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Encl: (1) 1989 Command History
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photo
(3) Operation "NORTHSTAR '89" End of Detachment Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3),
the VRC-40 1989 Command History is submitted.

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1989 COMMAND HISTORY
VRC-40

1. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY's (VRC-40) mission is to provide Carrier on Board Delivery (COD) and rapid air logistics support services to the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. VRC-40 operates eight C-2A(R) "Greyhound" and two CT-39E "Sabreliner" Aircraft.

The Grumman C-2A(R) is the largest carrier based aircraft and the mainstay of the carrier battle group logistics support effort.

The primary mission of the Rockwell CT-39E is providing around-the-clock logistics support to VQ-4 maintenance contingencies along with executive airlift and priority-one cargo transport.

VRC-40 operates three standing C-2A(R) detachments: Alpha, Bravo and Charlie. These detachments deploy to military air bases throughout the Atlantic Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) to provide fleet support to Atlantic Fleet Carriers and the USS LEXINGTON.

b. VRC-40 is homeported at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

c. VRC-40's immediate senior command is Commander, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Wing TWELVE, (CAEWW-12) located at Naval Air Station, Norfolk.

d. VRC-40's Reserve Component Unit, VRC-4086, operationally functions under VRC-40 and administratively functions under the Naval Air Reserve Unit. They are located at Naval Air Station, Norfolk.

e. VRC-40's Commanding Officer from 2 September 1988 to 12 January 1990 was Commander John D. Magnino.

f. Aircraft and Bureau number

Side Number	Bureau Number	Date received/lost
C-2A(R)		
40	162169	8 Sep 89 (received)
41	162157	
42	162152	
43	162160	
44	162151	
45	162160	
46	162168	
47	162142	

Enclosure (1)

CT-39E

JK 382
JK 383

158382
158383

15 May 89 (lost)

2. Chronology

The following is a chronologic list of command events for 1989:

All detachments are listed in three columns; date deployed, deployment location, and detachment involved. All detachments were for Atlantic Fleet Carriers except those operating from Key West, Pensacola, Florida and Corpus Christi, Texas, which supported the USS LEXINGTON. All other entries are self-explanatory.

January 1989

19-26	NAS Mayport	Det Alpha
23-31	NAS Key West	Det Charlie
28-31	NAS Bermuda	Det Bravo

February 1989

1-3	NAS Key West	Det Charlie
2-28	NS Roosevelt Roads	Det Bravo
21-22	NAS Key West	Det Charlie
26	Det Alpha departs for Andoya, Norway to participate in NORTHSTAR '89	

March 1989

6-11	NAS Mayport	Det Bravo
6-16	NAS Key West & NAS Pensacola	Det Bravo
6-25	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie
17-25	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie
28	Det Alpha returns from NORTHSTAR '89	

April 1989

1-3	NAS Bermuda	Det Bravo
3-7	NAS Mayport	Det Charlie
14-17	NAS Bermuda	Det Bravo
18-28	NAS Corpus Christi & NAS Pensacola	Det Alpha
20-24	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie

May 1989

6-9	NAS Jacksonville	Det Bravo
15	JK383 runs off runway at Andrews AFB, Washington, DC	
21-23	VRC-40 participates in an aircrew promotional trip to NAS Memphis	

June 1989

1-11	NAS Corpus Christi & NAS Pensacola	Det Bravo
9-28	NAS Mayport	Det Charlie
26-28	NAS Bermuda	Det Alpha

July 1989

9-18	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie
9-19	NAS Key West	Det Alpha
17-31	NS Roosevelt Roads	Det Bravo
27-30	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie

August 1989

1-15	NS Roosevelt Roads	Det Alpha
9-23	NAS Jacksonville	Det Alpha
11-15	NS Roosevelt Roads	Det Bravo
23-27	NAS Mayport	Det Alpha
28-31	NS Roosevelt Roads	Det Charlie

September 1989

1-9	NS Roosevelt Roads	Det Charlie
8	Receive Aircraft 162169	
17-27	NAS Corpus Christi & NAS Pensacola	Det Bravo

October 1989

12-14	NAS Jacksonville & NAS Bermuda	Det Alpha
16-25	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie
23-30	NAS Corpus Christi & NAS Pensacola	Det Bravo

November 1989

1-3	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie
5-8	NAS Bermuda	Det Alpha

December 1989

1-14	NAS Jacksonville	Det Charlie
4-15	NAS Key West	Det Alpha
7-15	NAS Jacksonville	Det Bravo

3. Narrative

1989 was a year of sustained performance and operational growth for Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY. VRC-40 operated out of 10 airfields in the U.S. and Caribbean and sent a detachment to support Atlantic Fleet Operations in Northern Europe. By years end, VRC-40 supplied COD service to every Atlantic Fleet Carrier and the USS LEXINGTON, flying over 2800 sorties, hauling 1,143,060 pounds of cargo, and carrying 12,347 passengers. Operations ranged from as far south as Panama City, Panama to as far north as Andoya, Norway.

The first major event of 1989 was the detachment of Det Alpha to Norway for participation in the multi-national NATO Exercise NORTHSTAR '89. This was the first winter North Atlantic operation VRC-40 had ever conducted. VRC-40 Det Alpha operated from Canada, Iceland, Norway, Scotland and Great Britain. They provided 100% availability despite arduous winter weather and required scheduled maintenance.

In April, VRC-40's successful performance over the past year was culminated when the Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, ADM Richard Dunleavy presented the Battle "E" Award to Commander John D. Magnino, Commanding Officer. COMNAVAIRLANT saluted the hard work and dedication put forth by the men and women of VRC-40 and congratulated them on their impressive accomplishments.

On 15 May, a squadron CT-39E Sabreliner went off the end of the runway on landing rollout at Andrews AFB in Washington, D.C.. Fortunately, neither the crew nor the embarked passenger were injured. Repair estimates were so costly that the aircraft was stricken as a total loss. Both pilots were found in error and relieved from duty involving flying.

On 16 September VRC-40's immediate senior command was transferred from Commander, Fleet Tactical Support Wing ONE (CTSW-1), to Commander, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Wing TWELVE (CAEWW-12).

VRC-40 was instrumental in insuring the notable success of the Distinguished Visitor Program. Over the course of the year the squadron participated in numerous DV trips including three embarks on the USS FORESTAL for fleet carrier qualifications, the Republican National Governor's Conference Visit on USS LEXINGTON, and the Washington, D.C. Wife's Club Visit to USS EISENHOWER. Additionally, VRC-40 quickly augmented a detachment to support a Chief of Naval Operations inspection of the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY.

The CT-39E Sabreliner supplied 27 hours of ready alert launched logistics support to detached TACAMO (VQ-4) missions, and carried innumerable DOD, DON, and congressional VIPs all across North America. The T-39 travelled as far north as Goosebay, Canada, and as far south as Panama City, Panama; as far west as San Diego, California, and as far east as St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

In the year 1989, VRC-40 supplied COD support to all seven Atlantic Fleet Carriers and the USS LEXINGTON from twelve locations in North America and from eight locations in the North Atlantic and Europe. In every case the extensive fleet support was delivered promptly with "safety, courtesy, and dependability". It was an outstanding year for VRC-40.