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Encl: (1) 1990 Command History
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photo

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2), the VRC-40 1990 Command History is submitted.


S. R. SILVERIO



1990 COMBAND HISTORY

VRC-40

1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION:

a. Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Forty (VRC-40) is assigned joint tasks of carrier on Board Delivery (COD) and air logistics support services to the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. VRC-40 currently operates the C-2A "Greyhound". Up until September of 1990 VRC-40 also operated one CT-39E. This aircraft was retired due to budgetary constraints.

The Grumman C-2A carries the largest cargo payload of any carrier based COD aircraft and is the mainstay of the carrier battle group logistics support effort.

The primary mission of the Rockwell CT-39E was 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 detachments Alpha, Bravo and Charlie. The detachments deploy to military air bases throughout the Atlantic Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) to provide fleet support to both Atlantic Fleet carriers and to the USS Lexington. Recently, a fourth Detachment (Det Delta) was deployed aboard the USS Roosevelt in support of operation Desert Storm.

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

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

d. VRC-40's Commanding Officer from 12 January 1990 to the Present is Commander Stephen R. Silverio:

e. Type and Tailcode of Aircraft

Side Number	Tail Number	Date Received/Transfer
C-2A		
40	162169	DEC 90 (TRANSFERRED)
41	162157	
42	162152	
43	162160	
44	162151	
45	162178	FEB 90 (RECEIVED)
47	162168	
47	162142	
50	162155	OCT 90 (RECEIVED)
CT-39E		
JK 382	158382	SEP 90 (TRANSFERRED)

2. CHRONOLOGY

The following is a chronologic list of command events for 1990:

All detachments are listed in two columns; date deployed and deployment location. 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 events are self-explanatory.

DATE DEPLOYED:

4 JAN - 8 FEB 90
 19 JAN - 28 JAN 90
 24 JAN - 4 FEB 90
 27 FEB - 5 MAR 90
 20 FEB - 2 MAR 90
 12 MAR - 14 MAR 90
 15 MAR - 14 APR 90
 26 MAR - 5 APR 90
 7 APR - 10 APR 90
 4 JUL - 14 JUL 90
 9 JUL - 20 JUL 90
 7 JUL - 14 JUL 90
 18 AUG - 23 AUG 90
 15 OCT - 26 OCT 90
 3 DEC - 14 DEC 90
 30 NOV - 23 DEC 90
 28 DEC - PRESENT

DETACHMENT LOCATION:

NAS JACKSONVILLE FL
 NAS KEY WEST FL
 NAS ROOSEVELT ROADS PR
 NAS ROOSEVELT ROADS PR
 NAS KEY WEST FL
 NAS BERMUDA
 NAS ROOSEVELT ROADS PR
 NAS PENSACOLA FL/CORPUS CHRISTI TX
 NAS CECIL FL
 NAS PENSACOLA FL/CORPUS CHRISTI TX
 NAS PENSACOLA FL/CORPUS CHRISTI TX
 USS ROOSEVELT
 NAS PENSACOLA FL/CORPUS CHRISTI TX
 NAS PENSACOLA FL/CORPUS CHRISTI TX
 NAS KEY WEST FL
 NAS JACKSONVILLE FL
 USS ROOSEVELT, DESERT STORM

3. NARRATIVE

1990 was a year of sustained performance and operational growth for Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY. Over the year VRC-40 operated out of numerous airfields in the U.S. and Caribbean and sent a detachment aboard the USS ROOSEVELT in support of Operation Desert Storm. By years end, VRC-40 supplied COD service to every Atlantic Fleet Carrier and the USS LEXINGTON, flying over 2250 sorties, transporting 1,389,893 pounds of cargo and mail, and carrying 12,838 passengers. Operations ranged from as far north as Canada and as far south as Panama City.

The first major event of 1990 took place with change of command ceremonies in January. During the ceremonies CDR Stephen R. Silverio replaced CDR John D. Magnino as Commanding Officer.

In support of the Atlantic Fleet Carriers VRC-40 began assigning Detachments on board aircraft carriers in May. These Detachments proved to be so successful that the USS ROOSEVELT was assigned its own C-2A when it deployed in December 90 to support Operation Desert Shield. Over the course of the year VRC-40 also continued to deploy C-2's to land based facilities as it always has in the past.

