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### **Command Operations Report**

This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces**, **Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. See instructions appendices for assistance in compiling and on submitting this form and any attachments.

Electronic documents should be in a Microsoft Office format (Word, Excel, Power Point, or Access), HTML, PDF, JPG, GIF or plain text. Documents in electronic format are to be submitted via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained at the end of this form. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. List any enclosures that are not electronic and submit in hardcopy in the same manner as a CD-ROM. Photographs submitted electronically should be in JPG, TIFF or GIF format.

#### 1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON 54 (FLELOGSUPPRON FIVE FOUR)

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 52895

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: SWINDLE First: KAIL M.I.: C Rank: COMMANDER

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2015-03-28

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: HEAVY LIFT AVIATION SQUADRON OPERATING FOUR C-130T AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF COMBATANT COMMANDER AND SECNAV LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS.

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE, NEW ORLEANS.

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: COMMANDER, FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT WING

Administrative: COMMANDER, FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT WING

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable): GLOBAL FLEET SUPPORT. WHILE ON DETACHMENT, ASSIGNED TO COMMANDER, FLEET AIR FORWARD (CFAF), ATSUGI, JAPAN AND COMMANDER, TASK FORCE 63 (CTF-63) IN SIGONELLA, SICILY. SUPPORTED OPERATIONS NOBLE EAGLE, NEW DAWN, AND ENDURING FREEDOM.

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): N/A

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: FOUR (4) C-130T AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED. TAIL CODES (BUREAU NUMBERS) ASSIGNED: 164762, 164994, 165158, 165159.

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 21 Enlisted: 149 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LCDR,

Job Title/Office Code: ADMINISTRATION OFFICER/N10

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COMMANDING OFFICER, FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON 54

NAVAL AIR STATION **400 RUSSELL AVE** 

**NEW ORLEANS LA 70143-5012** 

#### 2. Commander's Assessment

- a. Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FIVE FOUR (VR-54) is one of five heavy lift aviation squadrons operating four C-130T aircraft in support of Combatant Commander and Secretary of the Navy logistics requirements. As one of 12 Navy Unique Fleet Essential Airlift (NUFEA) squadrons, the primary mission of the VR-54 "Revelers" is to provide continuous, short-notice worldwide logistics service to joint forces.
- b. Calendar Year 2015 (CY-15) was an outstanding operational year for the "Reveler" Team. Leveraging the skill and hard work of its 171 personnel and four C-130T aircraft, the command delivered unsurpassed aircraft availability to tasking agencies Commander, Fleet Air Forward (CFAF), Atsugi, Japan; Commander, Task Force 63 (CTF-63) in Naples, Italy; and the Naval Air Logistics Office (NALO), in New Orleans. These efforts resulted in the squadron providing essential aviation logistics support to U.S. Navy and Marine Corps forces operating around the world.
- c. CY-15 marked another year in which the command accomplished its mission safely, efficiently and effectively. The squadron flew 2,290 mishap free flight hours, completed over 225 missions and supported 469 airlifts that combined, resulted in the transportation of 1,872 passengers and 1,738,538 pounds of cargo. The "Revelers" provided a total of three detachments, one to European Command (EUCOM) and two to Pacific Command (PACOM)), while also supporting logistics requirements throughout the year for Northern Command (NORTHCOM), Central Command (CENTCOM), Africa Command (AFRICOM), Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Strategic Command (STRATCOM), Transportation Command (TRANSCOM), and Special Operations Command (SOCOM).
- d. The command supported numerous high priority missions during CY-15, highlighted by the following:
  - 1) VR-54 provided direct support to the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) sea-swap mission by transporting 16,600 pounds of cargo in support of Commander LCS Squadron ONE from Singapore to NAS North Island, San Diego. This critical movement of cargo and support equipment was performed to facilitate a crew swap for the forward deployed LCS ship in Singapore and is the first time a Navy C-130T has been utilized in direct support of the LCS sea-swap mission.
  - 2) While deployed to Sigonella, Italy, VR-54 transported an Explosive Ordnance Disposable Mobil Unit Eight (EODMU-8) RHIB Boat weighing 7,850 lbs from Rota, Spain to Tallinn, Estonia. This lift enabled EODMU-8's participation in Operation Open Spirit (OOS), a multinational minesweeping effort in the Baltic Sea. Additionally, VR-54 flew two missions in support of AFRICOM Crisis Response Force supporting humanitarian relief efforts transporting 72,684 pounds of cargo and equipment.
  - In the PACOM AOR, VR-54 flawlessly supported Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom Sentinel. This included Submarine Warfare Training by transporting

torpedoes from Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe to Pearce Royal Australian Air Base for Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEAS). This movement was vital to the successful accomplishment of submarine tactical training.

e. The dedication of the men and women of VR-54 to the Command Philosophy of Safe Mission Accomplishment and Excellence in Operations have been critical to the success of this squadron. As a result, the "Revelers" once again proved to be one of the most reliable and effective Fleet Logistics Support Wing squadrons for 2015. In the coming year, VR-54 looks forward to continued success and the opportunity to once again provide essential worldwide aviation logistics support to the United States Navy and Marine Corps team.

### 3. Chronology

SQUADRON DETACHMENT TO PACIFIC COMMAND, ATSUGI, JAPAN
SCHEDULED INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING
SQUADRON DETACHMENT TO EUROPEAN COMMAND, SIGONELLA, ITALY
SCHEDULED INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING
SQUADRON DETACHMENT TO PACIFIC COMMAND, ATSUGI, JAPAN

#### Narrative

Refer to DET REPORT(s) in following section.

# 4. Supporting Reports (Refer to specific guide for Ship/Shore/Aviation or Fleet Command)

a. Refer to attached file named: "END\_OF\_DET\_REPORT\_PACOM2014-2015"

b. Refer to attached file named: "END DET REPORT EUCOM 2015"

c. Refer to attached file named: "END\_OF\_DET\_REPORT\_PACOM DEC 2015"

d. Refer to attached file named: "Noel Davis Battle E FY15\_1"

#### 5. Published Documents

- a. Refer to attached file named: "VR-54 CO Bio-CDR Kail Swindle"
- b. Refer to attached file named: "VR-54 XO Bio-CDR James Lawson"
- c. Refer to attached file named: "VR-54 CMC Bio-CMDCM Terry Owens"
- d. Refer to attached file named: "VR-54 COC Program 2015\_FINAL"
- e. Refer to attached file named: "Welcome Aboard Package"
- f. VR-54 Website URL:

https://private.navyreserve.navy.mii/CNAFR/COMFLELOGSUPPWING/Squadrons/FLELOGSUPPR ON\_54/Pages/default.aspx

# 6. Photographs

- a. Refer to attached file: "CDR Swindle Commanding Officer VR-54 Official Photograph"
- b. Refer to attached file: "CDR Lawson Executive Officer VR-54 Official Photograph"
- c. Refer to attached file: "CMDCM Owens CMC VR-54 Official Photograph"
- d. Refer to attached file: "VR-54 Command Photo 2015"
- e. Refer to attached file: "VR-54 Command Logo"
- f. Refer to attached file: "VR-54 Logo Photo"
- g. Refer to attached file: "VR-54 CPO Photo"

#### MISSION DATA

"Note - "Lift priority" column shall list highest pri lift. All Pri 1 lifts require comments on CO's comments tab addressing fleet/community impact.

