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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron Composite 13
To: Director, Naval Historical Center, Washington, D.C.

Subj: CALENDAR YEAR 2002 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography

(2) Commanding Officer's Picture

- 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 Stanley R. O'Connor, Commander, Carrier Air Wing Reserve 20 (CVWR-20), located at NAS Atlanta, Marietta, GA.

Commanding Officer: CDR Robert W. Bertrand

Executive Officer: CDR John E. Cole

Command Senior Chief: AMCS(AW) David H. Coates

- d. Type and number of aircraft assigned: 23 Northrop F-5E/F "Tiger II" aircraft sporting the tail code "AF".
- 3. Chronology.
- (1) Adversary; 3-9, 28, 31 Jan, NAS Fallon, 33 Sorties, 30.8 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY).
- (2) Adversary; 4, 8 Jan, NAS Fallon, 7 Sorties, 6.2 Hours. Supported VFA-113 (A/A TRAINING).

- (3) Adversary; 7-11 Jan, NAS Fallon, 21 Sorties, 18.6 Hours. Supported 390th FS (A/A TRAINING).
- (4) Adversary; 8-9 Jan, Hill AFB, 15 Sorties, 15.0 Hours. Supported 4^{TH} FS (A/A TRAINING).
- (5) Adversary; 9 Jan, NAS Fallon, 7 Sorties, 6.2 Hours. Supported 391 FS (A/A TRAINING).
- (6) Adversary; 9-10 Jan, NAS Fallon, 8 Sorties, 7.3 Hours. Supported NSAWC (ADVERSARY).
- (7) Adversary; 10 Jan, NAS Fallon, 7 Sorties, 6.1 Hours. Supported 389^{TH} FS (A/A TRAINING).
- (8) Adversary; 11 Jan, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 4.0 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (A/A TRAINING).
- (9) Adversary; 15-23 Jan, NAS Fallon, 127 Sorties, 169.7 Hours. Supported CVW-17 (SFARP).
- (10) Adversary; 24 Jan, NAS Fallon, 2 Sorties, 1.8 Hours. Supported VFA-106 (A/A TRAINING).
- (11) Adversary; 29-31 Jan, NAS Fallon, 14 Sorties, 14.2 Hours. Supported CVW-17 (AIRWING).
- (12) Adversary; 29-30 Jan, NAS Fallon, 5 Sorties, 4.1 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (FRS DET).
- (13) Adversary; 30 Jan, NAS Fallon, 6 Sorties, 7.6 Hours. Supported CCG-1 (COMPTUEX).
- (14) Adversary; 30 Jan, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 6.0 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (A/A TRAINING).
- (15) Adversary; 1, 5 Feb, NAS North Island, 12 Sorties, 14.6 Hours. Supported CCG-1 (COMPTUEX).
- (16) Adversary; 1-14 Feb, NAS Fallon, 54 Sorties, 51.7 Hours. Supported CVW-17 (AIRWING).
- (17) Adversary; 1-25 Feb, NAS Fallon, 47 Sorties, 49.3 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY).
- (18) Adversary; 1 Feb, NAS Fallon, 3 Sorties, 2.7 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (A/A TRAINING).
- (19) Adversary; 4-28 Feb, NAS Fallon, 28 Sorties, 26.8 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (FRS DET).
- (20) Adversary; 12 Feb, Edwards AFB, 6 Sorties, 5.2 Hours. Supported NASA (TEST).
- (21) Adversary; 12 Feb, NAS Fallon, 8 Sorties, 6.9 Hours. Supported VFA-113 (A/A TRAINING).
- (22) Adversary; 15-28 Feb, NAS Key West, 161 Sorties, 182.5 Hours. Supported VF-101 (FRS DET).
- (23) Adversary; 21 Feb, NAS Key West, 2 Sorties, 2.3 Hours. Supported VFA-137 (A/A TRAINING).

