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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Commanding Officer. Commander John K. Marshall (13 MAY 85 - 25 NOV 86);
Commander William D. Young (25 NOV 86 - present).
2. Immediate Superior Command. Administrative: Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing U.S. Pacific Fleet; Operational: Commander Carrier Air Wing FIVE.
3. Location. Homeport: Fleet Activities Yokosuka Japan; Embarked: USS MIDWAY (CV-41).
4. Missions. Primary: Anti-Submarine warfare (ASW) search, localization, classification, track and attack. Secondary: Search and rescue (SAR), plane guard and logistics.
5. Aircraft. Six SH-3H helicopters, tailcode NF 611-616.

CHRONOLOGY

17 JAN - 23 JAN Transit Yokosuka JA to NAS Cubi Pt. RP
23 JAN - 30 JAN Inport NAS Cubi Pt. RP
31 JAN- 20 FEB Subic Area Ops/Transit to Pattaya Beach Thailand
12 FEB Aircraft Buno 152136 Lost at Sea
20 FEB - 26 FEB Inport Pattaya Beach Thailand
27 FEB - 12 MAR Transit Okinawa OPAREA/Pusan ROK
12 MAR - 14 MAR Inport Pusan/ROK Dipping Sonar Demonstration
15 MAR - 25 MAR Team Spirit/Transit Sasebo JA
25 MAR - 28 MAR Inport Sasebo JA
28 MAR - 30 MAR Transit Yokosuka JA
19 MAY - 18 JUN Detachment ALFA Deployment
4 JUL - 29 JUL Detachment BRAVO Deployment
22 JUL - 18 AUG Detachment CHARLIE Deployment
22 SEP - 29 JUL ISIC Inspection
25 NOV Change of Command
29 NOV - 12 DEC CARQUALS/Transit Sasebo JA
12 DEC - 14 DEC Inport Sasebo JA
14 DEC - 17 DEC Transit Yokosuka JA
16 DEC - 18 DEC TORPEX

NARRATIVE

The squadron began the year inport Yokosuka and departed 17 JAN aboard USS MIDWAY (CV-41) bound for NAS Cubi Pt. RP in support of Exercise Cope Thunder. The squadron completed carrier qualifications enroute, flew an aggressive schedule during the inport period and then during operations in the Philippine OPAREA participated in submarine services, a torpedo firing exercise and combat SAR training. During those operations the squadron lost aircraft BuNo 152136 at sea due to an apparent tail rotor drive loss. The aircrew LT Burton, LT Lunn, AW2 Schreffler, and AW3 Moore were all rescued without serious injury by another squadron aircraft. LT Burton and LT Lunn were subsequently awarded Air Medals for their superb airmanship in successfully autorotating the stricken aircraft to the water at night.

During the March transit from Pattaya Beach Thailand to Pusan, Korea the squadron participated in 48 hours of extended ASW operations and choke-point exercises. While inport Pusan HS-12 staged a multi-event active dipping sonar demonstration for the Republic of Korea Navy.

MIDWAY and HS-12 returned to Yokosuka 30 MAR for major ship alterations and upkeep (EISRA 86). During this period the squadron conducted turn-around training at NAF Atsugi JA and embarked three separate detachments aboard USS OLDENDORF (DD-972). Detachment ALFA participated in parts of two scheduled ASW operations, and they were detached on short notice with OLDENDORF for surveillance operations in the northern Pacific. Detachment BRAVO supported OLDENDORF through the ship's REFTRA and then turned the aircraft over to Detachment CHARLIE at NAS Cubi Pt. RP. Detachment CHARLIE participated in a number of coordinated ASW exercises and returned with the ship to Yokosuka.

During September the squadron conducted ASW exercises with Japanese diesel submarines off the coast of Japan and completed final preparations for the ISIC Inspection by COMASWINGPAC. HS-12 was commended by Rear Admiral Rich for obtaining the best inspection results of 26 ASWINGPAC squadrons.

During October and November the squadron participated in additional ASW exercises staged from NAF Atsugi and put the finishing touches on newly assigned and refurbished spaces aboard USS MIDWAY. A small detachment was placed aboard the ship for sea trials, then the squadron embarked as a unit at the end of November when the ship went to sea to conduct Carrier Qualification for the airwing and to onload ammunition at Sasebo JA. Immediately upon return to Yokosuka in mid December HS-12 participated in an extremely successful torpedo exercise and obtained torpedo success rates well above the fleet average. The year ended as it started with the squadron in Yokosuka/Atsugi to celebrate the Christmas holidays.