CUSTOMER(S)	LIFT	SQDN	MSN DATE	MSN #	ROUTE	HRS	PAX	S/A PAX	CARGO	S/A Cargo	REASON FOR LIFT
MISSION ADVANCE SEARCH REPORT	ON MSG	VR-54	START DATE	ON M5G	MISSION ADVANCE SEARCH REPORT	FROM LFR	LFR	LFR	LFR	LFR	EXAMPLE
VR-54	2	VR-54	1-Dec-15	KGK255602	KNBG-KNTD-PHIK-PWAK-RJTA	29.4	9	0	9065	0	DET TRANSIT
CTF-72	2	VR-54	6-Dec	KGK950531	RJTA-RJSM-RODN-RJTA	8.9	3	6	24,700	300	PRE-POSITION ORDANANCE FOR CONTIGENCY
VR-54 AC SWAP		VR-54	9-Dec	KGK950641	RJTA-RODN	3.7	1	0	40	0	FLY TO RODN FOR BUNG SWAP
VP-5	2	VR-54	10-Dec-14	KGK950321	RODN-RPLC-RODN	6.5	13	22	17,210	0	HUMANATARIAN RELIEF
CFAF, CG III	2	VR-54	11-Dec-14	KGK950481	RODN-RITA-RODN	7.2	33	7	18,670	350	GLOBETROTTERS TRANSPORTATION, REDEPLOYMENT FROM EXERCIZE
CG III MEF	2	VR-54	13-Dec-14	KGK950643	RODN-RKSO-RJTA	5	28	0	3,540	0	TRANSPORT FOR MEFEX MPC W/ COM EQUIPMENT
VP-5	2	VR-54	15-Dec-14	KGK950541	RJTA-PGUA-ŘJTA	13.4	12	0	31,160	0	HUMANATARIAN RELIEF
HSC 25	2	VR-54	19-Dec-14	KGK950726	RJTA-PGUA-RJTA	10	0	14	5,820	560	ISU 90 TRANSPORTATION
EODMU 5	2	VR-54	20-Dec-14	KGK950141	RITA-PGUA-RKPK-RITA	12.7	1	5	19,030	200	OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM
NSWU 1, FAST PAC	2	VR-54	22-Dec-14	KGK950487	RJTA-RKSO-PGUA-RJTA	14.7	60	0	13,920	0	MISSION ESSENTIAL TRAINING IN GUAM TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL CURRENCY
VP-40	2	VR-54	26-Dec-14	KGK950921	RJTA-RODN-RJSM-RJTA	9.7	1	6	6,080	190	RELOCATE PALLETS
HSC 25, CFAO WEAPS	2	VR-54	5-Jan-15	KGK950865	RJTA-RJFU-RODN-RJTA	7.2	26	0	1,615	0	MOVEMENT OF UNIT FOR SHIP DEPLOYMENT
CTF-72, CFAO WEAPS	2	VR-54	6-Jan-15	KGK950867	RITA-RISM-RODN-RITA	9	0	12	26,675	600	REPOSITION OF SONOBOUYS
CG III MEF	2	VR-54	7-Jan-15	KGK950981	RJTA-RODN-RJAW-RODN	10.1	132	5	2,703	100	PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION
CG III MEF	2	VR-S4	9-Jan-15	KGK950321	RODN-RJAW-RODN-RJTA	8.9	134	٥	2,010	0	PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION
FMP MOCC	2	VR-54	11-Jan-15	KGK950523	RJTA-RJSM-RODN-RPLC-RJTA	14.1	16	2	53,830	140	MPAR OPERATIONS
EODMU 5	2	VR-54	14-Jan-15	KGK950771	RJTA-PGUA-RJTA	10.2	0	0	0	0	DEPLOYMENT OF PLATOON 521 ISO SOCKOR
EQDMU 5	2	VR-54	17-Jan-15	KGK951506	RJTA-PGUA-RKPK-RJTA	12.4	2	0	17,500	0	SUPPORT SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND KOREA
SEAL TEAM 17	2	VR-54	20-Jan-00	KGK951542	RJTA-PGUA-RK\$O-RJTA	13.2	1	0	18,040	0	PACOM DEPLOYMENT
CTF-72	2	VR-54	23-Jan-15	KGK950771	RJTA-RODN-RITA	6	0	0	2220	0	MISSILE PREPOSITION
· NSWU 1	2	VR-54	25-Jan-15	KGK951744	RJTA-PGUA-RPLC-RPVP-RPLC-RJTA	19.7	7	0	29775	0	JOINT EXERCIZE TRAINING
VR-54	2	VR-54	28-Jan-15	KGK259242	RJTA-PHIK-KNZY-KNFW-KNBG	23.1	25	0	18555	0	DET TRANSIT
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# **ACCOUNTING DATA**

Squadron:

VR-54

LCDR NELSON

VR-54 CDR MATT VR-54

Det OICs: Dates:

1DEC-21DEC14

21DEC14-7JAN15

CDR MATT 7JAN-24JAN15

Theater:

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# **SELRES Support**

	Officer Assigned	Enlisted Assigned
No: of Aircrew	7	2
No. of Maintenance	0	0
No. of Other	0	0
Total	0	0
No. of AT Days	0	0
No. of ADT Days	168	45
No. of Other	0	0

# **Operational Summary**

	In Transit	In Theater	Total
Flight Hours	52.5	202.6	255.1

	Scheduled	Completed		
No. of	20	20		
Missions				

	Scheduled	Space Available	Total		
No. of PAX	504	79	583		
Pounds of Cargo	322,158	2440	324,598		

### **Active Duty Support**

	Officers Assigned	Enlisted Assigned
No. of Aircrew	5	11
No. of Maintenance	0	12
No. of Others	0	0
Total	5	23

# MAINTENANCE DATA

Parts Expended From New Orleans PUK

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NOTES
36E165-2QC	STARTER, ENGINE, AIR TURBINE	1	REPLENISHED PUK THROUGH ASD ATSUGI
36E165-2QC	STARTER, ENGINE, AIR TURBINE	1	REPLENISHED PUK THROUGH ASD ATSUGI
6893610	FUEL CONTROL, MAIN, TURBINE ENGINE	1	REPLENISHED PUK THROUGH ASD ATSUGI
522-2900-057	CONTROL,SERVO,AUTOM	1	TAKEN OUT AND TESTED, NEVER USED. REPLACED WITH ASD PART.

Parts Expended From ASD Atsugi

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NOTES
	RELAY, ELECTROMAGNETIC	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION (N625074340VR00)
NAS517-3-3	SCREW, MACHINE	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION (N625074342GR50)
NAS517-3-1	SCREW, MACHINE	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, ONSTATION (N625074342GR51)
NAS517-3-4	SCREW, MACHINE	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION (N625074342GR52)
H600S063A181	LATCH, CATCH	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, ONSTATION (N625074342GR53)
BACT12AC3	LUG, TERMINAL	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, ONSTATION
MS27467T15B35SA	CONNECTOR, PLUG, ELECTRICAL	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION
M81969/14-01	INSERTER AND REMOVER, ELECTRICAL CONTACT	2	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION
M39029/56-348	CONTACT, ELECTRICAL	20	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION
3304485-1	TUBE AND PLATE ASSEMBLY, DRAIN	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION
NAS1338C5C52	PIN, QUICK RELEASE	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, OFFSTATION
697639-39	CONTROL BOX, ELECTRICAL	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, ONSTATION
M39029/29-212	CONTACT, ELECTRICAL	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, ONSTATION
M81969/14-03	INSERTER AND REMOVER, ELECTRICAL CONTACT	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, ONSTATION
522-2900-057	CONTROL, SERVO, AUTOM	1	PART WAS USED TO REPLACE DEFECTIVE PUK PART
4571	LAMP, INCANDESCENT	1	ORDERED THROUGH ASD ATSUGI, ONSTATION

