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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron Composite 13
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY REPORT (OPNAV 5740-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Operations Fact Sheet, CY 89
(2) Squadron History

1. Per reference (a), the following information is submitted for Calendar Year 1989.

a. Command Organization. During the period 1 January 1989 to 31 December 1989, Fighter Squadron Composite 13 was commanded by CDR Robert W. Wendt, USNR and CDR Michael P. Rishel, USNR. During this time frame, the Executive Officers were CDR Michael P. Rishel, USNR and CDR Michael A. Ranftle, USNR.

b. Summary of Operations. A complete summary of services provided by the command is documented in enclosure (1) and enclosure (2) contains the Squadron History.

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OPERATIONS 01 JANUARY 1989 - 31 DECEMBER 1989

1. Flew 5000.0 hours.
2. Flew 3222 sorties.
3. 74% of flight hours in support of major surface combatants, squadrons of the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps (active and reserve) and CNO Special Projects.
4. A total of 2384 sorties/3700 hours in direct support of surface combatants, active and reserve squadrons of the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps and CNO Special Projects.
5. Surpassed a milestone of 22,315 accident-free hours.
6. Detachments: 13 dets, 1158.0 hours, 718 sorties.

<u>Locations</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Mission/Host</u>	<u>Flight Hrs/Sorties</u>
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	22-26 JAN	DACT/MAWS	30.4 / 19
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	20-24 FEB	DACT/MAWS	51.2 / 19
NAF EL CENTRO	13-17 FEB	DACT/VF-124	103.9 / 81
NAS FALLON	28FEB-10MAR	DACT/MAWS	43.8 / 24
NAS DALLAS	17-19 MAR	DACT/VF-202	27.4 / 17
HOLLOMAN AFB	19-21 MAR	DACT/8TH T.F.S.	23.3 / 15
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	02-07 APR	DACT/MAWS	51.0 / 19
NAS FALLON	12-14,16-18 APR	DACT/MAWS	35.7 / 19
NAS CECIL FIELD	24-28 APR	DACT/VFA-106	52.4 / 32
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	27-30 JUN	DACT/MAWS	39.2 / 07
NAS DALLAS	30APR-06MAY	DACT/CVW-20	56.5 / 19
CFB COLD LAKE, CANADA	11-17 JUN	DACT/410TH SQDN	90.2 / 74
NAS FALLON	10-21 JUL	DACT/CVWR-30	196.6 / 144
NAS FALLON	27AUG-01SEP	DACT/CVW-7	77.0 / 60
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	01-05 OCT	DACT/MAWS	30.9 / 14
KINGSLEY FIELD, KLAMATH FALLS, OR	22-27 OCT	DACT/114 TFTS	48.6 / 30
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	05-09 NOV	DACT/MAWS	39.6 / 17
NAS FALLON	03-15 DEC	DACT/CVW-14, VFA 125	160.3 / 108

VFC-13 SQUADRON HISTORY

The "Fighting Saints" of VFC-13 trace their origins back to 1946 when VF-753 was commissioned flying F6F-5 Hellcats. Today's squadron was formed on 1 September 1973 at NAS New Orleans during the reorganization of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Initially, the squadron operated the Chance Vought F-8H "Crusader" with a complement of 17 officers and 127 enlisted men, former members of VSF-76 and VSF-86. In April 1974, the "Saints" transitioned to the single-seat A-4L "Skyhawk." As the demand for west coast adversary services and other fleet support missions increased, the squadron was permanently transferred to NAS Miramar, arriving in San Diego in February 1976. That summer, a transition was made from the A-4L to the more reliable two-seat TA-4J. 1983 marked the return of the single-seat aircraft to VC-13 with the arrival of the A-4E, and in 1988, the squadron moved up to the A-4F "Super-Fox," the more powerful and capable version of the Skyhawk. The change enhanced the squadron's ability to perform its adversary mission by providing a more worthy and accurate adversary aircraft.

Although the "Fighting Saints" provide target services for the regular Navy forces, the major emphasis has been in the development of a formidable dissimilar adversary threat. In recognition of that primary mission assignment, VC-13, on 22 April 1988 was proudly redesignated as "FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE THIRTEEN (VFC-13)." At the same time, the squadron logo was redesigned to reflect the changes undergone by the command over the past years. The new logo incorporates as its focal point, the wings worn by the highest classification of Soviet fighter pilot, the "Sniper." VFC-13 provides quality adversary training for Regular Navy Fleet and Replacement Squadrons and Air Wings, Reserve Fighter and Attack Squadrons, the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps and Canadian Forces.

Fighter Squadron Composite 13 is currently command by CDR Michael A. Ranftle and has a complement of 25 reserve officers and 6 active duty officers. Total enlisted complement is 175, including 97 active duty and 78 reserve enlisted personnel. The squadron currently flies six TA-4J and eight A-4F "Skyhawk" aircraft.

1946	VF-783	- F6F-5 Hellcat
1946-1949	VF-53L	- FG-1D Corsair
1949-1955	VF-821	- F4U-4 Corsair, F9F Panther
1955-1958	VA-821	- AD-4NA Skyraider
1958-1968	VF-821	- F9F-8B Cougar, FJ-3/4 Fury, A-4A/B Skyhawk
1968-1970	VSF-75X1	- A-4B Skyhawk
1970-1973	VSF-76/VSF-86	- A-4B/C Skyhawk, F-8H Crusader
1973-1974	VC-13	- F-8H Crusader
1974-1988	VC-13	- A-4L, TA-4J, A-4E Skyhawk
1988-1990	VFC-13	- A-4F, TA-4J Skyhawk