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Encl: (1) Command History for Calendar Year 2000
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.


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1. Command Composition and Organization.

The primary mission of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO (VRC-30) the "PROVIDERS" is to provide the transport of high-priority cargo, mail and passengers between aircraft carriers at sea and shore bases throughout the Pacific Theatre. VRC-30 uses the Grumman C-2A twin engine turboprop which is a carrier-based transport plane, capable of carrying high-priority cargo and passengers, for Carrier On-Board Delivery (COD). This aircraft carries the "Largest Cargo Payload" of any carrier based COD aircraft. The COD can carry 26 passengers and litter patients may also be accommodated. Among the high priority items, the C-2A can deliver special stores, jet engines and afterburners with a range of over 1000 nautical miles. The maximum weight for payload and route support equipment combined is 10,000 pounds. Cargo tiedown is facilitated by a cage system. This system can restrain the cargo during a crash condition of 20 G's forwarded; it also provides restraint from the catapulting and arresting loads encountered during carrier operation. The large aft cargo ramp/door and powered winch facilitate fast turn-around time by straight-in rear cargo loading and unloading. In addition the providers of VRC-30 are capable of providing airdrop/paradrop support for Special Warfare Units of any branch of service. The C-2A has a wide range of communications and radio navigation equipment which are compatible with both military and civil airways on a world-wide basis. Communications equipment include HF, VHF, and UHF radio, navigation aids include GPS, TACAN, dual VOR, UHF/DF, LF/ADF and weather radar. The airplane is equipped with modified Fowler type flaps, and hydraulically powered irreversible flight controls with an independent hydraulic backup system. VRC-30 utilizes 12 C-2A Greyhounds, and they deploy five C-2A detachments that service all of the west coast carriers.

VRC-30 is also home to the West Coast's Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) and Model Manager for the UC-12 Super King Air aircraft. The FRS is responsible for teaching aircraft systems, procedures, and aircrew coordination training to personnel who will eventually operate the UC-12 from air stations throughout the fleet.

VRC-30 (UIC sea 52947 and UIC shore 09607) is stationed at the Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California, Commanding Officer, CDR John M. Kennedy.

Enclosure (1)

Chronology.

C-2A detachments provide logistical support from January 2000 through January 2001

<u>EXERCISE/EVENT</u>	<u>CARRIER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
TSTA II/III	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	22JAN-25JAN
COMPTUEX	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	31JAN-10FEB
FRS CQ	CONSTELLATION	31JAN-6FEB
WESTPAC	JOHN C. STENNIS	7JAN-2JUL
FRS CQ	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	1APR-17APR
TSTA II/III	KITTY HAWK	11APR-4JUN
RIMPAC	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	12MAY-1JUL
DECK CERT	CONSTELLATION	15MAY-18MAY
FRS CQ	CONSTELLATION	7JUN-11JUN
FRS CQ	CONSTELLATION	26JUL-31JUL
WESTPAC	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	17AUG-31DEC
PHIL SEA OPS	KITTY HAWK	6SEP-14SEP
OKINAWA	KITTY HAWK	26SEP-12OCT
JAPAN SEA OPS	KITTY HAWK	6NOV-18NOV
TSTA II/III/FEP	CONSTELLATION	2OCT-22OCT
FRS CQ	CARL VINSON	23OCT-27OCT
COMPTUEX	CONSTELLATION	26OCT-10NOV
TSTA II/III/FEP	CARL VINSON	30OCT-16NOV
FRS CQ	CONSTELLTION	2DEC-5DEC

The C-2A's logistics support and operational achievements to the fleet.

CARGO TRANSPORTED:	1,387,953 LBS
MAIL TRANSPORTED:	732,546 LBS
PASSENGERS CARRIED:	11,787
FLAG OFFICERS/DV'S CARRIED:	4,295
C-2 DAY HOURS FLOWN:	2,983.4
C-2 NIGHT HOURS FLOWN:	688.3
C-12 DAY HOURS FLOWN:	1,262.0
C-12 NIGHT HOURS FLOWN:	70.1
C-2 DAY SORTIES EMBARKED:	1,145
C-2 NIGHT SORTIES EMBARKED:	279

The C-12 FRS continued to set new records by training more than 80 CAT II pilots, 20 instructor pilots and 55 aircrewmembers in the year 2000.

Narrative.