### Parts Drawn from Home Base

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NMCS/PMCS TIME

#### MISSION DATA

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EXAMPLE

CUSTOMER(S)	LIFT PRIORITY	SQDN	MSN DATE	MSN #	ROUTE	HRS	PAX	S/A PAX	CARGO	S/A Cargo	REASON FOR LIFT
USNS BIGHORN	2	VR-54	15-Jul	KGK529882	OBBI-OOMN-OMDM-OBBI-OMDM- OBBI	6,6	12	1	21,000	1500	Repair parts
VR-54	2	VR-54	12-May	KGK254221	KNBG-CYYT-EINN-LICZ	17.6	16	0	18130	0	DET TRANSIT
EODMU 8	2	VR-54	15-May	KGK351368	LICZ-LERT-EEEI-LICZ	17.7	0	0	7850	2783	OPERATION OPEN SPIRIT
VR-54	2	VR-54	16-May	KGK258621	KNBG-CYYT-LICZ	15.6	٥	0	0	1020	DET TRANSIT
MTOC 4 / CTF-67 / PATHFINDER	2	VR-54	18-May	KGK351026	LICZ-EDDH-BIKF-LICZ	15.2	15	0	31453	0	
NMCB 11 / USNS MEDGA	2	VR-54	21-May	KGK351226	LICZ-LERT-FTTJ-FKYS-FKKL-FKYS-FTTJ- LERT-LICZ	30.6	3	8	32590	17235	EXCHANGING OF GEAR FOR DEPOLYMENT
UTC-1 / EODMU-8 / CTF-63	2	VR-54	27-May	KGK351348	LICZ-EETN-LICZ-EGHQ-LERT-ETAR- EDDS-LICZ	26.2	18	0	42209	2052	AFRICOM-CRISIS RESPONSE FORCE
CTF-67 / VP-47	2	VR-54	3-Jun	KGK351364	LICZ-EPOK-LICZ	9.1	5	0	22123	0	NATO EXERCISE
VR-54	2	VR-54	4-Jun	KGK258641	LICZ-EGAA-CYYT-KNBG	18.9	0	0	900.	1500	DET TRANSIT HOME
EODMU8	2	VR-54	7-Jun	KGK351422	LICZ-ETAR-EDDS-LERT-LICZ	13.9	7	2	14960	13453	SOAFRICOM-CRISIS RESPONSE FORCE
DD 974 / NAVSPECWARGRP	2	VR-54	12-Jun	KGK351482	LICZ-LERT-GMAD-LERT-EDDS-LICZ	14.7	2	2	12250	4105	AFRICAN LION 15 REDPLOYMENT
USS NEW YORK	2	VR-54	14-Jun	KGK351742	LICZ-LGSA-LICZ	4	0	2	5122	10	
COMUSMARFOR	2	VR-54	17-Jun	KGK351612	LICZ-LEAM-LEMO-LFBD-LICZ	10	63	0	7575	0	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
CTF-67	2	VR-54	20-Jun	KGK351584	LICZ-EPOK-LICZ	8	2	0	20689	0	SUPPORT P3-C OPERATION BACTOPS
NMCB 3	2	VR-54	22-Jun	KGK351606	LICZ-EPGD-LICZ-EPDG-LICZ	16.8	11	0	42365	0	RETURN FROM EXERCISE BALTOPS 2015
EODMU 8	2	VR-54	24-Jun	KGK351624	LICZ-EPGD-LERT-LICZ	13.6	0	0	16400	0	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
NAVSPECWAR	2	VR-54	27-Jun	KGK351702	Licz-EPOK-EDDS-Licz	8.7	33	0	15881	0	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
NONE	2	VR-54	29-Jun	KGK251304	KNBG-CYYT-BIKF	12.3	0	0	0	200	DET TRANSIT / PRE POSITION
CTF-67 / USS SAN ANTONIO	2	VR-54	30-Jun	KGK351762	LICZ-BIKF-EDDH-LICZ	16.1	5	0	26588	0	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT / MAII
CTF-67	2	VR-54	2-Jul	KGK351442	BIKF-EDDH-LICZ	8.8	3	0	28305	200	
USS LABOO/USS PORTER/NAS SIG/ NAVSUPPACT	2	VR-54	3-Jul	KGK351886	LICZ-LGSA-LICZ	4.2	0	2	10968	150	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
CTF-63/ROSS/NMC DET SIG	2	VR-54	5-Jul	KGK352001	LICZ-LGSA-LICZ	4.1	42	8	10875	0	
DD974	2	VR-54	6-Jul	KGK351924	LICZ-ETAR-LICZ	6.3	39	0	6380	0	RE ENFORCEMENT
DD974	2	VR-54	6-Jul	KGK351922	LICZ-ETAR-LICZ	6.5	39	0	4095	0	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
NAVSPECWAR	2	VR-54	7-Jul	KGK351944	LICZ-EDDS-LRCK-LICZ	9.4	25	2	10500	300	
COMUSMARFOR	2	VR-54	9-Jul	KGK352181	LICZ-GOSS-GVAC-DGAA-LICZ	22.6	14	0	17450	0	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
EODMU8/UCT	2	VR-54	11-Jul	KGK352065	LICZ-LERT-LLNV-LGSA-LERT-LICZ	24	22	20	28980	500	L
COMUSMARFOR	2	VR-54	12-Jul	KGK352021	LICZ-ETAR-LICZ	6.7	29	0	9500	5152	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
EODMU/TASK FORCE	2	VR-54	14-Jul	KGK352061	LICZ-LRCK-LERT-LICZ	14	17	7	3912	420	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
SSN21/SSN768	2	VR-54	16-Jul	KGK352149	LICZ-ENBR-ENTC-LIRN	14.4	0	0	2501	0	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
NSWC PHD DET WHITESANDS	2	VR-54	17-Jul	KGK352087	LICZ-EDDH-EGPL-EGPK-LICZ-EDDH- EGPL-EGPK-LICZ	26.4	2	0	28181	0	ASD 15 MULTI NATIONAL EXERCIS
BIG HORN T/NAS SIG/LHD 2/DONALD COO/USS PORTER	2	VR-54	21-Jul	KGK352447	LICZ-LGSA-LICZ	4.2	2	0	1270	0	BIG HORN T/ LHD 2 / DONALD COUSS PORTER

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					(# Missions)		(Mission Hours)	(Pax)	(S/A Pax)	(Cargo)	(S/A Cargo)	
VR-	54	2	VR-54	17-Aug	KGK256443	LICZ-EGAA-CYHZ-KNBG	19.7	13	0	8450	0	DET TRANSIT
VR-	54	2	VR-54	17-Aug	KGK256421	LICZ-EGAA-CYHZ-KNBG	19.7	0	0	12550	0	DET TRANSIT
EODN	MU 8	2	VR-54	14-Aug	KGK352501	LICZ-LICZ-LERT-EYPA-LICZ	15,8	3	0	18315	2764	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
COMUS	NAVEU	2	VR-54	14-Aug	KGK352701	LICZ-LIRN-LDRI-LICZ-LIRN-LDRI-LICZ	9.2	113	8	4919	740	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
EODN	AU 8	2	VR-54	8-Oct	KGK352421	LICZ-LERT-LGSA-HDAM-LICZ	25.6	7	7	22140	280	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
NAVSPE	CWAR	2	VR-54	8-Aug	KGK 352481	EDDS-LFRH-LICZ	6.3	14	5	8750	5360	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
COMUSA	MARFOR	2	VR-54	6-Aug	KGK 352365	LICZ-LERT-LRCK-LICZ-LERT-LRCK-LICZ	28.1	0	9	38580	1664	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
CTF-	63	2	VR-54	4-Aug	KGK 352681	LICZ-EGQS-EGPK-LICZ	11.8	0	0	5428	0	LOGISTIC SUPPORT
CTF	-67	2	VR-54	1-Aug	KGK 352583	LICZ-EGQS-BIKF-EDDS	14.9	0	5	11500	0	ICELAND COST GUARD
NAVSPE	CWAR	2	VR-54	30-Jul	KGK352621	LICZ-EDDS-LGAV-LBSF-LICZ	11	5	0	3200	0	SUPPORT FOR OUT STATIONS
NAVSPE	CWAR	2	VR-54	28-Jul	352263	EDDS-LICZ-LERT-FKYS-FTTJ-LERT-LICZ	30.2	29	0	14270	1300	DETACHMENT MOVEMENT
NAVSPE	CWAR	2	VR-54	27-Jul	KGK352242	LICZ-LRCK-EDDS	6.6	27	0	4400	0	REDEPLOYMENT / JOINT COMBINE EXERCISE TRAINING

TOTALS

(Transit Hours) 103.8

# **ACCOUNTING DATA**

Squadron: Det OICs: VR-54 LCDR NELSON VR-54 LCDR HEYSE VR-54 LCDR FUGATE VR-54 CDR LAWSON VR-54 CDR LAWSON 15JUL-3AUG VR-54 LCDR NELSON 30JUL - 18AUG

Dates: Theater: 12MAY - 1JUN EUCOM 27MAY - 16JUN EUCOM 13JUN - 30JUN EUCOM 28JUN - 16JUL EUCOM

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# **SELRES Support**

	Officer Assigned	Enlisted Assigned		
No. of Aircrew	9	4		
No. of Maintenance	0	1		
No. of Other	0	0		
Total	9	5		
No. of AT Days	0	0		
No. of ADT Days	295	199		
No. of Other	0	0		

