

8. Official or other recognition of accomplishment - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

KITTY HAWK was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for exceptionally meritorious service from 26 November 1965 to 14 May 1966 while participating in combat operations against the insurgent communist guerrilla forces in the Republic of Vietnam. On 11 May 1966, KITTY HAWK and the USS PYRO (AE-24), while conducting an Underway Replenishment, transferred 315 tons of ordnance, averaging 237.66 S/T per hour. This was a new transfer rate record within the Pacific Fleet. The following personnel were presented decorations and awards in ceremonies held onboard on the date indicated:

27 Jul 66: LCDR [REDACTED], USN, Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Air Medal; CDR [REDACTED], USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR [REDACTED], USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR [REDACTED], USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LT [REDACTED], SC, USN, SECNAV Commendation for Achievement Ribbon Bar; HM3 [REDACTED], USN, Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Purple Heart

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9. General resume of activity - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits. conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

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Block 8 (Cont'd):

7 Sep 66: CDR [REDACTED], USN, Navy Commendation Medal; CDR [REDACTED], USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR [REDACTED], USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR [REDACTED], USN, Gold Star in lieu of 4th Air Medal; ETCM [REDACTED], USN, Navy Commendation Medal

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Block 9: General Resume of Activity.

During the period 1 April 1966 and 23 May 1966, KITTY HAWK, with Commander Attack Carrier Striking Force, SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 77)/Commander Carrier Division FIVE and Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN embarked, continued to support U.S. policy in Southeast Asia with direct combat action against insurgent communist forces in Vietnam.

On 3 April 1966, LT [REDACTED] of VF-114, flying an F4B, became KITTY HAWK's first triple Centurian by making his 300th arrested landing aboard ship.

On 1 May 1966, KITTY HAWK, while in Subic Bay, Philippines, celebrated the fifth anniversary of her commissioning with an "Open House". KITTY HAWK was visited by numerous military personnel, DOD civilian personnel, and dependents from the NAS Cubi Point and Subic Bay area. The Governor of Bataan and several of his officials attended as did the Mayor of Olongapo.

On 23 May 1966, KITTY HAWK departed YANKEE Station in the South China Sea and commenced the long voyage homeward after completing operations on her third WESTPAC deployment. The following is a compilation of data during combat operations from 27 November 1965 to 23 May 1966:

Combat Sorties:

Combat: 9,223
Support: 1,485

Major Strikes:

Uong Bi Thermal Power Plant
Hai Duong Railroad-Highway Bridge
Cam Pha Port Facility
Vinh Son Highway Bridge

Other notable Strike Efforts:

Nam Dinh Boat Repair Facility
Multiple Waterborne Craft in the Vinh area
Thanh Hoa POL Storage area
Thanh Hoa Railroad-Highway Bridge
Hon Gay Army Barracks
Constant pressure against Mugia and Nape Passes, all inland waterways, Lines of Communication, and Routes 1, 1A, and 15.

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Block 9: General Resume of Activity (Continued)

After brief stops in Subic Bay on 24 and 25 May and Yokosuka, Japan on 29 May 1966 through 3 June 1966, KITTY HAWK sailed for CONUS and arrived in San Diego on 13 June 1966. At this time she entered a much needed Restricted Availability period for maintenance and repairs.

On 25 June 1966, KITTY HAWK's Hangar Bay One was turned into a gala 1,804 seat theater and the world premiere of Walt Disney's "LT Robin Crusoe, U.S.N.", portions of which were earlier filmed onboard KITTY HAWK, was held before a host of celebrities. At the same time, in the South China Sea, off the coast of Vietnam, the picture was being shown onboard KITTY HAWK's sister ship, the USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). This was the first time in Naval history that a premiere was held aboard a ship of the line, and the first time in the history of motion pictures that a double premiere was held, one at sea and the other inport.

On 18 July 1966, Captain Martin D. CARMODY relinquished command of KITTY HAWK to Captain Paul E. PUGH, who became KITTY HAWK's sixth Commanding Officer. Captain PUGH came to KITTY HAWK following command of the USS EL DORADO (AGC-11). Captain CARMODY detached to report to the Staff of the Chief of Naval Material, Washington, D.C.

