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(2) VRC-40 "Mercury Message" Summer 1981  
(3) VRC-40 "Mercury Message" Fall/Winter 1981  
(4) VRC-40 Change of Command Program 14 August 1981

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted for the calendar year 1981.

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## 1981 COMMAND HISTORY FOR VRC-40

1. VRC-40 is assigned to Fleet Tactical Support Wing ONE with the mission of Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) and Air Logistics Transport service to the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. VRC-40 provides around-the-clock and all-weather fleet support as far as Halifax, Canada down the Eastern Seaboard and Gulf Coast, as far as Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Panama City, Panama. The CT-39 provides executive airlift and support of Navy aircraft ferry operations throughout the United States.

### 2. COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 January 1981 through 14 August 1981 - Commander Eugene E. Bieraugel, USN.

14 August 1981 through 31 December 1981 - Commander Lewis R. Newby, USN.

### 3. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, 1 JANUARY-31 DECEMBER 1981

#### JANUARY

- 4 Transferred BUNO's 158843 and 158844 to CHNAVRES, NAF Andrews.
- 6 Safety stand-down during holiday period, located at NAS Norfolk.
- 7 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Jacksonville.
- 13 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi.
- 14 ENS Brenda E. Robinson became the first black female aviator to carrier qualify.
- 20 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Jacksonville.
- 21 Received message of appreciation from USS FORRESTAL for detachment support.
- 23 Received letter of appreciation from VT-86 for maintenance assistance.
- 24 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Pensacola.
- 26 Transferred BUNO 136787 to USS EISENHOWER.

#### FEBRUARY

- 6 Received message of appreciation from USS NIMITZ for CV aircrew training.
- 15 One C-1A departed on detachment to NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 16 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi.
- 17 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Jacksonville.
- 17 Transferred BUNO 136790 to USS INDEPENDENCE.
- 26 One C-1A departed on detachment to NS Guantanamo Bay.
- 27 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Pensacola.
- 27 One C-1A departed on detachment to NS Roosevelt Roads.

## MARCH

- 6 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Jacksonville.
- 7 Received message of appreciation from USS FORRESTAL for detachment services provided.
- 11 One C-1A returned from detachment at NS Guantanamo Bay.
- 17 Two C-1As returned from detachment at NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 18 Personnel Inspection conducted by Commanding Officer at hangar SP-2.
- 23 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi.

## APRIL

- 1 Chili sale sponsored by the Enlisted Wives Club.
- 3 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Pensacola.
- 21 One C-1A provided support for paradrops at New River MCAS.
- 25 Two C-1As participated in the Norfolk Azalea Festival Air Show.
- 26 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi.
- 30 VRC-40 recorded its highest number of CV landings in one month, 229, aboard the carriers NIMITZ, AMERICA and LEXINGTON.

## MAY

- 1 Received letter of appreciation from VADM MCDONALD for outstanding T-39 support.
- 8 Received letter of appreciation from NAS Norfolk for VRC-40's "tremendous effort" in the Azalea Festival Air Show.
- 8 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Pensacola.
- 15 One C-1A provided two days of support for the Navy "Chuting Stars" at Elizabeth City, NC.
- 17 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Jacksonville.
- 17 Two C-1As departed to Owensboro, KY for four days of support of the Navy "Chuting Stars".
- 25 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi.
- 26 CNO Safety Award is presented to VRC-40 by VADM G. E. R. Kinnear III.
- 29 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Jacksonville.
- 30 Two C-1As departed on detachment to NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 30 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Pensacola.

## JUNE

- 1 BEQ Room Inspection conducted by the Commanding Officer.
- 1 Coffee and Cake sale sponsored by the Enlisted Wives Club.
- 5 VRC-40's famous "Seven-Plane Fly-by" at NAS Norfolk.
- 18 One C-1A departed on detachment for NS Guantanamo Bay.
- 19 Two C-1As departed to Evansville, IN for three days of support of the Navy "Chuting Stars".

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## JULY

- 2 Two C-1As departed to Chicago, IL for four days of support of the Navy "Chuting Stars".
- 3 One C-1A returned from detachment at NS Guantanamo Bay.
- 5 Two CT-39Es repositioned at Langley AFB due to runway closure at NAS Norfolk.
- 10 CAPT J. Smith is relieved by CAPT K. MacGillivray at CTSW-1 Change of Command.
- 17 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Key West.
- 22 Two C-1As returned from detachment at NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 23 Received "Bravo Zulu" message from USS EISENHOWER for "exceptional responsiveness and flexibility" of COD detachment support.
- 24 VRC-40 annual picnic at Breezy Point Recreation Park.
- 26 Six C-1As repositioned at NAS Jacksonville due to runway closure at NAS Norfolk. Two C-1As repositioned at NAS Oceana.
- 27 One C-1A repositioned at NAS Jacksonville from NAS Key West.

