

Unit: **USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63)**
Period Covered (From - To): **31 Mar 65 - 30 Sept 65**
Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative: _____
Date Forwarded: _____

DIRECTIONS: Complete in duplicate semi-annually for periods ending 31 March and 30 September, retain copy and forward original to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Op-05A5G, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., within 15 days after report period. No covering letter is required.

blanks using "same" to avoid repeating previously recorded information. If more space is needed, attach extra sheets. Amplifying and/or historically significant documents, including photos, may be appended with proper notation under Part VI.

All units complete Part I and other Parts as indicated. Follow instructions for each blank; fill in all required

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PART I - ALL UNITS

1. Designation: Omit if same as in previous period. If changed, enter previous designation, date of change and the authorizing directive. New units record date and place of commissioning.

2. Commanding Officer

M. D. CARMODY, CAPT, USN
C.O. relieved if command changed this period: J. L. BUTTS, CAPT, USN
Date of change: 29 May 65

3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD

	AVIATORS	AIR PILOTS	OTHER	TOTAL
OFFICER	39		105	144
ENLISTED		0	4002	4002
CIVILIAN			1	1

4. Mission or function (If changed or specifically assigned during the period, then enter a brief with dates and identity of authorizing directive.)

No Change

5. Next senior operational command (Give start and end dates if changed during this reporting period.)

COMNAVAIRPAC 31 Mar 65 - 9 June 65
COMFIRSTFLT 9 June 65 - 30 Sept 65

6. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: (Air Stations omit; ships enter in Part II. Wings and groups should not record squadron locations; ship-based units give name of ship only. Enter beginning and end dates when part of period is involved.)

PERIOD (From - To)	PLACE
	See Part II

7. Participation in special exercises, operations, and operational tests (Principally those of a major nature rather than what is normally a part of routine operational training. Use official code names or descriptive titles, identify the overall command, and give dates, area and brief summary of own participation. Make reference to reports and orders covering the operation.)

None

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.)

- 21 June - E2A Hawkeye made first operational landing aboard Kitty Hawk. Pilot [REDACTED] VAW-11.
- 28 June - Kitty Hawk receives highest rating by Fleet Training Group San Diego of any carrier to undergo Refresher Training with that group.
- 21 July - LCDR [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was presented the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Viet Nam during 10 August 1964 to 10 September 1964.

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.)

See Attached Sheet

As Capt M. D. Carmody, USN, relieved Capt J. L. Butts, 29 May 1965, KITTY HAWK had just returned to San Diego from her extensive yard period in Bremerton, Washington. She immediately began four weeks of intensive Refresher Training during which time KITTY HAWK achieved the highest rating ever given an aircraft carrier. For five days underway in July, Walt Disney and a Hollywood crew, which included two chimpanzees, were on board to film parts of "Lt. Robin Crusoe, USN." The movie which stars Dick Van Dyke and Nancy Kwan as well as many of KITTY HAWK's crew is scheduled for release next summer. Along with Walt Disney were guests of the Secretary of the Navy, Midshipmen, Naval Reservists, and many other observers and visitors who were able to take advantage of the hospitality for which the KITTY HAWK is famous. On 9 July, she hosted 50 women flyers, all contestants in the cross-country "Powder Puff Derby" flight. That same day some 300 members of the La Jolla, California Regional Horseless Carriage Club of America came aboard to visit, having parked their old-time cars along the quay wall for the crew to inspect and admire. The flow of visitors continued unabated throughout the Summer and Fall.

From May until September KITTY HAWK spent many long weeks at Sea conducting exercises and carrier qualifications, including more than 7,000 aircraft launches and landings. On 7 and 8 August, she was in San Francisco which afforded her crew an opportunity to sight-see in that interesting city. On 8 August she hosted over 5,000 members of the Alameda Naval Air Reserve and their families. For one period of two weeks she acted as a testing facility for the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland. During this time a number of successful computer-controlled "no hands" landings were conducted-- a "first" for the ship. On 20 August, nearly 2,500 members of KITTY HAWK families went to sea for the day. Many displays were set up, and the families watched an underway replenishment from an oiler, USS CHEMUNG (AO-30), as well as an exciting air show from the flight deck of the ship. A month later, September 20th, KITTY HAWK served as host for the Change of Command ceremony for the Commander Carrier Division One in San Diego. Rear Admiral Maurice F. Weisner relieved Rear Admiral Edward C. Outlaw at the impressive ceremony.

5. Carrier Landings

31,000 - 7 May 1965 - LTJG [REDACTED] - VA-115 - A1H #500
32,000 - 14 May 1965 - LTJG [REDACTED] - VF-124 - F8E #405
33,000 - 24 Jun 1965 - LT [REDACTED] - VAW-11 - E2A #705
34,000 - 12 July 1965 - LCDR [REDACTED] - VF-143 - F4B #303
35,000 - 27 July 1965 - CDR [REDACTED] - VA-85 - A6A #804
36,000 - 23 Aug 1965 - LCDR [REDACTED] - VF-124 - F8E #428
37,000 - 28 Aug 1965 - LCDR [REDACTED] - VF-124 - F8E #424
38,000 - 23 Sept 1965 - LTJG [REDACTED] - VA-115 - A1H #508

PART IV - SQUADRONS

1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED	NUMBER ON HAND		DATE FIRST RECEIVED			
2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS

PART V - AIR STATIONS: On board refers in this instance to what is physically present; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units reported as on board in the previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.

1. UNITS ON BOARD	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD	ARRIVED	DEPARTED

PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)

