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Encl: {1} VR-30 Command History for Calendar year 1975

1. In accordance with reference {a}, enclosure {1} is forwarded.

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VR-30 COMMAND HISTORY - 1975

Basic History

{1} Command Organization:

{a} Commanding Officers of VR-30:

CDR R. E. HUNTER, USN	. . . . .	1 OCT 66	-	8 JUN 67
CDR D. H. CRAWFORD, USN	. . . . .	8 JUN 67	-	2 APR 68
CDR T. M. BOGART, USN	. . . . .	2 APR 68	-	29 MAY 69
CDR L. A. SCHOWLEN	. . . . .	29 MAY 69	-	18 MAR 70
CDR E. J. RIVARD	. . . . .	18 MAR 70	-	31 MAR 71
CDR J. R. WHEELER	. . . . .	31 MAR 71	-	15 MAR 72
CDR H. O. FLOM	. . . . .	15 MAR 72	-	28 MAR 73
CDR T. G. CAMPBELL	. . . . .	28 MAR 73	-	28 MAR 74
CDR W. D. RAY	. . . . .	28 MAR 74	-	25 MAR 75
CDR R. B. PICKETT	. . . . .	25 MAR 75	-	PRESENT

{b} The squadron presently flies three types of aircraft: The C-9B, T-39, and C-1A. The C-9B "Skytrain II" is tasked with the primary mission of providing logistic airlift in support of fleet units and squadrons throughout the continental United States. The Grumman C-1A "Trader" provides ship to shore carrier-onboard-delivery service of personnel, mail, and material to the aircraft carriers of the Pacific Fleet. The T-39 "Sabreliner" is utilized for the "rapid response" transportation of urgently needed personnel and materials.

{c} The command is comprised of approximately 50 officers and 225 enlisted personnel. Also complementing the squadron is VR-1020. This organization was established on 1 SEP 1974 with 2 TAR Officers, 10 SAR Officers, 17 TAR Enlisted, and 60 SAR Enlisted. Its mission is to augment VR-30's C-9B program. The Commanding Officer is CDR J. C. Braun and during 1975 VR-1020 averaged 60 hrs a month of flight time on reserve missions.

{d} VR-30 is based at NAS Alameda, CA and presently exists as the Navy's only permanently based transport squadron on the West Coast.

{2} Summary of Operations:

{a} See attached aircraft flight summary sheets.

{b} In addition to routine operations the squadron provided air transportation for the Russian Cosmonauts during their visit to the United States in October, 1975. The enroute stops were Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Reno, Long Beach, and Andrews AFB. General Alexksey Leonov, General Vladimir Shatalov, and Mr. Valeriy Kubasov were the Cosmonauts, and accompanying them were the American Astronauts; General Thomas Stafford, Mr. Vance Brand, and Mr. Donald Slaton.

ENCLOSURE (1)

In December 1975 a VR-30 T-39 transported Bob Hope from Hollywood to Fresno, CA, and then to Oakland, CA. Mr. Hope performed for the Veteran's Hospital in Fresno and the Naval Regional Medical Center in Oakland.

Also in December 1975 the squadron flew its first WESTPAC mission which included enroute stops at Barbers Pt., Midway, Wake, Guam, and Cubi Pt.

{3} Special Topics:

{a} In JAN 1975 LT Barbara A. Rainey became the first female Navy pilot to qualify in a jet; the CT-39.

{b} The squadron was first in the 1975 NAS Alameda intramural basketball league and won the 1975 NAS Alameda Captain's Cup {first half}.