## AUGUST

- 11 Seven C-1As repositioned at NAS Norfolk from NAS Jacksonville.
- 12 Hail and Farewell party for PCO, PXO and outgoing CO.
- 14 Commander E. E. Bieraugel is relieved by Commander L. R. Newby at VRC-40 Change of Command.
- 19 Two C-1As departed on detachment to NAS Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi.
- 25 One C-1A departed on detachment to NS Guantanamo Bay.
- 27 Two C-1As departed to Erie, PA for four days of support of the Navy "Chuting Stars".
- 28 Transferred BUNO 146759 to USS CARL VINSON.
- 29 Two C-1As returned from detachment at NAS Pensacola.

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Two CT-39Es repositioned from Langley AFB after opening of runway at NAS Norfolk.
- 11 One C-1A departed for the annual Tailhook Convention.
- 12 One C-1A returned from detachment at NS Guantanamo Bay.
- 13 One C-1A provided support for paradrops at New River MCAS.
- 15 VRC-40 began FCLP training at Bogue MCALF due to NALF Fentress closure for 11 weeks.
- 16 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi.
- 25 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Pensacola.

## OCTOBER

- 9 One C-1A departed to Memphis, TN for three days support of the Navy "Leap Frogs".
- 23 Personnel Inspection conducted by the Commanding Officer.
- 27 Three C-1As departed on detachment to NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 30 Spaghetti lunch sponsored by the Enlisted Wives Club.

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## NOVEMBER

- 3 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Key West.
- 13 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Key West.
- 30 Transferred BUNO 146043 to USS AMERICA.

## DECEMBER

- 2 Received BUNO 136750 from NAS Cecil Field.
- 6 Three C-1As returned from detachment at NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 7 Received "well done" message from COMCARGRU FOUR for outstanding services provided by COD detachment at NS Roosevelt Roads.
- 7 One C-1A departed on detachment to NAS Key West.
- 7 VRC-40 annual Christmas party held at NOB Little Creek.
- 12 Children's Christmas party.
- 15 Received message of appreciation from CNAL for "exemplary job" performed for CNAL guests.
- 16 One C-1A returned from detachment at NAS Key West.
- 19 Executive Officer's "All Officers" Christmas party.
- 22 Received message of appreciation from USS INDEPENDENCE for CV aircrew training.
- 29 Received BUNO 136772 from USS KENNEDY.

## 4. NARRATIVE

### JANUARY

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Four Zero began the new year by re-emphasizing in a Safety Stand-down the need to continue its impressive performance and safety record. During the following week operations both at home and abroad picked up to the near-full tempo experienced before the holidays. One COD and support crew detached to Jacksonville, FL while another detached to provide support for the USS LEXINGTON at Pensacola, FL and Corpus Christi, TX. During operations in the VACAPES off the North Carolina shores, a landmark was achieved at VRC-40: ENS Brenda E. Robinson became the Navy's first black female aviator to become carrier qualified, which she did on 14 JAN 82 on board the USS AMERICA. By the end of the month all aircraft had returned from detachments and one COD was transferred to the USS EISENHOWER.

### FEBRUARY

Though the first half of this month required no Carrier Onboard Delivery support, VRC-40 completed all ferry support missions and accomplished much-needed training of many C-1 Trader and T-39 Sabreliner pilots. On 15 FEB the detachment schedule continued with one COD departing for a month at Roosevelt Roads, P.R. Again CODs were detached to Jacksonville, FL and to Pensacola, FL, both of which returned before the end month. Then on 17 FEB one C-1A was transferred to the USS INDEPENDENCE. Operations based in Cuba were commenced after a single COD departed for detachment at Guantanamo Bay in late February.

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## MARCH

In early March the Jacksonville detachment returned, mission accomplished. During the second week a Human Relations Availability team surveyed the squadron. Many positive areas of communication were recognized and a few trouble spots were uncovered. Overall the HRAV survey provided the tool to initiate beneficial action needed in solving those below average aspects in inter-squadron relations. By mid-month the three CODs in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Roosevelt Roads, P.R. returned. On 18 March the Commanding Officer conducted a personnel inspection of the winter working blue uniforms. One C-1A also departed on detachment to Pensacola, FL and Corpus Christi, TX.

