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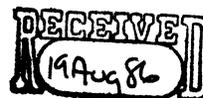
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1985 COMMAND HISTORY FOR VRC-40

1. Command Organization and Mission:

a. Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY (VRC-40), based at NAS, Norfolk, Virginia, is assigned to Fleet Tactical Support Wing ONE with the mission of Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) and Air Logistics Transport service to the Navy's Atlantic Fleet.

The C-1A "Trader" provides around-the-clock all-weather fleet support to carriers wherever needed; along the Eastern seaboard and Gulf Coast of the U.S., in the Carribean, and Central and South America.

The CT-39 "Sabreliner" provides Executive Airlift and support of Navy transport operations throughout the United States, Canada and the Carribean under the coordination of the Naval Air Logistics Office, New Orleans, LA. The CT-39 also provides around-the-clock rapid response to emergency situations and short fuse VQ-4 maintenance contingencies.

b. Homebase: Bldg. SP-2, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA 23511

c. Commanding Officer:

1 January 1985 to 15 February 1985, Commander Dante R. Marzetta, USN

15 February 1985 to 31 December 1985, Commander Gary A. Lee, USN

d. Composition of Command as of 31 December 1985:

(1) Staff Officers - 35
(a) C-1A Pilots - 23
(b) CT-39 Pilots - 7
(c) Non-aviators - 5

(2) Enlisted - 208
(a) Shore - 187
(b) Sea - 21

(3) Squadron Aircraft:
(a) C-1A - 10
(b) CT-39 - 2

JANUARY - VRC-40 began the new year on a busy note. The first detachment of the year departed in early January for Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and Howard Air Force Base, Panama to support USS CORAL SEA for two weeks. Two CODS departed to Jacksonville, Florida for one week in support of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and USS NIMITZ. They were joined for three days by an additional two CODS for COD missions and fleet CQ. The first Safety Stand-down of the year was held. Our T-39 aircraft flew 158 hours for rapid response and executive airlift.

FEBRUARY - The four CODS returned from Jacksonville in mid-February. One COD departed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to support USS CORAL SEA.

They were joined by a second COD a week later. During February, the Sabrelines flew 142 hours. Received a BRAVO ZULU from the Commanding Officer of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR for a maintenance rescue during bad weather of his downed alert plane at Tyndall AFB.

MARCH - The Guantanamo detachment returned after three weeks away. Two CODS departed mid-month for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to further support USS CORAL SEA. One COD departed for Jacksonville for two weeks. It was joined by two additional CODS and supported USS FORRESTAL, USS CORAL SEA, USS SARATOGA and USS NIMITZ as they transited the Jacksonville area. Two CODS returned from Jacksonville at the end of the month. The Guantanamo Bay detachment relocated to Howard Air Force Base, Panama. In March, the T-39s flew 30 missions totaling 110 hours.

APRIL - The last Jacksonville COD returned early in the month followed soon after by the CODS from Howard Air Force Base, Panama. The USS NIMITZ was supported by the squadron home assets for four days in the Virginia Capes area. Two CODS departed for Guantanamo Bay to work with USS SARATOGA for two weeks and returned at the end of the month. One COD departed for Jacksonville where it picked up USS SARATOGA coming from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In keeping with their high state of readiness, the Sabre crews flew 39 missions this month and 129 hours. Received a personal letter from ADM W. L. McDonald, USCINCLANT, for superior service during a T-39 flight.

MAY - The Jacksonville detachment was joined by two CODS for two weeks and by one COD for a third week; these three returned by mid-month. The squadron supported USS AMERICA in Virginia waters during this time. The original Jacksonville COD returned in the third week. The second quarter Safety Stand-down was held subsequent to their return. The Sabres flew 148 hours in 48 missions this month. Received a BRAVO ZULU from USS SARATOGA for service to her VIP guests during a visitor-/C.Q. evolution. In addition, received a BRAVO ZULU from CAPT Oden, CO, VAW-120, OIC of the above C.Q. period, for support during his heavy operating period.

JUNE - Three CODS departed the first week of June for Jacksonville to support USS AMERICA and USS SARATOGA. When USS FORRESTAL joined them one more COD joined them for the two day overlap. USS FORRESTAL came north and along with USS CORAL SEA, was supported by the squadron off Virginia. USS CORAL SEA. The Jacksonville three COD detachment returned at the end of the second week. Within a few days, two CODS returned to Jacksonville to provide further services to USS AMERICA and USS SARATOGA. They were supplemented by another COD for several days and all returned prior to the end of the month. The T-39s flew 31 missions for 98.7 hours. COMTACSWING ONE sent a BRAVO ZULU for exceeding the 1984 Navy Relief Drive goal by \$4,307.

JULY - On 1 July 1985, VRC-40 observed 25 years of continuous commissioned service with a simple commemorative ceremony and a reunion of 20 plankowners. After this brief lull, the extremely heavy detachment schedule continued apace. Two CODS departed for Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to support USS EISENHOWER and USS CORAL SEA for six weeks. One COD supported USS SARATOGA in Jacksonville for one week, with a second COD's aid for two days. Two CODS supported USS SARATOGA for one week as she moved to Puerto Rico. Off Virginia Capes area, VRC-40

provided services to USS CORAL SEA, USS AMERICA and USS EISENHOWER. The third quarter Safety Stand-down was held in the third week. ADM McDonald sent two personals for excellent service. Received a BRAVO ZULU from Union League of Chicago, Illinois for transport to and from their CV visit onboard USS AMERICA. Two CODS departed for Jacksonville to support USS AMERICA on her way to Howard. VRC-40 CODs flew a record number of hours and sorties, 462 and 394 respectively. Completing 36 missions, the T-39 aircraft flew 138 hours.

