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**FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE THIRTEEN**  
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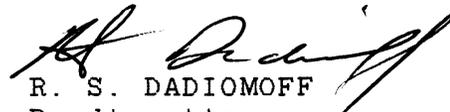
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Operations Fact Sheet, CY 90  
(2) Squadron History

1. Per reference (a), the following information is submitted for Calendar Year 1990.

a. Command Organization. During the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1990, Fighter Squadron Composite 13 was commanded by CDR Michael P. Rishel, USNR and CDR Michael A. Ranftle, USNR. During this time frame, the Executive Officer were CDR Michael A. Ranftle, USNR and CDR William P. Moccock, 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 1990 - 31 DECEMBER 1990

1. Flew 5109.0 hours.
2. Flew 3356 sorties.
3. 3218 hours and 2027 sorties were in support of fleet surface combatants and squadrons of the U. S. Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, CNO projects and Canadian Forces.
4. The above support figures represent 63% of total hours and 60% of total sorties.
5. Exceed 27,425 hours accident-free.
6. Detachments: total of 14: 1,274 hours, 930 sorties.

<u>Locations</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Mission/Host</u>	<u>Flight Hrs/Sorties</u>
NAF EL CENTRO	20-26 JAN	DACT/VF-124	121/91
NAF EL CENTRO	28FEB-01MAR	DACT/VF-124	56/46
NAS FALLON	11-22 MAR	DACT/CVW-2	163/103
NAS KEY WEST	31MAR-10APR	DACT/CVW-9	153/101
NAS KEY WEST	16-21 APR	DACT/VF301 & 302	92/54
NAS FALLON	05-17 MAY	DACT/CVWR-20	148/133
NAF EL CENTRO	11-13 JUN	DACT/VF-124	45/29
COLD LAKE, CANADA	03-13 JUL	DACT/410 SQDN	105/86
NAS FALLON	28JUL-03AUG	DACT/CVWR-20	77/57
NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND	12-17 AUG	DACT/MAWS	44/19
NAS FALLON	01-12 OCT	DACT/CVW-9	122/93
NAF EL CENTRO	13-17 NOV	DACT/VF-302	45/36
NAF EL CENTRO	27NOV-01DEC	DACT/VF-124	90/67
NAS FALLON	16-20 DEC	DACT/MAWS	17/15

## 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 "Snipper." 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 commanded by CDR Michael A. Ranftle and has a complement of 26 officers and 6 active duty officers. Total enlisted complement is 175, including 97 active duty and 78 reserve enlisted personnel. The squadron currently flies five 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
1988-1989	VFC-13	- A-4F, TA-4J Skyhawk