## APRIL

The Enlisted Wives Club kicked off the month's activities with a chili sale on the hangar deck. VRC-40's team spirit was again evident as all officers and enlisted enjoyed the benefits of the sale. The COD detachment returned from Pensacola, FL as operations commenced in the VACAPES Operating Area. COD support of military parachute teams also began the season with flights at New River, NC. Two CODs participated in the Azalea Festival Air Show: one demonstrated a field arrestment and the other was a static display. One COD detached to Pensacola, FL and Corpus Christi, TX rounding off one of the squadron's heaviest operational months, which was indicated by 229 traps, the highest ever in VRC-40 in any month.

## MAY

May developed into yet another heavy operational month, and though not as many traps were logged as in April, the 170 total carrier landings were at least twice the normal per month in VRC-40. After the first week the Pensacola detachment returned, followed by the departure of one COD a week later to Jacksonville, FL. C-1A support was also provided for four days at Owensboro, KY for the Navy parachute team, the "Chuting Stars." The second Pensacola detachment of the month launched out for a week of operations with the USS LEXINGTON. On 26 May VADM G. E. R. Kinnear III presented VRC-40 with the CNO Safety Award for 1980. Also during the ceremonies the squadron stood a personnel inspection and recently advanced Petty Officers were frocked. A few days later the detachment at Jacksonville returned and later two CODs departed for 7 weeks at Roosevelt Roads, P.R.

## JUNE

A BEQ room inspection was conducted by the CO on the first day of the month. A highly successful coffee and cake sale was sponsored by the Enlisted Wives Club. Then on 5 June VRC-40 performed an impressive and almost unsurpassable event: with CDR E. E. Bieraugel flying the lead aircraft, seven C-1A Traders in a "V" formation flew by hangar SP-2. Including the two CODs on detachment in Roosevelt Roads and the two Sabreliners on transport missions, VRC-40 had eleven of its twelve total assigned aircraft airborne simultaneously! Later in mid-month one COD detached for two weeks of operations in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and two CODs spent four days in support of the Navy "Chuting Stars" in Evansville, IN.

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## JULY

The upcoming runway closure at NAS Norfolk and resulting shift in base of operations was the focus of attention for not only VRC-40 but all squadrons based here. As operational requirements continued in spite of the extreme inconveniences placed upon the squadron, support was still maintained at high levels in all aspects of our mission. First, 2 CODs gave support to the Navy "Chuting Stars" for 4 days in Chicago, IL. A Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detachment was sent before the repositioning of the 2 T-39 Sabreliners to Hampton, VA. On 10 July CAPT K. MacGillivray relieved CAPT J. Smith at CTSW-1 Change of Command. Soon after one C-1 detached for 10 days at Key West, FL. Both CODs returned from operations at Roosevelt Roads after the third week. VRC-40's annual summer picnic was held at the Breezy Point Recreation Park. On 26 July 6 C-1A Trader aircraft repositioned to Jacksonville, FL and 2 other Traders repositioned at Virginia Beach, VA for more than 2 weeks of sustained operations and training. After completion of its requirements, the Key West detachment repositioned at Jacksonville, FL.

## AUGUST

August was the transition period for all squadron C-1A aircraft and personnel back to "home plate." Proving VRC-40's flexibility once again, three days after the 9 CODs had returned from Oceana and Jacksonville the squadron's Change of Command ceremonies were held as CDR L. R. Newby relieved CDR E. E. Bieraugel on 14 August as Commanding Officer. Prior to the change of command a Hail and Farewell party for the outgoing CO, PCO and PXO was held by the officers at a local restaurant. And as mission commitments kept up the high pace, during the third week a detachment of two CODs launched for operations in Pensacola and Corpus Christi and then one COD departed for over 2 weeks at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. One C-1 was transferred to the USS CARL VINSON. Two CODs provided a jump platform for the "Chuting Stars" for 4 days at an Erie, PA airshow. The return of both CODs from Pensacola concluded another hectic month of varied operations.

## SEPTEMBER

On 4 SEP the final transition back to Norfolk occurred after the return of both T-39s. The detachment at Guantanamo Bay returned at the end of the second week. One C-1 Trader departed with VRC-40's representatives to the annual Tailhook Convention at Las Vegas, NV. Another COD provided support for Marine parachute squads at New River, NC. On 15 SEP NALF Fentress, VRC-40's primary FCLP practice field, closed for approximately 11 weeks, forcing our carrier landing training to shift to Bogue Field, NC, which required the "inconvenience" of one-hour enroute transit. Beginning the third week a single-plane detachment launched for operations at Pensacola and Corpus Christi and ten days later returned.