# **Active Duty Support**

	Officers	Enlisted
	Assigned	Assigned
No. of Aircrew	12	24
No. of	0	36
Maintenance		
No. of Others	0	0
Total	12	60

# **Operational Summary**

	In Transit	In Theater	Total
Flight Hours	103.8	531.2	635

	Scheduled	Completed
No. of	44	44
Missions		

ě	Scheduled	Space Available	Total
No. of PAX	634	87	721
Pounds of Cargo	637934	61198	699132

# MAINTENANCE DATA

Parts Expended From PUK

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY		
9560685-1	Multi disc brake	1	5135G546	
386023-23	Main mount tire	1	5135G547	
31-3729-1	Light, strobe	1	5135G548	
739070-1	Pump Housing	1	5150G553	
ms24149-d1	relay	1	CMPEB 5158g570 *9B*	
2070964-0106	INDICATOR, HEIGHT	1	5164GE73	
121010	VALVE, SOLENOID	1	5174GE69	
622-3374-002	ATTITUDE UNDICATOR	1	5174GE73	
386023-23	WHELL ASSY	1	5187GE75	
396308-2-2	VAVLVE,BUTTERFLY	1	5201GE80	REQUSITION REFER TO ASD , COMPLETED
8010000653-6	RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER	1	5205GE81	REQUSITION REFER TO ASD , COMPLETED
8010000653-6	RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER	1	5205GE88	REQUSITION REFER TO ASD , COMPLETED
8340922-10	WHEEL, MOUNT	1	5211GE78	REQUSITION REFER TO ASD ,COMPLETED
54H60-111	PROPELLER	1	5213GE80	REQUSITION REFER TO ASD ,COMPLETED
739070-4	PUMP Housing	1	5214GE81	REQUSITION REFER TO ASD ,COMPLETED
18-3114-2	INDICATOR,PRESSURE	1	5221GE85	PULL OUT FROM PUK ,HAS THE T/I PART
572865	BRUSH ASSY		5222GE80	REQUSITION REFER TO ASD ,COMPLETED
1034540	ACTUATOR		5225GE92	PULL OUT FROM PUK, HAS THE T/I PART

Parts Drawn from Support Bases

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NMCS/PMCS TIME	
54-h60-111	Prop Assy	1	1 HRS	5140GE49
54-h60-111	Prop Assy	1	1 HRS	5140GE50
QQ-N-281	.032 safety wire	1	1hrs	5140GE99
54h60-111	Prop Assy	1	1 week	5141GE51
EA1065AW-2315	LIQUID QTY IND	1	2hrs	5148fe63
Mil-C-7/75	Cable radio freq	20ft	1hr	5148ge52
572942	BRACKET ASSY		6 DAYS VP47 PAY BACK	5150GE99
BYLB51045	VALVE, BUTTERFLY		2 DAYS	5150GE55
MS3106R14S6S	CONNECTOR		6DAYS	5150GE56
625017-11	GASKET		1 DAY	5150GE57
18276A300	COUPLING		6 DAYS	5150GE58
MS35842-16	CLAMP		6 DAYS	5150GE59
MS27467T15B35SA	CONNECTOR		6 DAYS/wrong part received	5150GE60

M39029/56-348	CONTACT ELE	22	8 days	5150ge61	
M22759/43-22-9	WIRE ELECTRICA	50FT	8 days	5150GE62	
M27500-20-SP2S23	WIRE ELECTRICA	50ft	8 days	5150GE62 5150GE63	
MS25181-1		1 HD	6 DAYS	5150GE63	
MS25181-1	SPLICE CONNECTOR SPLICE CONNECTOR	1HD	4 DAYS		lateral
MS27467T15B35A	PLUG CANNON PIN		1 day	5152GE03	A. S. S. S. A. S.
625017-11	GASKET		1HR	5153GE67	lateral
695297-15	THERMOSTAT, SWITCH		8days		lateral
an365-10322a	Nut self locking	1hd	1 DAY	5154ge64	
m81969/14-01	INSERTION TOOL		PARTIAL 1-RCVD	5155GE66	
NA\$585-10	SCREW, NON TOLERANCE			5155GE68	
NA\$585-8	SCREW, NON TOLERANCE			5155GE69	
373326-4	SEAL ROUND			5155GE71	
MS27467T15B35SA	CONNECTOR		OUTSTANDING	5156GE65	
MS25307-262	TOGGLE SWITCH		OUTSTANDING	5160FE66	
24-1164-2	EXTENSION TOGGLE		OUTSTANDING	5160FE67	
27231294	OverHeat Sensor	1	4 days	5160GE71	
6873465	SPEED SENSE CONTROL	1	1 HR	5161GE72	
H600S190A471	LATCH	1	1	5179GE70	
338671-11	HINGE, HALF	1		5179GE71	
340863	SPRING, HELCAL	2		5179GE72	
338671-12	HINGEM HALF	2		5179GE73	
338658-11	PIN, STRAIGHT HEADLESS	1	1	5179GE74	
359815-1	SPRING	1	1	5179GE75	
1105P60	SWITCH, PRESSURE	1	1DAY	5184GE74	
338658-9	DOOR, ACCESS A/C	1		5184GE76	
822-0383-001	RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER	1		5188GE77	
373326-4	SEAL, NONMETALIC	1	4days	5191GE76	10
NAS585-10	SCREW, CLOSE TOLERANC	12	4 DAYS	5191GE80	COMPL
NAS585-8	SCREW, CLOSE TOLERANC	90	4days	5191GE79	COMPL
NAS1354S7S05D	PIN, QUICK RELEASE	2		5193GE78	
MS27467T15B35SA	CONNECTOR	2		5195GE70	
M39029/56-348	CONTACT ELE	45		5195GE72	
M81964/14-01	INSERTION TOOL	4		5195GE71	
927696-2	DUCT ASSY. CABIN AIR	1		5195GE79	
40HS	CLAMP, HOSE	1		5195GE80	
927599-1	RESTRANT, DUCT	1		5195GE81	
12A425S250	COUPLING, DUCT	1		5195GE82	
460-250	PACKAGE, PREFORMED	3		5195GE83	
67473	SPACER,RING	1		5201GE81	
1009062-1	PACKING,PREF	1		5201GE82	
1009063-1	GASKET			5201GE83	
69483C103-7665	O-RING	1		5201GE84	
69483C103-7880	O-RING			5201GE85	
69483C139-5880	O-RING			5201GE86	
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364024-1	PANEL	1	5225GE90 REQUSITION REFER TO NEW CUMBERLAND, SUPPLEMENT ADDRESS IS N54076
3331922-1	STRAP ASSY	1	5208GE89
9560685	BRAKE, MULTIPLE DISK	1	5208GE82
180-147	JUG,INSULATED	1	5202GE87
27231296	SENSOR,CANBIN	1	5202GE86

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NMCS/PMCS TIME	

#### MISSION DATA

\*Note - "Lift priority" column shall list highest pri lift. All Pri 1 lifts require comments on CO's comments tab addressing fleet/community impact.

