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FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON FORTY
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Encl: (1) Basic History with Documentary Annexes A-D

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.
Enclosure (1) comprises VRC-40 History for calendar year 1978.

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BASIC HISTORY 1978

Prior to September 1978, VRC-40 exclusively flew the Grumman built C-1A "Trader" aircraft for Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD). In September 1978, VRC-40 acquired four CT-39 "Sabreliners" for the primary mission of providing executive airlift and support of Navy aircraft ferry operations throughout the United States. These aircraft can transport six passengers in great comfort, up to 1,300 pounds of cargo, or a combination of both. They have a cruise speed of 430 knots and a range of some 1,500 miles.

With the increase in the number of aircraft came an increase in the number of squadron personnel. The squadron ranks swelled to 185 enlisted men and women and 43 officers. Among the new additions, VRC-40 acquired it's first female aviator. With the increase in mission requirements, the squadron was divided into three shifts to enable it to provide round-the-clock fleet support.

During 1978 VRC-40 surpassed 51,207 accident free flight hours culminating 121 months of accident free flying. The 5,372.4 flight hours for the year provided over 255,000 pounds of mail and cargo and 6,900 passengers to the fleet. In July 1978 VRC-40 was awarded the CNO Aviation Safety Award for 1977 in recognition of its achievement from late 1976 through 1977. VRC-40 was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation in July 1978.

Commander James F. Duffy served as Commanding Officer of VRC-40 for the entire year. Commander Fleet Tactical Support Wing ONE, VRC-40's reporting senior was Captain John E. Pagnelli.

1978 OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

| | |
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| Sorties Flown | 3906 |
| CV Operational Sorties | 1956 |
| Average Flight Hours per person | 30.4 |
| CV Landings | 957 |
| Total Passengers | 6916 |
| Total VIPS | 584 |
| Total Cargo | 88,006lbs |
| Total Mail | 167,484lbs |

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u> | <u>STAGING PT</u> | <u>NO. A/C</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| JAN 6-30 | USS EISENHOWER | ROOSEVELT ROADS | 2 |
| 12-20 | FORRESTAL | JACKSONVILLE | 1 |
| 16-30 | KENNEDY | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| FEB 16-28 | USS EISENHOWER | JAX/ROOSY RDS | 2 |
| 23-08 | FORRESTAL | JACKSONVILLE | 2 |
| 30-10FEB | KENNEDY | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| MAR 24FEB-19MAR | USS EISENHOWER | JACKSONVILLE | 2 |
| 13-30 | FORRESTAL | JACKSONVILLE | 2 |
| 22-30 | KENNEDY | JACKSONVILLE | 1 |
| APR 18-28 | USS EISENHOWER | JACKSONVILLE | 2 |
| 19-26 | LEXINGTON | PENSACOLA | 2 |
| MAY 01-12 | USS LEXINGTON | PNCLA/CORPUS CHRISTI | 2 |
| 08-26 | AMERICA | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| 08-26 | KENNEDY | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| JUN 21-22 | USS KENNEDY | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| 11-23 | LEXINGTON | PNCLA/CORPUS CHRISTI | 3 |
| 30MAY-08JUN | AMERICA | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| 23JUN-03JUL | SARATOGA | GUANTANAMO BAY | 2 |
| JUL 10-18 | USS LEXINGTON | PNCLA/CORPUS CHRISTI | 2 |
| 09-13 | EISENHOWER | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| 10-20 | SARATOGA | JACKSONVILLE | 2 |
| 09-13 | NIMITZ | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| AUG 14-18 | USS LEXINGTON | PNCLA/CORPUS CHRISTI | 1 |
| 05-28 | SARATOGA | ROOSY ROADS/JAX | 3 |
| 05-18 | EISENHOWER | GUANTANMAO BAY | 2 |
| SEP 16-22 | USS NIMITZ | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| 22-27 | SARATOGA | JACKSONVILLE | 2 |
| 18-01OCT | EISENHOWER | ROOSY RDS | 2 |
| OCT 30-04NOV | USS LEXINGTON | CORPUS CHRISTI | 1 |
| 29SEP-25OCT | EISENHOWER | ROOSY RDS | 2 |
| 29SEP-05OCT | AMERICA | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| 12-20 | INDEPENDENCE | VA. CAPEs | 1 |
| 12-20 | FORRESTAL | VA. CAPEs | 1 |

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u> | <u>STAGING PT</u> | <u>NO. A/C</u> |
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| NOV 02-11 | USS AMERICA | GUANTANAMO BAY | 2 |
| 30-03NOV | LEXINGTON | CORPUS CHRISTI | 1 |
| 16-22 | EISENHOWER | JACKSONVILLE | 2 |
| 06-03 | INDEPENDENCE | VA. CAPES | 1 |
| DEC 28-08DEC | USS AMERICA | VA. CAPES | 1 |
| 10-15 | EISENHOWER | KEY WEST | 1 |
| 04-14 | LEXINGTON | CORPUS CHRISTI | 2 |
| 05-10 | INDEPENDENCE | JACKSONVILLE | 1 |



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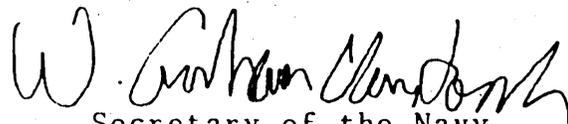
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION to

FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON FORTY (VRC-40)

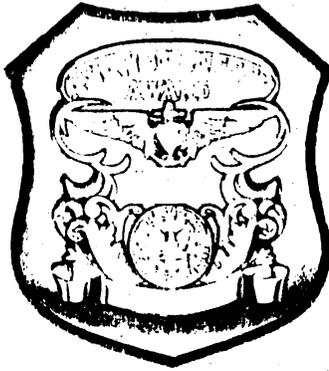
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service while conducting fleet logistics support operations from diverse shore stations and aircraft carriers at sea from 1 October 1976 to 30 September 1977. During this period, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY conducted carrier on board delivery services characterized by exceptional performance in the areas of mission accomplishment and safety awareness. Although severely challenged by manpower shortages in the maintenance of the aging C-1A aircraft, the Squadron continued to provide the ultimate in fleet support, while extending their record safety accomplishments to over 44,700 accident-free flight hours and more than 10,200 accident-free carrier landings. The unexcelled airmanship, meticulous adherence to maintenance standards, and expert supervision demonstrated by VRC-40 personnel at all levels made a most significant contribution to the combat readiness of the Atlantic Fleet. By their outstanding professional performance, resourcefulness, and total dedication to duty, the officers, men, and women of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.


Secretary of the Navy

Annex C



THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN AWARDING FLEET LOGISTIC SUPPORT SQUADRON FORTY THE 1977 NAVAL AVIATION SAFETY PLAQUE FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECORD ACHIEVED AMONG SUPPORT SQUADRONS IN THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS RECORD IS THE RESULT OF COMPETENT LEADERSHIP, SUPERIOR TECHNICAL SKILL, AND OUTSTANDING AIRMANSHIP. THIS PERFORMANCE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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Admiral, United States Navy

Chief of Naval Operations



Annex D