- (24) Adversary; 25-28 Feb, NAS Key West, 66 Sorties, 62.6 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS DET).
- (25) Adversary; 1-11 Mar, NAS Key West, 147 Sorties, 197.8 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS DET).
- (26) Adversary; 1 Mar, NAS Fallon, 3 Sorties, 2.8 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (A/A TRAINING).
- (27) Adversary; 1 Mar, NAS Key West, 7 Sorties, 7.1 Hours. Supported VF-101 (FRS DET).
- (28) Adversary; 4-20 Mar, NAS Fallon, 56 Sorties, 59.0 Hours. Supported CVW-14 (AIRWING).
- (29) Adversary; 13 Mar, NAS Fallon, 2 Sorties, 1.8 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY).
- (30) Adversary; 13-27 Mar, NAS Fallon, 92 Sorties, 98.6 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (FRS DET).
- (31) Adversary; 26-28 Mar, NAS Fallon, 10 Sorties, 9.0 Hours. Supported VFA-113 (A/A TRAINING).
- (32) Adversary; 27 Mar, NAS Fallon, 3 Sorties, 2.6 Hours. Supported $144^{\rm th}$ FS (A/A TRAINING).
- (33) Adversary; 1-12 Apr, NAS Fallon, 203 Sorties, 217.3 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS DET).
- (34) Adversary; 1-30 Apr, NAS Fallon, 35 Sorties, 38.7 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY CLASS).
- (35) Adversary; 9-12 Apr, NAS Fallon, 8 Sorties, 8.5 Hours. Supported VAQ-130 (BFMC).
- (36) Adversary; 15 Apr, NAS Fallon, 1 Sorties, 1.1 Hours. Supported VMFT-401 (FAM TRAINING).
- (37) Adversary; 25-30 Apr, NAS Fallon, 23 Sorties, 26.4 Hours. Supported CVW-3 (SFARP).
- (38) Adversary; 1-8 May, NAS Fallon, 64 Sorties, 80.2 Hours. Supported CVW-3 (SFARP).
- (39) Adversary; 1-8 May, NAS Fallon, 22 Sorties, 26.6 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY CLASS).
- (40) Adversary; 10 May, NAS Fallon, 2 Sorties, 1.4 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (A/A TRAINING).
- (41) Adversary; 13-29 May, NAS Fallon, 268 Sorties, 300.1 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (SFARP).
- (42) Adversary; 30 May, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 3.4 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (FRS DET).
- (43) Adversary; 31 May, NAS Fallon, 2 Sorties, 2.0 Hours. Supported VFA-151 (A/A TRAINING).
- (44) Adversary; 3-27 Jun, NAS Fallon, 70 Sorties, 71.2 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY).

- (45) Adversary; 3-14 Jun, NAS Fallon, 63 Sorties, 63.2 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (FRS DET).
- (46) Adversary; 6 Jun, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 3.5 Hours. Supported HMLA-267 (ADVERSARY).
- (47) Adversary; 10 Jun, NAS Fallon, 2 Sorties, 1.7 Hours. Supported HMM-364 (ADVERSARY).
- (48) Adversary; 10-14 Jun, NAS Fallon, 34 Sorties, 34.7 Hours. Supported CVW-14 (AIRWING).
- (49) Adversary; 13-28 Jun, NAS Fallon, 64 Sorties, 61.8 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS DET).
- (50) Adversary; 18-27 Jun, NAS Fallon, 52 Sorties, 51.0 Hours. Supported NSAWC (DESERT RESCUE).
- (51) Adversary; 2-3 Jul, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 3.6 Hours. Supported VFA-115 (SE STRIKE).
- (52) Adversary; 2-24 Jul, NAS Oceana, 151 Sorties, 193.9 Hours. Supported CVW-8 (SFARP).
- (53) Adversary; 10-25 Jul, NAS Fallon, 40 Sorties, 37.3 Hours. Supported CVW-3 (AIRWING).
- (54) Adversary; 16 Jul, NAS Fallon, 3 Sorties, 3.3 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (COMPTUEX).
- (55) Adversary; 19 Jul, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 2.7 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (SME LECTURES).
- (56) Adversary; 19 Jul , NAS Oceana, 1 Sorties, 1.0 Hours. Supported VF-211 (A/A TRAINING).
- (57) Adversary; 29-31 Jul, NAS Fallon, 59 Sorties, 62.4 Hours. Supported CVW-11 (SFARP).
- (58) Adversary; 1-14 Aug, NAS Fallon, 205 Sorties, 228.4 Hours. Supported CVW-11 (SFARP).
- (59) Adversary; 16-27 Aug, NAS Fallon, 21 Sorties, 19.2 Hours. Supported VFA-146 (A/A TRAINING).
- (60) Adversary; 20-30 Aug, NAS Fallon, 29 Sorties, 31.3 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY).
- (61) Adversary; 20-30 Aug, NAS Fallon, 49 Sorties, 44.1 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (AIRWING).
- (62) Adversary; 26-30 Aug, NAS Fallon, 26 Sorties, 24.6 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (A/A TRAINING).
- (63) Adversary; 1-13 Sep, NAS Key West, 134 Sorties, 162.1 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (FRS DET).
- (64) Adversary; 3, 12-13 Sep, NAS Fallon, 14 Sorties, 13.6 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY).
- (65) Adversary; 3-5 Sep, NAS Fallon, 15 Sorties, 12.6 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (AIRWING).

