

HOW TO MAKE HISTORY



VS-30 S-3B photo by PH2 Johnnie Robbins

Webster defines history as “a narrative of past events,” but in Naval Aviation, history provides much more than a listing of happenings. Historical records reflect the overall scope of Naval Aviation’s contributions, which can be lessened due to lack of documentation. The command history report is the *only* report submitted by Naval Aviation commands that covers the entire operating activities of the command for a calendar year and is also identified for permanent retention mandated by the Secretary of the Navy’s *Navy and Marine Corps Records Disposition Manual* (SECNAVINST 5212.5D).

The Aviation History and Archives Branch of the Naval Historical Center (NHC) is the history office for the Chief of Naval Operations’ Director, Air Warfare Division (N78). It maintains the command history reports for all Naval Aviation commands and is the final approving authority for the “Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage and Naval Aviation Command Insignia” instruction (OPNAVINST 5030.4E).

Co-located with *Naval Aviation News* magazine in Washington, D.C., the branch also writes and publishes articles, monographs and books on Naval Aviation history. Some of its recent books include *United States Naval Aviation 1910–1995*; *Dictionary of American Naval Aviation Squadrons, Volume 1: The History of VA,*

VAH, VAK, VAL, VAP and VFA Squadrons; and *Dictionary of American Naval Aviation Squadrons, Volume 2: The History of VP, VPB, VP(HL) and VP(AM) Squadrons*. The office is currently working on monographs covering squadron histories, by community, for all active fleet and reserve squadrons.

Command history reports are primary reference sources for the writing of these books, as well as providing inputs to Naval Aviation study groups responsible for future Naval Aviation programs and policy decisions.

Remember: if your command fails to provide a history report, the record of activities for your organization will be lost to future generations.

Commands not listed here should provide a history report for calendar year 2000 to the Naval Historical Center, ATTN: Naval Aviation History and Archives, 1242 10th Street SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5059. The command history instruction can be found on the CNO Navy Directives website at http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/Directives/5750_12g.pdf. For more information on Naval Aviation, see the Naval Aviation History section on NHC’s website at <http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/nhcorg4.htm>. Please call 202-433-2321 or DSN 288-2321 if you have any questions regarding command histories. ✈

Every time you leave the deck you make history. Make sure it is recorded!

Bravo Zulu to the following Naval Aviation commands, whose calendar year 2000 contributions and heritage are well documented:

Airborne Early Warning Wing Atlantic	HT-18	Training Air Wing 6
Airborne Early Warning Wing Pacific	NAF Washington, DC	VAQ-132
Carrier Air Wing 2	NAS Fallon, NV	VAQ-133
Carrier Air Wing 9	NAS Jacksonville, FL	VAQ-134
Carrier Air Wing 14	NAS Kingsville, TX	VAQ-138
Carrier Group 7	NAS Lemoore, CA	VAQ-142
Electronic Attack Weapons School	NAS Meridian, MS	VAW-120
Electronic Attack Wing Pacific	NAS Oceana, VA	VC-6
Fighter Wing Atlantic	NAS Pensacola, FL	VF-2
Fleet Air Keflavik, Iceland	NAS Sigonella, Italy	VF-11
Fleet Air Western Pacific	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	VF-154
Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group Atlantic	NAS Whiting Field, FL	VFA-15
Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group Atlantic Det Brunswick, ME	NAS JRB Forth Worth, TX	VFA-25
Fleet Logistics Support Wing	NAS JRB Willow Grove, PA	VFA-27
Fleet Tactical Support Center	Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Pensacola, FL	VFA-34
HC-2	Naval Air Pacific Repair Atsugi, Japan	VFA-37
HC-3	Naval Air Reserve ASW Training Center Willow Grove, PA	VFA-86
HC-5	Naval Air Reserve Point Mugu, CA	VFA-94
HC-6	Naval Air Reserve Center Chicago, IL	VFA-122
HC-8	Naval Air Reserve Center	VFA-136
HC-11	Columbus, OH	VFA-151
HC-85	Naval Air Training Command	VFC-12
HCS-5	Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Patuxent River, MD	VFC-13
Helicopter Antisubmarine Light Wing Atlantic	Naval Aviation Depot Jacksonville, FL	VP-8
Helicopter Antisubmarine Wing Atlantic	Navy Air Logistics Office New Orleans, LA	VP-62
Helicopter Antisubmarine Wing Pacific	Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1	VP-64
Helicopter Tactical Wing Pacific	Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1 Det Kadena, Japan	VP-65
Helicopter Wing Reserve	Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11	VP-66
HM-14	Reserve Patrol Wing	VP-92
HS-6	Sea Control Wing Pacific	VQ-1
HS-8	Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic	VQ-2
HS-14	Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific	VR-46
HSL-41	Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic	VR-48
HSL-42	Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Det Fallon, NV	VR-52
HSL-43	Strike Fighter Wing Pacific	VR-54
HSL-45	Maintenance Unit El Centro, CA	VR-55
HSL-46	Tactical Air Control Squadron 11	VR-57
HSL-47	Training Air Wing 1	VR-59
HSL-49	Training Air Wing 2	VR-61
HSL-51	Training Air Wing 4	VRC-40
HSL-84	Training Air Wing 5	VS-24
HSL-94		VS-30
HT-8		VS-32
		VS-33
		VS-35
		VT-3
		VT-4
		VT-6
		VT-9
		VT-10
		VT-22
		VT-35