On a sad note the squadrons last CT-39E "Sabreliner" was transferred in September of 1990. Unfortunately, due to Navy wide budget constraints it would have proven too costly to maintain the aircraft. The T-39 pilots assigned to the squadron were re-assigned to various squadrons and aircraft types. One of the pilots is currently in VAW 120 (C-2 Replacement Pilot Training) and will return to VRC-40 in the Spring of 1991 as a fully qualified C-2 pilot.

In November the squadron underwent a major ADMAT and Personnel Inspection by CAEWW-12. The inspectors left no stone unturned and when all was said and done the squadron was praised for its superior effort and performance.

In December the squadron was selected as the recipient of the Silver Anchor Award for retention. An almost unheard of 89% of first term sailors reenlisted while 100% of second term sailors and career sailors reenlisted in 1990.

The squadrons Distinguished Visitor Program continued to receive praise in 1990. Over the course of the year the squadron carried a total of 1852 VIP'S. These passengers consisted of a mix of people from local civilians flying to the USS LEXINGTON to observe flight operations to politicians and senior military personnel. the squadron flew the CAPSTONE Group twice over the course of the year. The CAPSTONES are a group of flag and flag select officers of all service branches receiving tours of various military activities.

Commander
STEPHEN R. SILVERIO
United States Navy

Commander Silverio, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1971 and entered the Navy that year under the Aviation Officer Candidate (AOC) Program. He was commissioned at NAS Pensacola, Florida in February 1972 and earned his wings at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas in August 1973. He was first assigned to VT-3 as a flight instructor in Transition, Basic Instruments, Radio Instruments, and Aerobatics.

Following his Training Command tour, he was transferred to the Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico where he served as the Security Officer for the bulk of his tour. While in Roosy he flew the C-131.

Commander Silverio reported to RVAW-120 in February 1978 for E-2C training, followed by a tour of duty with the STEELJAWS of VAW-122 onboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62). Commander Silverio returned to RVAW-120 where he served as Safety Officer, FRAMP Officer and Maintenance Officer. His next tour of duty was with the SEAHAWKS of VAW-126 onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) as the Maintenance Officer. Commander Silverio served as Chief Staff Officer for Carrier Airborne Early Warning Wing TWELVE from September 1986 through December 1988. He reported aboard as Executive Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY in September 1989 and became the Commanding Officer in January 1990. He is an aircraft commander in the C-2A Greyhound. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal plus several unit awards.



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Encl: (1) Photograph

An article was printed recently concerning the exploits of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY during OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. The article appeared in Tailhook magazine in the 'Who Are Those Guys' section so it occurred to me that not everyone knows or appreciates what we actually do.

December 31, 1990, New Year's Eve, while most of America is celebrating, four officers and 15 enlisted men embark aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT for VRC-40's first shipboard deployment. Within two weeks we are well known by nearly everyone aboard 5000+ man carrier. Why? Because we've brought those first letters and packages from loved ones on what could turn out be an extended deployment.

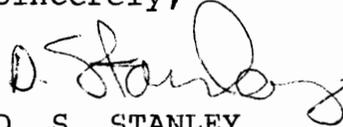
January 15, 1991, the pilots of VRC-40 make an unprecedented round robin flight between the three aircraft carriers operating in the Red Sea without making a shore stop. This time it's not a mail run. It was time to disseminate the orders for war!

January 18, 1991, having already made logistics stops in Bermuda, Spain, Italy, Greece, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, we offload our detachment to Fugairah, United Arab Emirates and begin doing what we do best. During OPERATION DESERT STORM, we delivered more than 250,000 pounds of cargo, 160,000 pounds of U.S. Mail, and over 900 passengers. VRC-40 completed 132 of 132 assigned logistics missions and made arrested landings on every carrier operating in the region, delivering one-third of all COD cargo in the Arabian Gulf. This movement was not accomplished by pilots and aircrew alone. It took a great deal of time and effort on the part of our maintenance troops to pull it off. In the four month period they completed an engine change, propeller pump housing change, replaced six winglock timer check valves, and corrected two flight control problems. Most of this was accomplished without a parts packup which had errantly been shipped from the detachment site at the mid point of the trip.

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April 3, 1991, we begin the first part of our trip home when we reboard the ROOSEVELT for its return to the Red Sea. After three weeks of operation from Hurghada, Egypt we are released from the theater of operations and all arrive home prior to May 1, 1991.

Sincerely,



D. S. STANLEY
Lieutenant, U. S. Naval Reserve
Public Affairs Officer
By direction of
the Commanding Officer

