMANDERS: 4

Aircraft

VFC-12 maintains and flies a total of 13 McDonnell-Douglas A-4 series aircraft including seven A-4F "Superfox's", one A4F and 5 TA-4J's with the P-8 engine for better thrust to weight. FA-18's are tentatively slated to replace the Skyhawk by 1994.

Detachment Schedule

The "Fighting OMARS" spend a considerable amount of time at other sites in support of fleet training. Detachments included over 221 days at the following locations:

NAS Cecil Field, FL	NAS Pax River, MD
NAS Key West, FL	Roosevelt Roads, PR
NAS Brunswick, ME	Cold Lake, Canada
NAS Miramar, CA	Eglin AFB, FL
NAS New Orleans, LA	

chievements and Awards

VFC-12 has logged more than 83050 hours in the A-4. These hours have been flown in the most hazardous and demanding of all peacetime aviation environments: Air Combat/Tactics Maneuvering and live fire exercises for aviation and surface units.

VFC-12 has been awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award in 1978, 1980, 1981. In 1980, 1984, 1985, and 1988, VFC-12 was awarded the Noel Davis Trophy for outstanding squadron readiness. The OMARS received the Meritorious Unit Commendation in January 1989 for sustained superior performance.

The fighting OMARS are testimony to the "One Navy" concept and stand ready to train and support Naval Aviation and Surface Combat Units throughout the Continental United States.