On 29 July 1966, KITTY HAWK became the scene of the COMFIRSTFLT Change of Command ceremony. VADM L.P. RAMAGE relinquished command to VADM B.F. ROEDER in a colorful ceremony.

KITTY HAWK's post-deployment RAV ended 22 August 1966 and KITTY HAWK commenced local operations in the Southern California operating area operating in and out of San Diego. An INSERV inspection was conducted during the period 6 to 9 September 1966. Fleet Training Group, San Diego, conducted a Training Readiness Evaluation 12 and 13 September 1966 and the period of 14 to 23 September was spent conducting Fleet Training Group, San Diego, Underway Training Assistance. On 26 and 27 September, COMCARDIV THREE as Chief Inspector, conducted an Administrative Inspection. An overall ship's grade of 93.15 (Excellent) was assigned.

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PART II: Block 1: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 APR 66 - 11 APR 66	IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS
11 APR 66 - 12 APR 66	ENROUTE YANKEE STATION
12 APR 66 - 28 APR 66	YANKEE STATION OPERATIONS
29 APR 66 - 30 APR 66	ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
30 APR 66 - 6 MAY 66	IN-PORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
6 MAY 66 - 8 MAY 66	ENROUTE YANKEE STATION
8 MAY 66 - 23 MAY 66	YANKEE STATION OPERATIONS
23 MAY 66 - 24 MAY 66	ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
24 MAY 66 - 25 MAY 66	IN-PORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
25 MAY 66 - 29 MAY 66	ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
29 MAY 66 - 3 JUN 66	IN-PORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
3 JUN 66 - 13 JUN 66	ENROUTE CONUS
13 JUN 66 - 22 AUG 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY)
22 AUG 66 - 22 AUG 66	OPERATING OUT OF SAN DIEGO FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS
22 AUG 66 - 25 AUG 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO (UPKEEP)
25 AUG 66 - 26 AUG 66	CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING AREA
26 AUG 66 - 29 AUG 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO (UPKEEP)
29 AUG 66 - 2 SEP 66	CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING AREA
2 SEP 66 - 19 SEP 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO - INSERV INSPECTION 6 & 7 SEP; FLEET TRAINING GROUP, SAN DIEGO, TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION 12 & 13 SEP

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PART II (CONTINUED)

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
19 SEP 66 - 23 SEP 66	FLEET TRAINING GROUP, SAN DIEGO, UNDERWAY TRAINING ASSISTANCE - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING AREA
23 SEP 66 - 28 SEP 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO - ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION 26 & 27 SEP
28 SEP 66 - 28 SEP 66	OPERATING OUT OF SAN DIEGO FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS
28 SEP 66 - 30 SEP 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO (UPKEEP)

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PART II - Block 5: CARRIER LANDINGS

<u>LANDING</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>
49,000	9 APR 66	LCDR [REDACTED]	VA-115	A1H
50,000	19 APR 66	LCDR [REDACTED]	RVAH-13	RA5C
51,000	8 MAY 66	LT [REDACTED]	VA-115	A1H
52,000	19 MAY 66	LT [REDACTED]	VAW-11	E2A
53,000	31 AUG 66	LCDR [REDACTED]	VF-124	F8E

PART II - Block 6: CATAPULT LAUNCHINGS

<u>CATAPULT #1:</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>
	15,000	18 FEB 66	A4C
	16,000	3 APR 66	RA5C
	17,000	11 MAY 66	EA1F
	18,000	21 SEP 66	A4C
<u>CATAPULT #2:</u>	14,000	9 JAN 66	A1H
	15,000	3 MAR 66	A4C
	16,000	19 APR 66	A1H
	17,000	31 AUG 66	A4C
<u>CATAPULT #3:</u>	8,000	26 NOV 65	A4B
	9,000	3 FEB 66	F4B
	10,000	6 APR 66	F4B
<u>CATAPULT #4:</u>	7,000	19 NOV 65	A4C
	8,000	27 FEB 66	F4B
	9,000	27 APR 66	F4B

