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COMMAND HISTORY

Fleet Composite Squadron THIRTEEN (VC-13) was commissioned at NAS New Orleans, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on 1 September 1973 with the F-8H Crusader as its original aircraft. The original composition of the squadron was effected by combining the personnel, aircraft and equipment of VSF-76 and VSF-86, both of which were disestablished on 31 August 1973. CDR Ray E. CARTER, USNR-R, the first Commanding Officer of VC-13 was Commanding Officer of VSF-76 immediately prior to the change over from VSF to VC. LCDR Pat MCGIRL was the first Executive Officer and LCDR Tom MCGRAW was the first TAR Officer-In-Charge.

On 1 October 1973, Replacement Training Unit 76 was decommissioned and its personnel were fed into VC-13 to bring it up to its full allotment of 17 SAR pilots, one IFI, 3 TAR pilots, one ground officer and its present level of enlisted personnel.

As of this writing in mid-February 1974, no annual ACDUTRA periods have been completed since all three former squadrons had "cruised" prior to the formation of VC-13. There is, however, VC-13's first servicedetachment scheduled for late February at Tyndall Air Force Base. Also, the squadron has been directed to transition to the A-4L aircraft. This transition is expected to be complete by mid-May 1974.