- (66) Adversary; 6, 10-11 Sep, NAS Fallon, 12 Sorties, 15.0 Hours. Supported CVWR-20 (FERRY).
- (67) Adversary; 9-14 Sep, NAS Key West, 130 Sorties, 159.9 Hours. Supported VFA-106 (FRS DET).
- (68) Adversary; 10, 13 Sep, NAS Key West, 4 Sorties, 3.4 Hours. Supported GERMAN AIR FORCE (A/A TRAINING).
- (69) Adversary; 16-27 Sep, NAS Fallon, 117 Sorties, 143.6 Hours. Supported CVW-8 (SFARP).
- (70) Adversary; 23-30 Sep, NAS Fallon, 64 Sorties, 70.9 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS DET).
- (71) Adversary; 30 Sep, NAS Fallon, 19 Sorties, 19.6 Hours. Supported CVW-9 (SFARP).
- (72) Adversary; 1-4 Oct, NAS Fallon, 84 Sorties, 98.6 Hours. Supported CVW-9 (SFARP).
- (73) Adversary; 1-4 Oct, NAS Fallon, 28 Sorties, 35.7 Hours. Supported VFA-125 (FRS DET).
- (74) Adversary; 7-18 Oct, NAS Fallon, 57 Sorties, 58.5 Hours. Supported CVW-9 (AIRWING).
- (75) Adversary; 15-18 Oct, NAS Fort Worth, 29 Sorties, 39.1 Hours. Supported VFA-201 (SFARP).
- (76) Adversary; 17 Oct, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 3.6 Hours. Supported VFA-102 (A/A TRAINING).
- (77) Adversary; 17 Oct, NAS Fallon, 4 Sorties, 5.0 Hours. Supported VFA-14 (SE STRIKE).
- (78) Adversary; 25-30 Oct, NAS Fallon, 31 Sorties, 31.1 Hours. Supported CVW-8 (AIRWING).
- (79) Adversary; 25, 28 Oct, NAS Fallon, 12 Sorties, 9.4 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (A/A TRAINING).
- (80) Adversary; 28 Oct, NAS Fallon, 2 Sorties, 2.0 Hours. Supported CVW-2 (JTFEX).
- (81) Adversary; 29, 31 Oct, NAS Fallon, 6 Sorties, 5.6 Hours. Supported VFA-106 (SE STRIKE).
- (82) Adversary; 1-9 Nov, NAS Fallon, 24 Sorties, 22.4 Hours. Supported CVW-8 (AIRWING).
- (83) Adversary; 5 Nov, NAS Fallon, 2 Sorties, 2.1 Hours. Supported CVW-11 (SE STRIKE).
- (84) Adversary; 5-27 Nov, NAS Fallon, 75 Sorties, 83.9 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY CLASS).
- (85) Adversary; 7-8 Nov, NAS Fallon, 3 Sorties, 2.4 Hours. Supported VFA-122 (SE STRIKE).
- (86) Adversary; 21, 23 Nov, NAS Fallon, 10 Sorties, 8.9 Hours. Supported CVW-9 (AIRWING).

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- (87) Adversary; 25 Nov, NAS Fallon, 3 Sorties, 3.3 Hours. Supported VFA-41 (SE STRIKE).
- (88) Adversary; 2-13 Dec, NAS Fallon, 45 Sorties, 53.3 Hours. Supported TOPGUN (ADVERSARY CLASS).
- (89) Adversary; 3-19 Dec, NAS Fallon, 30 Sorties, 32.2 Hours. Supported CVW-11 (AIRWING).
- (90) Adversary; 6-20 Dec, NAS Key West, 190 Sorties, 215.5 Hours. Supported VF-101 (FRS DET).
- (91) Adversary; 10 Dec, NAS Key West, 4 Sorties, 5.2 Hours. Supported VFA-106 (FRS DET).
- (92) Adversary; 10-11, 17 Dec, NAS Key West, 11 Sorties, 14.2 Hours. Supported CVW-1 (SFARP).

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4. Narrative.

The Saints of VFC-13 continued to shine in calendar year 2002 by executing one of the most prolific flight programs in Naval Aviation. The Saints produced an unparalleled level of fleet support while continuing to build on the credibility essential to active/reserve integration. The Squadron executed 3 detachments to Key West, FL as well as supporting 8 Carrier Airwing detachments, 8 Strike Fighter Advance Readiness Program (SFARP) detachments, and 7 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) Detachments all at NAS Fallon, NV. In all, VFC-13 supported every state side Strike Fighter squadron with the best real world Air Combat simulation available anywhere. completed over 5573.4 flight hours and 5197 sorties in the demanding environment of Air-to-Air combat training with the oldest tactical aircraft in the fleet. The Saints continued their commitment to the well being and professional development of all hands. Khaki involvement at every level yielded 100% enlisted retention of those eligible. Additionally, 15 medals and 11 Letters of Commendation were awarded for performance excellence. VFC-13's total commitment and dedication to its mission of training Fleet Strike Fighter pilots has continued to earn the Saints the reputation of being the best Adversary Squadron in the world today.

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

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