CUSTOMER(S)	LIFT PRIORITY	SQDN	MSN DATE	MSN #	ROUTE	HRS	PAX	S/A PAX	CARGO	S/A Cargo	REASON FOR LIFT
MISSION ADVANCE SEARCH REPORT	ON MSG	VR-54	START DATE	ON MSG	MISSION ADVANCE SEARCH REPORT	FROM LFR	LFR	LFR	LFR	LFR	EXAMPLE/ CUSTOMER SURVEY
DET TRANSIT	2	VR-54	11/29/2016	KGK260161	KNBG-KSÛU-PHIK-PWAK-RUTA	29.5	15	. 0	16,900	0	DET TRANSIT
EODMUS	2	VR-54	12/8/2015	KGK960261	RITA-PGUA-RITA	10	2	0	25,390	0	RE-DEPLOYMENT
NMCB 3	2	VR-54	12/27/2015	KGK950967	RITA-RODN-RIAW-RODN-RITA	12.8	120	30	0	0	TRAINING/EXERCISE
FAST PAC	2	VR-54	1/6/2016	KGK961224	RJTA-PGUA-RJTA	10,4	16	0	5,010	0	TRAINING/EXERCISE
MTCC ONE	2	VR-54	1/8/2016	KGK951108	RITA-RODN-RPLC-RITA	12.9	12	4	27,140	195	P-8 DET/7TH FLEET OPERATIONS
FAST PAC	2	VR-54	1/10/2016	KGK961344	RITA-PGUA-RITA	9.8	29	0	12,500	0	TRAINING/EXERCISE
EODM5	2	VR-54	1/11/2016	KGK960589	RUTA-RUFF-PGUA-YPDN-YPEA-YPDN- PGUA	32.1	6	0	33,650	0	EOD TEAM TRAINING
NSW U-1	2	VR-S4	1/17/2016	KGK961128	PGUA-RPLC-VTBU-PGUA	18.5	28	0	19,030	0	DEPLOYMENT
EODMU5	2	VR-54	1/19/2016	KGK960947	PGUA-RPLC-RPMZ-RPLC-RJTA	15.1	6	13	22,370	520	UNSCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT
COM CVW4	2	VR-54	1/25/2016	KGK961764	RITA-RIOI-RITA	3.5	23	0	4,411	6450	TRAINING/EXERCISE
VR-59	2	VR-54	1/27/2016	KGK961824	RJTA-RKSO-RJTA	5.3	0	42	0	640	TRAINING/EXERCISE
HSL 51 LAM	2	VR-54	1/28/2016	KGK861392	RJTA-RKJAW-RJTA	5.7	63	0	1,250	0	PME EXERCISE
CG III MEF	2	VR-54	1/29/2016	KGK961926	RUTA-RODN-RUCI-RUTA	10	53	2	8,820	80	TRAINING/EXERCISE
VRC 30	2	VR-54	1/31/2016	KGK961366	RITA-PGUA-RITA	10.3	0	0	5,150	0	TRAINING/EXERCISE
CG III MEF	2	VR-54	2/1/2016	KGK961684	RUTA-RODN-RUAW-RODN-RUSM-RUTA	15.8	136	0	6,490	0	TRAINING/EXERCISE
DET TRANSIT	2	VR-54	2/7/2016	KGK265352	R:TA-PHIK-KNTD-KNBG	22.5	11	0	17,055	0	DET TRANSIT
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# **ACCOUNTING DATA**

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CDR LAWSON/CDR FINN

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# **SELRES Support**

ſ	Officer	Enlisted
	Assigned	Assigned
No. of Aircrew	5	3
No. of	0	0
Maintenance		
No. of Other	1	0
Total	6	3
No. of AT Days	0	0
No. of ADT Days	134	151
No. of Other	0	0

### **Operational Summary**

	In Transit	In Theater	Total
Flight Hours	52	172.3	224.3

	Scheduled	Completed
No. of	16	16
Missions		

	Scheduled	Space Available	Total
No. of PAX	520	91	611
Pounds of Cargo	205,176	7885	213,061

### **Active Duty Support**

	Officers Assigned	Enlisted Assigned
No. of Aircrew	7	11
No. of Maintenance	0	20
No. of Others	0	0
Total	7	31

# **MAINTENANCE DATA**

Parts Expended From New Orleans PUK

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NOTES
103036-3	REGULATOR, AIR PRESS	1	used 1 from PUK
23067642	FUEL CONTROL, MAIN,	1	used 1 from PUK
ip-1374A/APS-133(V	INDICATOR HEIGHT-RA	1	USED 1 FROM THE PUK, ORDERED ONE FROM ASD FOR REPLENISHMENT
6223374002	ATTITUDE, INDICATOR	1	PULL OUT FROM DET PUK

Parts Expended From ASD Atsugi

PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NOTES
m59385-04	O-RING	1	Took from ASD Atsugi's C130 PUK
102150-0	REGULATOR, AIR PRESS	1	Took from ASD Atsugi's C130 PUK
137847-1	FILTER ELEMENT, FLUID	2	Ordered as low priority part through ASD Atsugi
MS25331-8	LIGHT, INDICATOR	1	Ordered as low priority part through ASD Atsugi
9549400	SENSOR, DUCT OVERHEAT TEMPERATURE	1	Ordered as low priority part through ASD Atsugi
MS25024-2	RELAY, ELECTROMAGNETIC	1	Ordered as low priority part through ASD Atsugi
3311797-1	FAN CENTRF C19A51	1	Ordered as low priority part through ASD Atsugi
98G41-1	SWITCH, PRESSURE	1	Ordered as low priority part through ASD Atsugi
697752-1	VALVE, BUTTERFLY	1	Ordered as HIGH priority part through ASD Atsugi
396308-2-2	VALVE, BUTTERFLY	1	Ordered as HIGH priority part through ASD Atsugi
102150-0-13	REGULATOR, AIR PRESS	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
6824278	PUMP,ROTARY	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
6784457-054	NUT, SELF-LOCKING	4	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
MS9020-04	O-RING	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
MS9021-213	O-RING	4	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
MS229512-06	O-RING	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
23052955	gasket	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
6891563	installation kit	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
23067642	fuel control	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
6827995	SWITCH, PRESSURE	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
356718-3	arm,tow,nose	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
772-5140-001	Ggyroscope,rate	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
386023-33	wheel landing gear	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
339242-15	wheel landing gear	2	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
54h60-111	propeller	1	Took from ASD Atsugi's C130 PUK
69483c103-7665	o-ring	2	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
5509-3	switch,push pull	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
31-3729-1	LIGHT	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
31-3728-1	light	1	Ordered through ASD Atsugi's Warehouse as High Priority Part
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PART NUMBER	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY	NMCS/PMCS TIME



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON 54 NAVAL AIR STATION 400 RUSSELL AVENUE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70143-5000

> 1650 N00 30 Oct 15

From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 54

To: Commander, Fleet Logistics Support Wing

Subj: NOEL DAVIS BATTLE "E" AWARD FISCAL YEAR 2015

Ref: (a) COMFLELOGSUPPWINGINST 3590.3A

- Per references (a) and (b), the men and women of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 54 (VR-54), the Revelers, respectfully submit their nomination for the 2015 Noel Davis Battle "E" Award.
- 2. Fiscal Year 2015 (FY-15) proved to be an overall outstanding year for the Reveler team. Despite experiencing multiple setbacks throughout the year, the Command was able to pull together and, working as a team, produce C-130T FMC/PMC/RFT rates, mission completion rates, flight hours per aircraft, MCI Inspection results and NATOPS Unit Evaluation results that were some of the best in the Wing. The combined efforts of the Sailors of VR-54 allowed the squadron to make a significant contribution to the collective FLSW mission of providing responsive, flexible, and rapid deployable air logistics support required to sustain combat operations at sea.
- 3. Operations. The Revelers have greatly distinguished themselves this year and although having faced many challenges, VR-54 came together and was able to successfully execute 225 missions, 2,677 flight hours, transport over 2,000 passengers and over 2.9 million pounds of cargo that provided substantial and meaningful impact to the Fleet. VR-54 is a command that encourages innovation and possesses a culture that inspires its members to find efficiencies and better ways to accomplish its assigned mission. As a result, the exemplary efforts of VR-54 Sailors over the past year have been critical to the squadron's success and its ability to provide aviation logistics support to U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Forces around the world!
- a. VR-54 successfully completed over six months of deployed operations during FY-15, directly supporting European Command (EUCOM), Africa Command (AFRICOM), Pacific Command (PACOM) and Central Command (CENTCOM) COCOMs.
- b. The Revelers of VR-54 exhibited unparalleled work ethic while operating a two aircraft detachment supporting the EUCOM and AFRICOM Area of Operations (AOR). The two plane detachment was requested by U.S. 6th Fleet Command in support of a high volume movement of cargo and personnel. VR-54 executed 531.7 flight hours while transporting over 699,000 pounds of cargo and 726 passengers in a three month period. The squadron successfully completed two missions in support of AFRICOM Crisis Response Force, supporting humanitarian relief efforts

and transporting 72,684 pounds of cargo and equipment. Additionally, VR-54 transported an Explosive Ordnance Disposable Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU-8) RHIB Boat from Rota, Spain to Tallinn, Estonia. This lift enabled EODMU-8's participation in Operation Open Spirit (OOS), a multi-national minesweeping effort in the Baltic Sea. VR-54 also transported Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven (NMCB 11) from Cameroon and Chad to Sigonella, Italy. This airlift enabled the return to CONUS for NMCB 11 following the completion of a seven month deployment in support of U.S. Forces providing critical humanitarian aid to the host countries. Finalizing the accomplishments of this detachment, VR-54 also seamlessly completed the first detachment turnover involving four C-130T aircraft in the recent history of Fleet Logistics Support Wing. This transfer was completed with the departure of the Reveler's two aircraft and the arrival of VR-64's two aircraft detachment.

