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(4) A-4 specifications
(5) F/A-18 Hornet description
(6) F/A-18 specifications

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

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Fighter Squadron Composite Twelve was originally commissioned VC-12 on 6 October 1943, at NAS Sand Point, Settle, Washington. The squadron operated the F-4F "Wildcat" and TBM-1 "Avenger" aboard USS CARD (CVE-11) in WESTPAC until 1944 when the ship was reassigned to Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. VC-12 saw action against German U-Boats in 24 engagements in 1944, and 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's "Avengers" from most of the Atlantic Fleet carriers active at the time. The squadron saw action in Korea aboard the USS BON HOMME RICHARD. VC-12 was again decommissioned on 29 September 1953.

On 1 September 1973, at NAF Detroit, Michigan, VC-12 was recommissioned as the first reserve Fleet Composite Squadron in Naval history. In 1975, VC-12 moved to its current location at NAS Oceana, Virginia. In June 1988, VC-12 was redesignated Fighter Squadron Composite Twelve to more accurately describe the squadron's mission of Dissimilar Air Combat Training.

The Mission of VFC-12, as prescribed by the Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force (COMNAVAIRESFOR), is to provide air services for fleet training. These services include, radar tracking, air intercept control, target towing, air combat maneuvering and dissimilar air combat training for both Naval Reserve and Atlantic Fleet units. The squadron was assigned 8 A-4F and 5 TA-4J aircraft, 33 officers and 180 enlisted members. VFC-12 averaged 26 detachments and more than 200 days away from home base, earning the name "The Road Gang." The command is recognized as a highly professional unit and has earned the respect of Reserve and Fleet units alike throughout the Navy. VFC-12 is an outstanding example of the integration of Reserve Forces to develop and maintain the combat capabilities of regular Navy units.

VFC-12 was awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award in 1978, 1980 1981 and 1992. VFC-12 was awarded the Noel Davis Trophy for squadron readiness for 1980, 1984, 1985 and 1988. In

January 1989, the OMARS received a Meritorious Unit Commendation for sustained superior performance from 1 April 1987 to 31 March 1988. VFC-12 has maintained unprecedented operational readiness and set COMNAVAIRESFOR records for flight hours by a tactical squadron by flying 875 hours during March 1988 and 6,150 for Fiscal Year 1988.

In August 1993 VFC-12's A-4 aircraft were retired with 20 years of service and over 87,000 flight hours of fleet support. On October 1993 VFC-12 transitioned to the F/A-18 "Hornet" to provide fourth generation threat simulation to fleet air units. On completion of it's transition VFC-12 will have a complement of 12 F/A-18 aircraft and will add the Fighter Air Combat Readiness Program (FFARP) to its mission.

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

Air Combat Maneuvering
Air to Air Tactics

Air Intercept and Radar Tracking
CNO Special Projects

Flight Hour Program

The following is an outline of the last five (5) years.

**FLIGHT HOUR BREAKDOWN
SUPPORT/IN-HOUSE**

	HOURS PROGRAMED	HOURS FLOWN	PERCENT FLOWN	SUPPORT	PERCENT	INHOUSE HOURS	PERCENT
FY-93	3578.0	3578.0	100%	2862.4	80.00%	715.61	20.00%
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
8	18	189	80

SELRES FLIGHT CREW:			TAR/USN FLIGHT CREW:		
PILOT	NFO	ENL	PILOT	NFO	ENL
24	2	0	6	0	0

Aircraft

VFC-12 maintained and flew 13 McDonnell Douglas A-4 series aircraft including eight A-4F "Superfox's" and 5 TA-4J's with P-8 engines, improving thrust to weight. The squadron began it's transitioned to the F/A-18 during October 1993.

Detachment Schedule

The "Fighting OMARS" spend a considerable amount of time at other sites in support of fleet training. Detachments included over 170 days per year at the following locations:

NAS CECIL FIELD, FL	NAS KEY WEST, FL
EGLIN AFB, FL	NAS BRUNSWICK, ME
NAS BRUNSWICK, ME	NAS MIRIMAR, CA
NAS NEW ORLEANS, LA	