AUGUST - Two CODS returned from Jacksonville. The Roosevelt Roads aircrew were switched out after three weeks. Two CODS worked USS FORRESTAL in Jacksonville the second week. The Howard detachment flew missions to Columbia, El Salvador, Jamaica and Guantanamo. Virginia waters saw services to USS AMERICA for four days. One COD departed for Roosevelt Roads and spent a week each in Puerto Rico, Howard Air Force Base, Panama and Jacksonville, primarily supporting USS EISENHOWER. The two COD Howard detachment returned in mid-month. Two CODS departed for Halifax, Canada to participate in NATO exercise Ocean Safari with USS EISENHOWER. August saw another record month for COD operations with 466 flight hours in 388 sorties. The Sabre crews racked up 116 hours in only 23 missions.

SEPTEMBER - During the first week the long Roosevelt Roads detachment returned, followed soon after by the Halifax detachment. USS LEXINGTON had the services of two CODS for a week in Pensacola, Florida and Corpus Christi, Texas. One COD supported USS SARATOGA for a week in Jacksonville. One COD supplemented USS LEXINGTON COD for two days in Pensacola in mid-month. Two CODS supplied services to USS FORRESTAL in Jacksonville for three days. VRC-40 stood an Administrative and Material Command Inspection by COMTAC SUPWING ONE, receiving an overall grade of EXCELLENT. The last seven CODS and two CT-39E aircraft were HURREVACED to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for two days when Hurricane Gloria was projected to strike Norfolk. All returned safely to find minimal damage at home. Slow T-39 operations produced only 50 hours in 18 missions this month.

OCTOBER - Five CODS went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for an intensive COD CQ evolution on USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. One COD departed to Jacksonville for a week to support USS AMERICA. It was joined by an additional COD for three days. Both USS KENNEDY and USS AMERICA were serviced by VRC-40 in Virginia Capes area prior to sailing for, and upon returning from, Jacksonville. Two CODS departed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to support USS KENNEDY. 31 missions were flown by the Sabreliners this month with a total of 128 hours. Received a BRAVO ZULU from GEN C. DeJager, President, NATO Military Committee for a COD flight to the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY.

NOVEMBER - Two CODS returned from Guantanamo, Cuba after one week. Two CODS detached with minimal ground crew and extra pilots to visit Maritime Reconnaissance Squadron 880 at Prince Edward Island, Canada for three days. One CT-39E also made a visit. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY required services in the Virginia area during the second week. Two CODS supported USS LEXINGTON for two weeks in Pensacola, Florida and Corpus Christi, Texas. Two CODS provided services to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY for a week in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. 64 hours were flown by the T-39 crews in 21 missions.

DECEMBER - The last two COD pilots reported for duty. Two CODS supported USS LEXINGTON in Pensacola and Key West, Florida for two weeks. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY had the services of two CODS for two weeks in Jacksonville, Key West and Jacksonville again. USS AMERICA required services in the Virginia Capes area. The fourth quarter Safety Stand-down was held. One COD supported USS FORRESTAL for two days in Jacksonville to close out a record year of operations. During this month, 127 hours were flown while performing 39 missions. Received a BRAVO ZULU from the Commanding Officer, Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR for a T-39 parts supply flight on 25 Decmeber 1985.

Based on a record 1329 carrier arrested landings, thirty major detachments, record flight hours and sorties and a strong safety record, VRC-40 was awarded the Battle "E" and Safety "S" for 1985.

2. Specific Achievements for FY/CY 1985:

a. <u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>C-1A</u>	<u>CT-39E</u>
(1) Total Hours:	3950	1337
(2) Total Day Hours (Hours/Percent):	3611/91%	1078/81%
(3) Total Night Hours (Hours/Percent):	339/9%	259/19%
(4) Primary Mission Hours	3010	1127
b. <u>Shipboard Landings</u>		
(1) Total Carrier Arrested Landings: 1329/100% day (by instruction)		
(2) Carrier Landing Boarding Rate: 98%		
c. <u>Detachment Days</u>		
(1) Total Number of Days Embarked: 75 Days		
(2) Total Number of Days Detached : 380 Days		
d. <u>Total Logistics</u>	<u>C-1A</u>	<u>CT-39E</u>
(1) Passengers:	6315	979
(2) VIP's:	485	476
(3) Cargo (pounds):	278.262	12,747
(4) Mail (pounds):	272,851	0
e. <u>Primary Mission Completion Rate:</u>	97%	
	<u>C-1A</u> (97%)	<u>CT-39E</u> (98%)
(1) Mission Scheduled:	2216	585
(2) Mission Completed:	2152	574

f.	<u>Safety Achievements</u>	CY 1985	
	(1) Alpha Mishap:	0	
	(2) Bravo Mishaps:	0	
	(3) Alpha Ground Mishaps:	0	
	(4) Hazardous Reports Submitted:	10	
	(5) NATOPS Changes Submitted:	18	
g.	<u>Flight Hours Program Management</u>		
	(1) <u>Flight Hour Grant</u>		
	Original Grant	3508	1818
	Adjusted Grant	3556	1801
	(2) <u>Flight Hours Expended</u>	3950	1337
	(3) <u>Dollar Grant</u>		
		C-1A	CT-39E
	Original Grant	\$1,022,500.00	\$597,577.00
	Adjusted Grant	\$1,022,300.00	\$585,992.00
	(4) Dollar Expended (99.6%)	\$1,018,465.00	\$581,062.00
	(5) Average Cost Per Hour		
	Grant	154	291
	Actual	154	298
	(6) Average Gallons Per Hour	111	287