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COMMAND HISTORY REPORT

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1. Enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted as directed by
reference (a).


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**FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE TWELVE
COMMAND DATA**

Commanding Officer

Jon G. Matheson, Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve

Executive Officer

Kevin G. Knight, Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve

Senior Administrative Command

Commander, Carrier Air Wing Reserve 20

Squadron Title/UIC

VFC-12/52994

Squadron Mission

Provide Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT) for Navy, Marine Corps and other aviation units. In addition, provide fleet service missions for air and surface units as tasked.

Aircraft

F/A-18A

Duty Station

When Ashore: Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia

When deployed: Naval Air Station Key West, Key West, Florida

**FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE TWELVE
2001 CHRONOLOGY**

January	MCAS Beaufort, NC Detachment - VFA-82/86 support Local Fleet/FRS support
February	Local Fleet/FRS support
March	Local Fleet/FRS support
April	VF-11/143 SFARP Oceana Local Fleet/FRS support
May	VF-211 SFARP Oceana VFA-131/136 SFARP Oceana Local Fleet/FRS support
June	NAF Fallon Detachment - Adversary Course support Local Fleet/FRS support
July	Nellis AFB Detachment - 422 Test Squadron support Local Fleet/FRS support
August	NAS Key West Detachment - VFA-106 support Local Fleet/FRS support
September	Local Fleet/FRS support
October	Local Fleet/FRS support
November	VF-31 SFARP Oceana Local Fleet/FRS support
December	NAS Key West Detachment - VFA-106/125 support Local Fleet/FRS support

**FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE TWELVE
2001 NARRATIVE**

The "OMARS" of Fighter Squadron Composite Twelve spent the first month of the new millennium participating in a detachment to MCAS Beaufort North Carolina in support of both VFA-82 and VFA-86's Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP). By providing adversary support through a variety of threat presentations, the "OMARS" persistently challenged the pilots of VFA-82 and VFA-86 to fine-tune their piloting skills and to improve the way they employ their aircraft flying 187 sorties and amassing 274.9 flight hours. Meanwhile, the men and women of VFC-12 were back home at NAS Oceana during the months of February and March providing the same, skillful adversarial support to the local fleet squadrons that they were providing on the road for the F/A-18s. The time on "home turf" allowed the OMARS to provide the same, skillful adversarial support to all the local fleet squadrons. The month also allowed the squadron to complete much needed internal training of squadron personnel, including some of the newer pilots with a very structured Instructor Under Training (IUT) syllabus.

In April, the OMARS again participated in yet another SFARP training exercise with the two F-14 squadrons, VF-11 and VF-143. The "OMARS" flew over 110 sorties for a total of 153.4 hours of support. Toward the end of April, the "OMARS" began VF-211's SFARP accumulating 121 sorties and 161.5 flight hours. The SFARP training program is particularly vital to fleet squadron readiness as it arms the squadron with the tools necessary to integrate into the air wing, as well as the battle group, preparing them for worldwide deployment. Upon completion of two SFARPs in a sort time, the men and women of VFC-12 dived right in to the Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP) for VF-131 and VFA-136 in May. Using the squadron's F/A-18 Hornets painted in the Kola Peninsula MIG color scheme, the "OMARS" provided the two fleet squadrons with expected adversary tactical presentations. This exercise allowed VFC-12 to instruct the fleet pilots on how to better utilize their planes and weapons systems to eliminate the potential threat from foreign aircraft.

Following on the heels of the training for VFA-131 and VFA-136, the "OMARS" charged ahead providing support in another arena, to train our own pilots at the Navy Fighter Weapons School during the month of June. The "OMARS" sent two pilots, one F/A-18, and a small maintenance contingent to the "Top Gun" Adversary Training Course, continuing the squadron's goal of excellence. As is often the case, the "OMARS" spent another holiday away from family and friends as the training spanned the Memorial Day weekend, and carried the squadron into the month of June.

With the "Top Gun" training complete, VFC-12 packed their bags and headed west to the desert climate of Nellis Air Force Base in the month of June. The "OMARS" were asked to do some evaluation for the United States Air Force. While the temperatures were hot while flying 162.9 hours over 113 sorties, the men and women kept a cool head at the gaming tables of Las Vegas.

VFA-106 again required the services of the Fighting "OMARS" to train the future of Naval Aviation with a standardized Fleet Replacement Squadron basic tactics regimen in the month of August. VFC-12 had a knock down good time with VFA-106 amassing 357 hours in 247 sorties.

Completing the Fleet Replacement Squadron Detachment for VFA-106 closed out the very busy month of August, leading into a much slower paced schedule. September was spent entirely at NAS Oceana, serving the fleet with a variety of threat presentations in order to fine-tune their piloting skills and to improve the way they employ their aircraft. Toward the end of the month of October the "OMARS" ramped up to provide yet another SFARP portion of their turnaround-training plan for the "Tophatters" of VF-31, doing an abbreviated syllabus consisting of 38 sorties and 48.4 flight hours.

On the heels of the "Tophatters" SFARP, VFC-12 undertook one of the oldest administrative evolutions in the month of November. Keeping with the Navy and Marine Corps tradition of holding a formal Change of Command Ceremony, Commander Jon G. Matheson relieved Commander Carl J. Murray at 1100 in Hangar 23 at Naval Air Station Oceana as Fighter Squadron Composite Twelve's Commanding Officer. Commander Kevin G. Knight was welcomed aboard as the OMARS new Executive Officer. With Commander Matheson "at the helm", the men and women of VFC-12 continued to achieve the command mission with unparalleled perseverance and steadfast fortitude.

November also allowed the OMARS to regroup and attend to many of the regular maintenance items that the jets required. However, the squadron continued to provide the fleet with the same professional adversarial support that they were used to receiving. The OMARS also took the opportunity of a "slow" month to continue with their in-house training, providing further education for both maintenance personnel and squadron aircrew. As the month closed, the squadron prepared to pick up the pace and charge ahead into the next major training exercise.

December started off full steam ahead, finding the squadron back in Key West supporting the "Gladiators" of the east coast Hornet FRS as well as the west coast Hornet FRS, VFA-125. The "OMARS" flew over 251 sorties for a total of 330.0 hours of professional adversary support over a three-week period.

Enclosure (5)

Preparing for the upcoming holiday season did not impede the "OMARS" from providing the first class and professional adversary support that the fleet had come to expect. On the heels of a grueling evolution for the Fleet Replacement Squadrons, the Fighting "OMARS" prepare for a well-deserved break at the end of a very busy year. The hard working men and women of VFC-12 finish the year "recharging their batteries" with time at home, celebrating holiday cheer with family and friends in the OMAR tradition.

Enclosure (5)

**FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE TWELVE
ANNUAL AVIATION AWARDS DATA FOR 2001**

1. Per reference (a), the following data is submitted:

a. OPERATIONS:

(1) Hours - 3,153

b. SAFETY:

(1) Total number of reports submitted - 21 total, 4 HAZREPS, 17 NAMDRIP.

(2) Number of articles submitted - 0 total, 0 Pro-of-the-Week, 0 Safety.

(3) Dates of squadron safety standdowns - May 05, 2001 and Dec 01, 2001.

(4) Number of NATOPS changes submitted - 0.

(5) Class A Mishap-Free Flight Hours/ Years - 18,942 hours / 4 years, 8 months, 8 days.