- c. In the PACOM AOR, VR-54 flawlessly supported Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom Sentinel. This included Submarine Warfare Training support by transporting torpedoes from Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe to Pearce Royal Australian Air Base for Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEAS). This movement was vital to the successful accomplishment of submarine tactical training. VR-54 also transported Command Task Force-72 ordinance from Misawa Air Base to Kadena Air Base for critical anti-terrorism operations.
- d. The Revelers were selected for a delicate mission of transporting four Navy dolphins and trainers from Hawaii to San Diego who are a part of the U. S. Navy Marine Mammal Program. Additionally, VR-54 was contributed to the transportation of Explosive Ordinance Disposal Mobile Unit Team 11 to Adak, Alaska, allowing the team to disable explosives which posed a danger to personal on and around the island.
- e. VR-54 supported multiple missions for Helicopter Maritime Strike Weapons School Atlantic, transporting personnel and cargo from Naval Station Mayport to Andros Island, Bahamas in order to complete multiple high priority pre-deployment detachments at Atlantic Underwater Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEC). The training that was completed on these helicopter detachments was vital to U.S. Naval Forces ability to deploy.
- 4. Maintenance. The Reveler Maintenance Team had an outstanding year supporting worldwide aviation logistics tasking. The squadron safely executed over 15,000 maintenance man-hours and expertly completed all scheduled and unscheduled maintenance requirements in order to efficiently operate its four assigned C-130T aircraft. Numerous intensive maintenance actions were skillfully completed, including six isochronal inspections, 18 propeller changes and four engine changes. The isochronal inspections were all completed well ahead of the normally allotted 30 days with an average turnaround time of approximately 19 days. This significant major maintenance inspection efficiency, which was identified last year, has allowed VR-54 to increase its overall RFT rates as well saving approximately 30-35% of programmed maintenance man-hours for each inspection period. These man-hours have been successfully repurposed to increase overall FMC rates as well as assisting in creating more proficient maintenance technicians through increased time available for training.

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The VR-54 Maintenance Department has continued to set the standard for the C-130T FLSW Fleet by achieving a fleet leading 66.4% Mission Capable rate and a 36.8% Full Mission Capable rate, despite significant parts shortages throughout the enterprise. Most notably, the Reveler Maintenance Team achieved a truly impressive accomplishment of simultaneously having all four of their aircraft in a Full Mission Capable (FMC) status. This level of readiness allowed the squadron to consistently be the "go to" squadron for last minute NALO tasking and support. In addition to supporting the Fleet, VR-54 made significant contributions to supporting fellow C-130T squadrons. A specific example includes being "hand selected" by FLSW to assist other C-130T squadrons by participating in special assist visits. The efforts of VR-54 Sailors directly resulted in major programs moving to and sustaining an "on-track" status. High quality maintenance performed safely and in a timely fashion, allowed VR-54 to deliver on time, anytime, every time.

- 5. Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS). FY-15 was a banner year for the VR-54 NATOPS Department. The department contributed to the Wing's commitment to standardization and safety by participating in multiple FLSW Training Detachments. This including hosting one training detachment at NAS JRB NOLA, complete with coordinating the use of a Fleet Survey Team boat to enhance the loadmaster training experience. These efforts greatly assisted in maximizing VR-54's aircrew interoperability with other FLSW squadrons. The expert management of each aircrew member's NATOPS jacket continued the squadron's superb mission readiness and decreased the number of regretted missions, due to lack of qualified personnel, to zero. The NATOPS department was also directly responsible for the expert qualification of six pilots, two flight engineers, and seven loadmasters. Finally, the FLSW NATOPS Evaluation noted zero major discrepancies and awarded the highest possible grade of 'Satisfactory' in every category. Lauded by FLSW C-130T NATOPS Evaluator, the entire NATOPS team received a Bravo Zulu for their program management and efforts in preparing for this year's NATOPS inspection.
- 6. <u>Safety</u>. FY-15 has been a challenging year for the Reveler Safety Department. However, even in the face of adversity, the VR-54 Safety Team continued to promote and foster the positive safety culture that is at the core of VR-54 maintenance operations, flight operations and off-duty activities. Most eventful was a Class B Aviation Ground Mishap (which will likely downgrade to a Class C) in St. John's, Canada involving wind related flight control damage. The Aviation Mishap Board (AMB) thoroughly researched historical mishap and hazard report data and found a string of similar incidents with common causal factors and root hazards. Sharing this knowledge with the Fleet, VR-54 recommended vital changes to C-130T maintenance publications, C-130T NATOPS Flight Manual and FLSW/Squadron Standard Operating Procedures that will increase awareness, quality of training, and ultimately reduce the risk of a repeat occurrence. Additionally, the AMB also uncovered design flaws in the C-130T hydraulic and flight control system that if properly addressed will also mitigate possible reoccurrences of this costly mishap.

For the year, the Safety Department produced one Safety Investigation Report (SIR), four Hazardous Material Reports (HAZREPs), recognized four Safety Professionals (Safety-Pros) and

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maintained ESAMS and Operational Risk Management (ORM) completion rates of 96% and 98%, respectively. The success of the Reveler Safety Department is due in large part to the hard work and dedication of the Safety Petty Officer's ground safety programs, which were lauded by both aircrew and maintenance personnel on the Command's most recent Safety Assessments/Maintenance Climate Assessment Surveys (CSA/MCAS).

### 7. Personnel Readiness:

- a. VR-54 advanced 22.7% of their Sailors in FY-15, and has achieved an overall retention rate of 84%.
- b. The Squadron is proud to report the achievement combined 91.7% deployable medical and dental readiness for the year, 98% of its Sailors are within all physical readiness standards and 50% have earned their Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist (EAWS) qualification.
- 8. Summary: VR-54 has been guided in its FY-15 successes and achievements by its Command Philosophy of: "Safe Mission Accomplishment and Excellence in Operations through the effective leadership and management of our human resources, the disciplined maintenance of our material resources and the idea that we are always striving to maintain the highest professional standards in our aviation, aviation maintenance and personnel management programs." As a member of the FLSW team, the proud men and women that make up the VR-54 Team have also embraced the idea that our Wing succeeds when all squadrons work together as a unified organization and the Revelers are committed to the common goal of providing the finest responsive, flexible and rapidly deployable air logistics support required to sustain combat operations at sea. Understanding that the winner of this award would not have succeeded without the combined efforts of the entire Wing, if selected, the Sailors of VR-54 would be immensely proud to represent FLSW and fellow squadrons as the NOEL DAVIS BATTLE "E" AWARD recipient for 2015.

K. C. SWINDLE



COMMANDER KAIL C. SWINDLE

Commander Kail C. Swindle is from Fort Worth, Texas and graduated from Texas A & M University in 1996, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Distribution. He was commissioned through the NROTC program and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1998.

CDR Swindle reported to the "Vipers" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light FOUR EIGHT (HSL-48) in 1998 at NS Mayport to fly the SH-60B "Seahawk". During this tour, he deployed to the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea aboard USS BOONE (FFG-28), and also to the Persian Gulf in support of HARRY S TRUMAN Battle Group aboard USS STUMP (DD-978). While at HSL-48, he held multiple positions including Detachment Maintenance Officer and Squadron NATOPS Officer.

CDR Swindle joined the "Rangers" of Training Squadron TWO EIGHT (VT-28) at NAS Corpus Christi in 2002 where he became a Flight Instructor in the T-34C. CDR Swindle's duties at VT-28 included serving as the Aviation Safety Officer and NATOPS Officer. In 2005, CDR Swindle reported to the Training Air Wing FOUR Staff prior to a brief period at VT-28 as a Selected Reservist. In 2006, CDR Swindle was selected as a Full Time Support Officer and recalled to active duty at VT-28. During this tour, CDR Swindle held multiple positions including serving as the Operations Officer. CDR Swindle joined the "Revelers" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FIVE FOUR (VR-54) at NAS JRB New Orleans in 2008 to fly the C-130T "Hercules", last serving as the Squadron Operations Officer.

