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FIGHTER SQUADRON COMPOSITE THIRTEEN  
NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON  
FALLON, NV 89496-5000

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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron Composite THIRTEEN  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy  
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Subj: CALENDAR YEAR 1999 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(2) Commanding Officer's Picture

(3) (1) 3 1/2" DISK

1. Per reference (a), the following shore activity historical data is forwarded.

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. VFC-13/52995

b. The "Fighting Saints" of VFC-13 are charged with providing threat representative aircraft, tactics and weapon systems for fleet strike fighter pilots to oppose during Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) detachments, Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Programs (SFARPS) and Air Wing detachments.

c. Immediate Superior in Command is Captain C. J. Weideman, Commander, Carrier Air Wing Reserve TWENTY (CVWR-20), located at NAS Atlanta, Marietta, GA.

Commanding Officer:	CDR Christopher J. Chamberlain
Executive Officer:	CDR Michael W. Calvert
Officer-in-Charge:	CDR(Sel) James M. Kuhn
Command Master Chief:	AFCM(AW/NAC) Gerald L. Ogg

d. Type and number of aircraft assigned: 23 Northrop F-5E/F "Tiger II" aircraft sporting the tail code "AF".

3. Chronology.

(1) Adversary; 05-22 Jan, NAS Fallon, 180 Sorties, 194.8 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (SFARP).

(2) Adversary; 21-29 Jan, NAS Fallon, 70 Sorties, 73.9 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).

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- (3) Adversary; 02-19 Feb, NAS Fallon, 79 Sorties, 95.6 Hours. Supported CVW-1 (AIRWING).
- (4) Adversary; 10-12 Feb, NAS Fallon, 16 Sorties, 19.7 Hours. Supported VF-102 (Fleet Support).
- (5) Adversary; 17-19 Feb, NAS Fallon, 20 Sorties, 21.4 Hours. Supported VFA-113 (Fleet Support).
- (6) Adversary; 01-10 Mar, NAS Fallon, 22 Sorties, 23.8 Hours. Supported CVW-1 (AIRWING).
- (7) Adversary; 01-12 Mar, NAS Fallon, 124 Sorties, 127.3 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).
- (8) Adversary; 04 Mar, NAS Fallon, 9 Sorties, 11.3 Hours. Supported SFWSPAC (Fleet Support).
- (9) Adversary; 05 Mar, NAS Fallon, 17 Sorties, 20.3 Hours. Supported CCG-1/CVW-2 (AIRWING).
- (10) Adversary; 10-30 Mar, NAS Fallon, 3 Sorties, 3.2 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (SFARP).
- (11) Change-of-Command; 26 Mar, NAS Fallon, CDR C. J. Chamberlain relieves CDR M. Q. Whittle.
- (12) Adversary; 01-14 Apr, NAS Fallon, 50 Sorties, 56.4 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (SFARP).
- (13) Adversary; 02-11 Apr, NAS Fallon, 41 Sorties, 57.0 Hours. Supported VFA-131/VFA-136 (Fleet Support).
- (14) Adversary; 07-17 Apr, NAS Fallon, 9 Sorties, 11.3 Hours. Supported VMFA-314 (SME).
- (15) Adversary; 12-28 Apr, NAS Fallon, 129 Sorties, 143.8 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).
- (16) Adversary; 03-31 May, NAS Fallon, 99 Sorties, 93.0 Hours. Supported VA-125 (FRS).
- (17) Adversary; 03-31 May, NAS Fallon, 262 Sorties, 293.0 Hours. Supported CVW-9 (SFARP).
- (18) Adversary; 01-09 Jun, NAS Fallon, 50 Sorties, 60.2 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).
- (19) Adversary; 04-17 Jun, NAS Fallon, 92 Sorties, 122.9 Hours. Supported CVW-9 (SFARP).
- (20) Adversary; 18-30 Jun, NAF El Centro, 144 Sorties, 175.2 Hours. Supported VFA-106 (FRS).
- (21) Adversary; 01-02 Jul, NAS Fallon, 20 Sorties, 25.5 Hours. Supported VFA-106 (FRS).
- (22) Adversary; 06-07 Jul, NAS Fallon, 13 Sorties, 13.1 Hours. Supported VFA-113 (Fleet Support).
- (23) Adversary; 07-28 Jul, NAS Fallon, 145 Sorties, 153.2 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).

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- (24) Adversary; 19-29 Jul, NAS Fallon, 56 Sorties, 65.1 Hours. Supported CVWR-20 (Fleet Support).
- (25) Adversary; 16-26 Aug, NAS Fallon, 87 Sorties, 86.7 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).
- (26) Adversary; 16-26 Aug, NAS Fallon, 36 Sorties, 40.7 Hours. Supported CVW-7 (AIRWING).
- (27) Adversary; 01-30 Sep, NAS Fallon, 167 Sorties, 198.7 Hours. Supported CVW-7 (AIRWING).
- (28) Adversary; 27 Sep, NAS Fallon, 14 Sorties, 17.0 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).
- (29) Adversary; 01-11 Oct, NAS Fallon, 32 Sorties, 36.0 Hours. Supported CVW-9 (AIRWING).
- (30) Adversary; 01-22 Oct, NAS Fallon, 60 Sorties, 69.3 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).
- (31) Adversary; 19-21 Oct, NAS Fallon, 8 Sorties, 10.7 Hours. Supported 144<sup>TH</sup> FS (USAF).
- (32) Adversary; 01-12 Nov, NAS Fallon, 97 Sorties, 131.3 Hours. Supported CVW-17 (SFARP).
- (33) Adversary; 09-23 Nov, NAS Fallon, 90 Sorties, 107.0 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS).
- (34) Adversary; 29-30 Nov, NAS Fallon, 6 Sorties, 6.9 Hours. Supported VFA-113 (SFARP).
- (35) Adversary; 11-18 Dec, NAS Key West, 124 Sorties, 189.1 Hours. Supported VFA-106 (FRS).
- (36) Adversary; 21-29 Dec, NAS Fallon, 12 Sorties, 10.4 Hours. Supported VFA-113 (SFARP).

#### 4. Narrative.

The calendar year of 1999 proved to be the "Year of Patience." The Saints were plagued by a series of aircraft problems from engine flame-outs to airframe fatigue life issues, but on repeated occasions managed to pull through with flying colors. VFC-13 navigated all the obstacles put forth and accumulated 5017 sorties and 5283.3 mishap-free flight hours in the oldest platform in the Navy's inventory. Furthermore, this impressive flight program was safely executed while flying in the demanding environment of Air-to-Air Combat Maneuvering. Despite the challenges of flight restricted airframes, VFC-13 continued the proud tradition of providing fleet adversary support without missing a beat. The squadron provided 2061 sorties and 2316.8 hours while supporting 38 strike fighter squadrons and 6 air

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wings through two detachments, nine SFARP's and nine FRS classes. During the adversary OAG for FY-99, the squadron spearheaded the push for follow-on adversary platforms bringing to light the need to upgrade or replace the F-5. VFC-13 submitted several point papers regarding the current shortfalls of the F-5 resulting in the consideration of several of the aircraft upgrades on the horizon. A 100% enlisted retention rate highlighted the commitment the command shows toward the well-being and professional development of all hands. Twenty-three medals and four Letters of Commendation were awarded for individual excellence. The command's total dedication to its people, its mission and tireless support of the fleet have earned it unparalleled reputability throughout the fleet.

5. Picture and biography of Commanding Officer are included as enclosures (1) and (2).

  
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