



# HOW TO MAKE HISTORY

Webster defines history as “a narrative of past events,” but in Naval Aviation, history provides much more than a listing of happenings. Historical records capture the overall scope of Naval Aviation’s contributions, and ensure that knowledge of these contributions will survive the test of time.

To record their accomplishments for posterity, Naval Aviation commands must provide a Command Operations Report (COR) to the Aviation History and Archives Branch (AVH) of the Naval Historical Center by 1 March each year. This is the only report submitted by Naval Aviation commands that covers the entire operating activities of the command for the previous calendar year. This report is also identified for permanent retention as mandated by the Secretary of the Navy’s Department of the Navy Records Management Program, Records Disposition Manual (SECNAVINST 5210.1).

The Command Operations Report is not just an administrative requirement. The data it provides about command organization, equipment, personnel, and operations is used to both produce written histories as well as plan for the future needs of the Navy.

The Naval Aviation History and Archives Branch maintains the command operations reports for all Naval Aviation commands, and serves as the historical element of the CNO’s Director, Air Warfare (N88). The branch is the final approving authority for squadron insignia, as outlined in the “Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage and Naval Aviation Command Insignia” instruction (OPNAVINST 5030.4F). AVH writes and publishes

articles, monographs, and books on Naval Aviation history. The office is currently working on publishing squadron histories, by community, of all active fleet and reserve squadrons. Command Operations Reports are the primary reference sources for the writing of these official histories. In addition, Naval Aviation study groups responsible for future Naval Aviation programs and policy decisions utilize the data provided in CORs as the basis for these decisions.

If your command is not listed on the following page, please provide a Command Operations Report for calendar year 2005 as soon as possible. Download the electronic COR form at [www.history.navy.mil/command\\_operations\\_report.doc](http://www.history.navy.mil/command_operations_report.doc), and submit the completed report via email to [aviationhistory@navy.mil](mailto:aviationhistory@navy.mil). Refer to the COR instruction (OPNAVINST 5750.12J) posted at

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PROVIDE A COMMAND OPERATIONS  
REPORT, THE RECORD OF YOUR  
ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
WILL BE LOST TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

[www.history.navy.mil/nhc10.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/nhc10.htm) for guidance. Commands may also call 288-2321 (DSN) or 202-433-2321 (comm) with questions.

Filing a Command Operations Report will ensure that your accomplishments will be visible to future generations. Don’t miss the chance to help your command take its rightful place in history.

Each ship, submarine, and other command as listed in the Standard Navy Distribution List must also file an annual Command Operations Report, and submit it to other elements of the Naval Historical Center. Refer to OPNAVINST 5750.12J for more information.

Many Naval Aviation topics, such as official squadron insignia and lineages, are posted on the AVH section of the Naval Historical Center website, [www.history.navy.mil/branches/nhcorg4.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/nhcorg4.htm).

**Above, two VFA-37 F/A-18 Hornets perform a fly-by during the squadron’s change of command ceremony aboard *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) on 28 March 2005. Photo by MCAN Kristopher Wilson.**

## B R A V O Z U L U

*The aviation commands listed below filed 2005 Command Operations Reports by presstime. (Note: some units are now elements of new commands, but were separate commands during all or part of 2005 and as such submitted CORs.)*

AIMD Mayport, FL	METOC Keflavik, Iceland	VAQ-131
Airborne Command Control & Logistics Wing Det Norfolk, VA	METOC Meridian, TN	VAQ-132
Airborne Mine Countermeasures Weapon Systems Training School	METOC Oceana, VA	VAQ-139
Carrier Strike Group 8	METOC Point Mugu, CA	VAQ-141
Center for Naval Air Technical Training Det Lakehurst, NJ	NAF Atsugi, Japan	VAQ-142
Center for Naval Air Technical Training Unit North Island, CA	NAF El Centro, CA	VAW-113
Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific	NAF Mildenhall, England	VAW-116
CVW-1	NAF Washington, DC	VAW-120
CVW-5	NAPRA Atsugi, Japan	VAW-126
CVW-11	NAR Norfolk, VA	VFA-15
CVW-14	NAR Point Mugu, CA	VFA-22
CVW-17	NAS Kingsville, TN	VFA-27
CVWR-20	NAS Oceana, VA	VFA-32
Electronic Attack Wing Pacific	NAS Patuxent River, MD	VFA-37
FASOTRAGRULANT Jacksonville, FL	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	VFA-41
FASOTRAGRULANT Norfolk, VA	NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX	VFA-81
Fleet Logistics Support Wing	NAS JRB Willow Grove, PA	VFA-94
Fleet Maritime Patrol Mobile Operations Control Center Alfa	NATTC Pensacola, FL	VFA-97
HCS-4	NAVAIR Orlando Training Systems Division, FL	VFA-105
Helicopter Maritime Strike Weapons School Atlantic	Naval Air Depot Jacksonville, FL	VFA-106
Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing Atlantic	Naval Air Depot North Island, CA	VFA-113
Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Det Jacksonville, FL	Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, NJ	VFA-115
HM-14	Naval Air Mediterranean Repair Activity	VFA-192
HS-2	Naval Air Technical Data & Engineering Service Command	VFC-12
HS-3	Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division China Lake, CA	VFC-13 Det Key West
HS-4	Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Point Mugu, CA	VP-8
HS-10	Naval Aviation Schools Command	VP-10
HS-11	Navy Operational Support Center Jacksonville, FL	VP-30
HS-14	Navy Operational Support Center Chicago, IL	VP-65
HS-75	Navy Operational Support Center San Jose, CA	VP-69
HSC-2	Patrol Reconnaissance Wing 5	VPU-1
HSC-25	Patrol Reconnaissance Wing 1 Det Kadena, Japan	VQ-2
HSC-85	Sea Control Weapons School Jacksonville, FL	VR-1
HSL-40	Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic	VR-48
HSL-42	Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific	VR-51
HSL-43	Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Maintenance Unit	VR-52
HSL-44	Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic Fleet	VR-53
HSL-45	Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Fleet	VR-55
HSL-46	Strike Force Training Atlantic	VR-57
HSL-47	Strike Force Training Pacific	VR-58
HSL-48	Strike Weapons & Tactics School Atlantic	VR-61
HSL-51	TACRON-12	VR-62
HSL-60	TACRON-2186	VRC-30
HSM-41	TACRON-22	VS-33
HT-8	Training Air Wing 2	VT-2
HT-18	Training Air Wing 5	VT-3
METOC Fort Worth, TX	Training Air Wing 6	VT-4
METOC Brunswick, ME	VAQ-129	VT-6
METOC Det Kingsville, TX		VT-9
METOC Det Pensacola, FL		VT-22
METOC Det Whiting Field, FL		VT-28
METOC Det Willow Grove, PA		VT-31
		VX-1
		VX-20
		VX-23
		VX-30
		VX-31