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# Command Master Chief (Aviation Warfare) Terry Owens United States Navy



Master Chief Owens is a native of Birmingham, AL. He attended Tarrant High School where he graduated in 1986. He enlisted in the Navy Delayed Entry Program in June 1986 and reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL in January 1987. In March 1987, he reported to Naval Technical Training Center Meridian, MS for Aviation Maintenance Administrationman "A" School.

His duty assignments include VAW-114 Naval Air Station Miramar, CA, embarked onboard the U.S.S. Carl Vinson CVN-70; Commander Naval Reserve Recruiting Command Detachment Four, assigned to Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Bessemer, AL; VR-54 NAS JRB New Orleans, LA; Commander Naval Air Reserve Force, New Orleans, LA; VP-94 NAS JRB New Orleans, LA; AIMD NAS JRB Willow Grove, PA, VR-59 NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX and VR-54 NAS JRB New Orleans, LA.

Master Chief Owens earned his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Qualification in February 1998. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Master Chief Owens is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy and the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat Course and is currently serving as the VR-54 Command Master Chief.

# VR-54 Noteworthy Accomplishments

Operations Excellence Award Winner 2007

CNO Aviation Safety Award

Winner 2000

Winner 2007

Retention Excellence Award

Winner 2005

Winner 2010

Winner 2011

Winner 2012

Noel Davis Battle "E" Trophy

Winner 2003

COMNAVRESFOR Aviation Safety "S" Award

Winner 1996

Maintenance "Golden Wrench" Award

Winner 2004

Winner 2008

Squadron Blue "M" Award

Winner 2011

Winner 2012

Squadron Blue "H" Award

Winner 2011

Winner 2012

Class A Mishap Free Flight Hours 23 Years and over 75,500 Hours



# VR-54 Change Of Command



28 March 2015
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base
New Orleans, Louisiana



# Welcome Aboard

Welcome to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FIVE FOUR. This afternoon's ceremony marks the eighteenth Change of Command since the squadron's commissioning in June 1991. The men and women of VR-54 take great pride in our squadron's achievements and view today's ceremony as an important milestone in our history.

Upon arrival of the official party, guests in uniform should rise and render appropriate honors. All guests should rise for the Parading of the Colors, National Anthem, Retirement of the Colors, Invocation, and Benediction.

# THE SQUADRON

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FIVE FOUR (VR-54) was commissioned as a Naval Reserve Force Squadron on 1 June 1991, flying the Lockheed C-130T "Hercules" at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, LA. The squadron operates four C-130T aircraft with a normal maximum takeoff weight of 165,000 pounds, able to carry any combination of up to 92 passengers, and 40,000 lbs. of palletized cargo, heavy trucks, or light armored vehicles. Due to these diverse capabilities, VR-54's mission includes everything from transporting a deploying carrier air wing to flying supplies to remote corners of the world. Nicknamed *The Revelers*, the squadron bears the colors purple, green, and gold, symbolic of the official colors of Mardi Gras. *The Revelers* of VR-54 have been active in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, TOMODACHI, and NOBLE EAGLE in addition to regularly scheduled Naval Air Logistics tasking.



### THE MISSION

The squadron's mission is to operate Navy Unique Fleet Essential Airlift aircraft and to provide responsive, flexible, and rapidly deployable air logistics support required to maintain combat operations at sea. Also, the squadron provides peacetime air logistics support for all Navy commands and quality training for all fleet logistics support squadron personnel. Year round, highly skilled and motivated aircrews, maintenance and support personnel provide worldwide logistics support to the fleet in a constantly changing arena of operations.





### THE PEOPLE

The Revelers are comprised of both active duty and reserve personnel working together to meet the squadron's mission. There are over two hundred highly trained and motivated aircrew, maintenance, and support personnel who make up our squadron. The majority of our skilled professionals are on active duty, while approximately 40% are drilling Reservists. Our reservists commute from numerous states to New Orleans to meet a commitment to train and operate at least one weekend each month and for one two-week detachment per year. For aircrews, this commitment is often much more. These "Citizen Sailors" come from all walks of life including educators, attorneys, doctors, businessmen and women, airline pilots, engineers, police officers, college students, farmers, and carpenters. All of these elements combine smoothly into a team with tremendous ability, experience, and motivation.



# Sailor's Creed

I am a United States Sailor. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me. I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world. I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage and Commitment. I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

# Schedule of Events

\*ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY & DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

\*PARADING OF THE COLORS

\*NATIONAL ANTHEM
Marine Corps Band New Orleans

\*RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS

\*INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
Commander Albert A. Matt, USN

REMARKS OF GUEST SPEAKER
Mr. Scott D. Sweetow

AWARD PRESENTATION Captain Mark O. Bailey, USN

REMARKS AND ORDERS Commander Albert A. Matt, USN

ORDERS AND REMARKS Commander Kail C. Swindle, USN

\*BENEDICTION

MUSIC

Marine Corps Band New Orleans

COLOR GUARD
Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FIVE FOUR Color Guard

Guests are cordially invited to remain after the ceremony for our cake cutting and aircraft tours.

\*GUESTS PLEASE RISE



# Mr. Scott D. Sweetow Deputy Assistant Director (SES), Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information

Scott D. Sweetow began his career in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in June 1990 as an agent in the Los Angeles Field Division working arson and explosives cases and subsequently criminal intelligence, with supervisory assignments beginning in August 1999 in Arizona as a Division Operations Officer and Group Supervisor.

In March 2003, Scott was transferred to Washington, DC as a Program Manager and then Branch Chief in Field Management Staff, before rising to Chief in 2005 over the National Center for Explosives Training and Research Division, Training and Professional Development Directorate, where he implemented the Department of Justice's \$50 million dollar state of the art explosives facility in Huntsville, Alabama. In January 2007, Scott assumed a field command position as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Field Division, where he provided leadership over four offices, and on September 11, 2011 he was promoted into the Senior Executive Service as the Special Agent in Charge, with responsibility over the activities of 8 enforcement groups, 3 industry operations area offices and the Atlanta Division Office, with responsibility over all of ATF's operations in the State of Georgia and the entirety of agents, regulatory investigators, professional support staff and task force officers. In January 2013 Scott was given command of the multi-state St. Paul Field Division, which covers Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota, and shares 850 miles of the United States -Canada land border. Scott is a graduate of ATF's Senior Executive Service development program, a recipient of ATF's Distinguished Service Medal, and is a former team Special Agent in Charge for ATF's Eastern National Response Team. Scott received his BA in Russian and Soviet Area Studies from the University of Arizona, his Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from American Military University and was graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's program for Senior Executives in National and International Security in 2008. In 2012 Scott became one of a handful of ATF's senior executives to attend the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and in 2013 became ATF's sole graduate of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' Senior Executive Asia-Pacific Orientation Course, a high level program focusing on leadership, strategic planning, security and critical thinking for senior U.S. and foreign military, intelligence and law enforcement professionals whose duties are tied to countries in or affecting Asia and the Pacific Rim. Most recently, Scott was graduated from the tri-phase Leading the Intelligence Community course for senior executives, which is put on by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and in August 2014, he assumed the duties of Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information. Scott is a decorated veteran of the United States Army Reserves, and was the first ATF agent to deploy operationally to Iraq, assisting the Defense Intelligence Agency as part of the Iraq Survey Group, and he has worked in numerous foreign countries in Asia, Europe and Africa teaching Post Blast Investigation Techniques. He is conversant in Russian and Spanish and has earned multiple Foreign Service Medals from ATF for deployments to hostile zones. Scott is a member of the Associate Faculty of the University of Phoenix, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses in Global and Homeland Security, Scott enjoys foreign travel, having visited in excess of 45 countries, and he enjoys educational reading and professional writing; in 2009 he was published in Homeland Security Today for an article entitled "After Mumbai: Facing the Flames," which dealt with the use of fire as a weapon by terrorists and extremist groups.

