



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 251
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 31
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FMF, ATLANTIC
MCAS, BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29904

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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7 Jul 1986

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HDH-4), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC 20380
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 31 (S-3)
(2) Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina 28533
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Subj: COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1986 THROUGH 30 JUNE 1986

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1F
(b) WgO 5750.1E
(c) GruO 5750.1D

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), the Command Chronology is submitted.

SECTION I

Unit Designation

- a. Reporting Unit Code: 01251
- b. Table of Organization Number: 8849N

Period Covered and Location

1 January 1986-30 June 1986 at MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina 29904

Personnel Information

- a. Commanding Officer
LTCOL Thomas L. Wilkerson
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986
- b. Executive Officer
MAJ Michael R. Humberd
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986
- c. Administrative Officer
CAPT John D. FROMULARO
1 January 1986 - 05 March 1986
SSGT Willie L. Huggins
6 March 1986 - 14 May 1986
CAPT William R. Phillips
15 May 1986 - 30 June 1986
- d. Intelligence Officer
SSGT Randolph J. Abrams
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986

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- e. Operations Officer MAJ Daniel A. Driscoll
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986
- f. Logistics Officer CAPT Roland J. Levesque
1 January 1986 - 3 March 1986
1stLT Kurt K. Hirata
4 March 1986 - 30 June 1986
- g. Aircraft Maintenance Officer MAJ Barney J. Fisher
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986
- h. Safety Manager CAPT Mark A. Draper
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986
- i. Staff Historian CAPT Richard J. Packard
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986
- j. Sergeant Major SGTMAJ Robert C. Martin
1 January 1986 - 30 June 1986

Average Monthly Strength:

		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
		<u>Officer/Enlisted</u>		<u>Officer/Enlisted</u>	
January	1986	15	193	1	/ 2
February	1986	15	190	1	/ 2
March	1986	15	202	1	/ 2
April	1986	13	194	1	/ 2
May	1986	13	211	1	/ 2
June	1986	14	240	1	/ 2

Equipment:

		<u>No/Type</u>
January	1986	0/FA-18
February	1986	0/FA-18
March	1986	0/FA-18
April	1986	0/FA-18
May	1986	0/FA-18
June	1986	4/FA-18

SECTION 2

Command, Operations, and Training

During the entire period, the squadron was in transition to the F/A-18 aircraft. On 2 January the first squadron pilot started F/A-18 training with VFA-125 at NAS Lemoore Ca. On 23 January six additional pilots started F/A-18 training with VFA-106 at NAS Cecil Field Fl. More than 70 maintenance personnel cycled through VFA-106 for F/A-18 "hands on training". The squadron conducted one Rifle Range period, three Physical Fitness Tests and four Essential Subjects Test periods.

On 14 May the first squadron pilot returned from F/A-18 transition training with VFA-125 at NAS Lemoore Ca. On 13 June the first F/A-18 arrived at VMFA-251. On 16 June, six more pilots completed F/A-18 transition training with VFA-106 at NAS Cecil Field Fl. The second F/A-18 arrived on 17 June and the first local squadron sortie in an F/A-18 was flown by the Commanding Officer on 18 June. The third and fourth F/A-18's arrived on 25 and 27 June respectfully.

Personnel and Administration

The last 6 months have had a high turnover of personnel for F/A-18 transition training. The squadron is smoothly moving toward the 15 August 1986 F/A-18 standup date.

Legal Action

The Commanding Officer, VMFA-251 is the Summary Courts Martial Convening Authority for the squadron. As such, he directed the Legal proceedings during the period.

Special Courts Martial: 0

Summary Courts Martial: 1

Non-Judicial Punishment: 2

JAG Manual Investigations: 1

Admin Discharges: 3

Medical

The squadron Flight Surgeon attended F/A-18 ground training with VFA-106 at NAS Cecil Field Fl. This proved very beneficial in improving physician understanding of the new aircraft, its mission, and the new pilot work load.

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Logistic/Supply

Logistic support for the squadron has been satisfactory and the F/A-18 transition has been smooth. During the reporting period, S-4 efforts have centered on the public works renovation of the squadron working spaces which is scheduled to be complete by 14 Aug 1986.

Civic Action

Due to the F/A-18 transition no squadron tours or civic activities have been scheduled.