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## OCTOBER

After new fiscal plans and objectives had been established VRC-40 was forced to curtail certain operations while maintaining the mission requirements in supporting never-ending Fleet commitments. The final secondary support of paradrops was met after sending one COD to Memphis, TN to fly the Navy's west coast jump team, the "Leap Frogs." A Personnel Inspection was held by the C.O. during this month. Finally, three Trader aircraft departed for Roosevelt Roads to provide operational support to the USS NIMITZ and the USS KENNEDY, which combined for one of the largest support requirements during the squadron's entire year. Though many were on detachment at this time, the Enlisted Wives Club held a much-welcomed spaghetti lunch on the hangar deck.

## NOVEMBER

November saw little operations at home but increased work loads away as one COD detached at the first part of the month to Key West, FL then returned ten days later. VRC-40 also transferred a COD to the USS AMERICA, which brought us to a year low of 9 assigned aircraft on board.

## DECEMBER

Operations in Fleet support decreased to a minimum of commitments in the VACAPES area when the three-COD detachment returned from Roosevelt Roads after the first week in December. In preparation for the holidays the squadron held its annual Christmas party at the CPO Club at Little Creek, VA. One COD departed for 10 days at Key West for operations with the USS LEXINGTON. On 12 DEC the squadron and Wives Clubs sponsored the annual Children's Christmas party. A week later the XO opened his home for an "all-officers" Christmas party. The "Skipper" also frocked all newly advanced Petty Officers during a special all-hands quarters. During this month, the squadron received two CODs, one near the end of the month thus closing out VRC-40's major notes of accomplishment for 1981.

### 5. SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS FOR FY/CY 1981:

#### a. FLIGHT HOURS

(1) Total hours:	7324.0
(2) Total day hours:	6449.6
(3) Total night hours:	874.4
(4) Average monthly hours per pilot:	32.6

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b. QUARTERLY OPTAR MANAGEMENT:  
First Quarter FY 81

(1) Original flight hour grant	1652
(2) Hours flown	1652.2
(3) Original money grant	471,700
(4) Dollars expended	458,739.49
(5) Cost per hour	277.65

SECOND QUARTER FY 81

(1) Original flight hour grant	1650
(2) Hours flown	1319.6
(3) Original money grant	420,700
(4) Dollars expended	325,490.77
(5) Cost per hour	246.66

THIRD QUARTER FY 81

(1) Original flight hour grant	1500
(2) Hours flown	1730.5
(3) Original money grant	408,000
(4) Dollars expended	408,418.50
(5) Cost per hour	236.01

FOURTH QUARTER FY 81

(1) Original flight hour grant	1600
(2) Hours flown	1551.7
(3) Original money grant	399,200
(4) Dollars expended	356,339.66
(5) Cost per hour	229.64

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COMMENT: One of the goals of the squadron for 1981 was to pursue an aggressive fiscal management program. The successful accomplishment of this goal is demonstrated by a fifteen percent decrease in flight hour cost per hour while maintaining a high level of flight operations. All funds administered and controlled by VRC-40 have been and continue to be aggressively well managed.

SAFETY

(1) No major accidents - VRC-40 has accumulated 16,747 accident free hours since 24 May 1979 and 14018 accident free CV landings since commissioning.

(2) No minor accidents.

(3) No ground accidents.

(4) Squadron received CNO Safety Award and COMNAVAIRLANT recognition for one (1) year of accident free operations.

(a) Two pilots cited as CNAL Pros-of-the-Week for professionalism during a CT-39 emergency inflight.

c. Aircraft Readiness

	<u>MC%</u>	<u>FMC%</u>
FIRST QUARTER	26.8	16.5
SECOND QUARTER	25.9	20.8
THIRD QUARTER	56.1	31.4
FOURTH QUARTER	69.4	52.9

6. HOMEBASE -

Norfolk Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

As of 31 December 1981, VRC-40's composition was:

a. Officers - 34

- (1) C-1A pilots - 21
- (2) CT-39 pilots - 10
- (3) Non-Aviators - 3

b. Enlisted - 179

c. Aircraft:

- (1) C-1A - 9
- (2) T-39 - 2

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