# 2014 Sailor of the Year

SOY AM1 (AW) JSOY LS2 (EXW) ROY YN3

RSOY AWF1 (NAC/AW)
RJSOY AD2
RROY AM2 (AW)

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SOQ PS1 (AW) JSOQ AME2 (AW) ROQ YN3 (AW) RSOQ AM1(AW) RJSOQ AM2 (AW) RROQ PS3

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ROQ YN3

RSOQ AZ1 (AW) RJSOQ AWF2 (NAC) RROQ PS3

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SOQ AT1 (AW)
JSOQ LS2 (IDW)
ROQ AEAN (AW)

RSOQ LS1 (AW) RJSOQ LS2 (AW) RROQ AT3

# 2014 Sailor of the 4th Quarter

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RJSOQ YN2
RROO AM2 (AW)

# Squadron Personnel





# Captain Mark O. Bailey United States Navy Commander, Fleet Logistics Support Wing

Captain Mark O. Bailey, a native of Manchester, Connecticut, graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and Material Science. He was designated a Naval Aviator in April of 1993.

Upon completion of Fleet Readiness Squadron training at HSL-40 at NAS Mayport, Florida for the SH-60B Seahawk, Bailey reported to HSL-44 for his initial operational assignment. His duties included Detachment Maintenance Officer, Squadron Weapons and Tactics Instructor, and Assistant NATOPS Instructor pilot. He made extended deployments to the Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf embarked in USS *Halyburton* (FFG-40) and USS *Conolly* (DD-979), and he participated in multiple counter-drug operations as well as Operation Uphold Democracy during the military intervention in Haiti.

In April of 1997 CAPT Bailey reported to the Bureau of Navy Personnel in Washington, D.C. for duty as an Enlisted Rating Assignment Officer where he supervised aviation enlisted personnel distribution. In June of 1998, he transferred to Millington, Tennessee when the Bureau of Navy Personnel moved its operations there.

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CAPT Bailey holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and Management as well as a Graduate Certificate in Project Management from Boston University. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and various unit and campaign awards.

# **Change of Command**

A Commanding Officer about to be relieved of his command shall, at the time of turning over command, call all hands to muster. The officer about to be relieved shall read his orders of detachment and turn over the command to his successor, who shall read his orders and assume command.

- U.S. Navy Regulations

# Qualifications of a Naval Officer

"It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor.

He should be the soul of tact, patience, justice, firmness, kindness, and charity. No meritorious act of a subordinate should escape his attention or be left to pass without its reward, even if the reward is only a word of approval.

Conversely, he should not be blind to a single fault in any subordinate, though at the same time, he should be quick and unfailing to distinguish error from malice, thoughtlessness from incompetency, and well meant shortcomings from heedless or stupid blunder. In one word, every commander should keep constantly before him the great truth, that to be well obeyed, he must be perfectly esteemed."

- Augustus C. Buell Based on letters written by John Paul Jones "I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"

- President John F. Kennedy, 1 August 1963



"We are told men should no longer be held accountable for what they do as well as what they intend. To err is not only human, it absolves responsibility. Everywhere, that is, except on the sea. On the sea there is a tradition older than even the tradition of the country itself, and wiser in its age than this new custom. It is the tradition that with responsibility goes authority and with authority goes accountability. The Commanding Officer, like the head of a state, is given power and honor, privileges and trust beyond other men. And he alone accepts accountability..."

-Wall Street Journal May 14, 1952



#### COMMAND

The responsibility of the Commanding Officer for his command is absolute, except when, and to the extent, relieved there from by competent authority, or as provided otherwise in these regulations. The authority of the Commanding Officer is commensurate with his responsibility. When he may, at his discretion, and when not contrary to law or regulations, delegate authority to his subordinates for the execution of details, such delegation of authority shall in no way relieve the Commanding Officer of his continued responsibility for the safety, wellbeing, and efficiency of his entire command.

- U.S. Navy Regulations

# **INSIGNIA**

The Command at Sea insignia consists of a five pointed star superimposed on anchor flukes and a partially unfolded commission pennant showing six stars. The insignia is worn on the right breast by all officers presently in command and on the left breast by all officers who have previously had command.

- U.S. Navy Regulations



# Commander Albert A. Matt United States Navy Commanding Officer

CDR Al Matt is a native of New Iberia, Louisiana and graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology in 1985. He joined the Army National Guard in 1983 and earned a commission through Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia after serving as a Reconnaissance Cavalry Scout Sergeant.

He later served as a Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Detachment OIC and Intelligence Officer in an Infantry battalion. He was designated an Army Aviator in 1988, flew the UH-1 Iroquois in 244th Air Assault Battalion and commanded two aviation companies while there. He served seven years as a Chief Warrant Officer while flying the AH-64A Apache in the Florida National Guard 1/111th Battalion. He was mobilized in 2002-2003 supporting the 18th Airborne Corps performing medical evacuation duty.

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# CMDCM (AW) TERRY W. OWENS COMMAND MASTER CHIEF FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON FIVE-FOUR "THE REVELERS"

Shipmate,

Congratulations on your orders to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Five Four (VR-54), the Navy's finest logistics support squadron. I am confident you will find your assignment to VR-54 both rewarding and challenging. Welcome Aboard "The Reveler Team".

Located in hangar 439, onboard NAS JRB New Orleans, LA; we operate and maintain four C-130T Hercules aircraft providing around the clock, worldwide logistic support to all military forces. The base is located just minutes southeast of downtown New Orleans across the Mississippi River and approximately 45 minutes from the New Orleans International Airport. The area close to the base is considered the West Bank and the base is located in the town of Belle Chasse. Military housing is available onboard the base and there are many rental opportunities in the surrounding areas.

You have been assigned a sponsor who will be contacting you soon to confirm your arrival date and to ascertain any information or assistance you may need before, during and after your transfer. If you do not here from your sponsor please call our Command Career Counselor at DSN: 678-9959, Commercial: (504) 678-9959 or our duty office at DSN: 678-3061 or Commercial: (504) 678-3061 for further assistance.

If you are married and/or have dependents, I highly encourage you and/or your spouse to also contact our command ombudsman via e-mail at <a href="mailto:vr54ombudsman@yahoo.com">vr54ombudsman@yahoo.com</a> for additional family support assistance or information if needed.

Once again, we look forward to your arrival and on behalf of the VR-54 team, Welcome Aboard!

Sincerely,

T. W. OWENS

### VR-54 COMMAND OMBUDSMAN

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http://www.facebook.com/groups/RevelerOmbudsman/



#### WELCOME TO THE REVELER FAMILY!

I am your Navy Family Command Ombudsman here at FLELOGSUPPORN FIVE FOUR (VR-54). It's my honor to welcome you and your family not only to NAS JRB New Orleans, but also to Reveler Country.

As the command Ombudsman, I was designated by your Commanding Officer to serve as a communication link between the command leadership and the command families in addition to being a trained information and referral specialists. Ombudsmen are advocates ready to support, direct, and empower you and your family with all available resources. Please rest assured that as your Ombudsmen, we are expected to follow the guidelines of confidentiality as required by the Navy Family Ombudsman Program.

When received, please fill out a family information form. If you have additional family members with whom you would like to share command information, please include them and we will be happy to add them to the distribution list. As always, please remember not to discuss specific flight schedules, dates, times, Sailor movement and/or locations via email, phone, or social networks; not only to comply with Operational Security (OPSEC) but most importantly to ensure the safety of our Sailors and their families.

I can be reached via phone, email, and Facebook. I am available by phone 24 hours a day, so please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you at the command orientation, command functions, and at NAS JRB New Orleans community activities. As always, I look forward to providing assistance as needed during your time as part of the Reveler family!

Warm Regards,

VR-54 COMMAND OMBUDSMAN

Phone:

Email: vr54ombudsman@yahoo.com

# Welcome to New Orleans!



For Relocation Assistance

Contact: Deon Grissett
504-678-7548/7569
deon.grissett.ctr@navy.mil



Interested in learning more about your new installation? Go to Military Installations at Military HOMEFRONT.

http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/

M I provides installation and community "Welcome Aboard" information for NAS JRB, New Orleans. M I provides complete directories, locations of installation programs and services, maps and directions. You'll find overviews, photo galleries and "must know" information for our installation. An information booklet can also be printed.



We're Here For You!