The PROVIDERS of Detachment ONE hit the ground running in 2000 by participating in CVN-72/CVW-14 TSTA II/III and COMPTUEX exercises off the Southern California coast. The summer was marked by the Detachment's participation in RIMPAC 2000 aboard CVN-72. The detachment operated daily DV and logistics flights in and out of Hickam AFB, which contributed to a highly successful multinational exercise. Returning from Hawaii in early July, the detachment made its final preparations for deployment in August. Detachment ONE is the first VRC-30 detachment in four years to return to the day only shore based concept of operations. Since establishing themselves in the 5th Fleet AOR and operating out of Bahrain, the detachment has flown over 170 sorties for a 95% MC rate. Their efforts have resulted in over 1,800 passengers and Distinguished Visitors safely flown to and from USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN and more than 510,000 lbs. of cargo and mail delivered. The hard work and flexibility of the detachment's personnel in adapting to the new operational concept has paved the way for future West Coast C-2 detachments. They have proven that the day only concept can and does provide a greater amount of service to the fleet, while preserving the material condition and readiness of the aircraft and improving the quality of life and working conditions of the detachment's members.

The PROVIDERS of Detachment TWO started out the year by saying farewell to CVN-70 and CVW-11 while preparing to support a new ship and airwing, USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) and CVW-2. Detachment TWO aircraft and aircrews provided logistics support to the "Connie" during numerous FRS CQ evolutions in the months of February, June, July, and December; plus daily service during USS CONSTELLATION flight deck certification in May. These evolutions have allowed Detachment TWO to foster an excellent working relationship with CONSTELLATION and set the stage for a very promising WESTPAC Deployment in early 2001. Detachment TWO additionally took an active role in CV-64/CVW-2 TSTA II/III and COMPTUEX in October and November. Detachment TWO posted an almost perfect 102 of 103 scheduled sorties flown for a 99% mission completion rate while flying day-only and shore-based at NAS North Island. In a 40 day period, the detachment flew more than 145 hours, delivered more than 69,800 lbs. of cargo and mail and safely transported 1,092 passengers and Distinguished

Visitors. Just as importantly, the outstanding efforts of the detachment's maintenance personnel provided at least one FMC C-2 each day for the six week period.

The PROVIDERS of Detachment THREE supported three carriers during CY 2000: USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64), USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70), USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72). The detachment provided essential logistics services during five FRS and CVW carrier qualification periods. As part of Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN, the PROVIDERS of Detachment THREE successfully completed TSTA II/III attached to the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70). They also provided the backbone of maintenance support to the squadron shore component including the transfer of six aircraft and receiving three aircraft from other squadron detachments, performing three ASPA inspections and assisting in one CAINS II Modification installation.

The PROVIDERS of Detachment FOUR departed on WESTPAC/Arabian Gulf Deployment 2000 on January 7th ready and able to provide full day and night logistics support to the USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN-74) Battle Group. The detachment responded with fierce determination and top-notch talent to every task they were assigned. Det FOUR COD's flew sorties into Hawaii, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Malaysia prior to inchoption into the Arabian Gulf in February. Initiating their logistics base in Bahrain, the Providers established themselves as the Distinguished Visitor platform by which all others would be judged. They received superlative comments from Commander, FIFTH FLEET, for the high material condition of their aircraft. After departing the Arabian Gulf, Detachment FOUR continued their stellar performance with support for the CVBG from multiple sites in Australia, New Caledonia, Johnston Atoll and again from Hawaii. Pilots in Detachment FOUR excelled in all facets of carrier operations, including three TOP TEN HOOK awards and high detachment landing grades and boarding rates overall. For cruise the detachment transported nearly 600,000 pounds of high priority mail and cargo and over 3000 passengers and Distinguished Visitors. The Providers of Detachment FOUR performed superbly under the typically arduous circumstances of deployment, once again representing the squadron and greater C-2A COD community with great enthusiasm and desire for mission accomplishment.

The PROVIDERS of Detachment FIVE are America's only forward deployed C-2A detachment and fly in support of CVW-5 and the USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) Battle Group. Detachment FIVE once again demonstrated exceptional logistics professionalism, unwavering dedication towards community mission accomplishment and dynamic flexibility while operating from numerous international logistics sites successfully supporting exercises Cobra Gold in Thailand, Foal Eagle in Korea, and Annual EX and Keen Sword in Japan. Detachment FIVE safely and successfully transferred more than 630,000 pounds of cargo and mail and over 4,800 passengers and Distinguished Visitors. Flying an impressive 1,340 flight hours, Detachment FIVE flew over 370 flight hours during exercises Foal Eagle, Annual EX and Keen Sword alone and nearly surpassed the Detachment's single month all time flight hour record for the month of October. Permanently forward deployed and regularly underway, the PROVIDERS of Detachment FIVE operate from the tip of the spear expertly responding to internationally coordinated operational demands with logistics efficiency and unquestionable success.