

THIRSTY PEEPING TOM — An RF-8G of VFP-306, Naval Air Reserve Unit, from the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Wash. D.C., is directed to the refueling area at Naval Air Station, Miramar, Calif.

—MIRAMAR HOSTS RESERVISTS —

FIGHTERTOWN, U.S.A. (Naval Air Station, Miramar, Calif.) hosted a professional group of peeping toms this summer when Light Photographic Squadron 306 from Wash., D.C. conducted its annual active duty period.

Led by their skipper, CDR. Alexander Wattay, the reservists from the Naval Air Facility at Andrews AFB, Md., spent two weeks in July, flying their RF-8G Crusaders on several important photographic peeping missions.

While flying cross-country en route to California, the VFP-306 pilots shot considerable aerial footage of unspoiled, uninhabited areas of the United States for the Smithsonian Institution in Wash., D.C.

Then the reservists honed their aerial photographic expertise by mapping NAS Lemoore and the Marine Corps Air Station, Twenty Nine Palms, Calif. Working under the direction of Carrier Air Group 30, the

VFP-306 team obtained pre-strike photo coverage for several CAG-30 special missions and then conducted post-strike evaluations.

The active duty training enabled VFP-306 to maintain its proficiency and capability to meet future mobilization missions.



CDR. Wattay

CRUSADER



FIGHTER REPORT

— DEVIL'S DISCIPLES WIN AWARD —

Winners of the Chief of Naval Operations' Aviation Safety Award for Fiscal Year 1972 were



CDR. Kaine and CDR. Altmeyer

the Devil's Disciples of Reserve Fighter Squadron 301 based at NAS Miramar, Calif.

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CDR. Jack Altmeyer, commander of Reserve Attack Carrier Air Wing 30, made the presentation recently at NAS Miramar, Calif.

The Devil's Disciples received the coveted CNO safety award for flying more than 3,730 accident-free hours during FY72.

— STALLIONS END CRUISE —

THE TOTAL FORCE concept of the Naval Air Reserve was demonstrated by the Stallions of Reserve Fighter Squadron 302, NAS Miramar, Calif., during their active duty deployment in August this year.

Operating out of Miramar and NAS Fallon, Nev., CDR. J. M. Bolwerk and his "week-end warriors" of VF-302 logged more than 368 flight hours on 275 sorties during the two-week period. They exhibited a high level of proficiency and professionalism throughout the program while maintaining an average aircraft availability rate of 79 per cent. Thirteen of VF-302's F-8 pilots completed the "Conventional Weapons Syllabus" by the end of the cruise.

— CDR NICHOLS LOGS 3,000 —

LATEST MEMBER of the exclusive 3,000-hour F-8 Crusader club is CDR. John B. Nichols, executive officer of the "Fighting Red Checkertails" of Fighter Squadron 24.

CDR. Nichols is the third F-8 pilot to log more than 3,000 hours in Crusader cockpits. He reached his accident-free milestone at VF-24's home base, NAS Miramar, Calif., before the "Checkertails" deployed to Southeast Asia aboard the USS Hancock.

An alumnus of the University of Florida, CDR. Nichols began flying the Crusader with VF-174 in 1959. He flew with VF-62 aboard the USS Shangri-La and in 1963 returned to VF-174 for two years' duty as an F-8 flight instructor.

He made two combat cruises aboard the USS Ticonderoga with VF-191 from NAS Miramar and, on July 7, 1968, during his second deployment, he was credited with a MIG-17 "kill." CDR. Nichols served one tour of duty with VF-124 as an F-8 instructor and, after a cruise as aircraft handling officer aboard the USS Oriskany, he returned to Miramar, transferring to VF-24 for assignment as executive officer.



CDR. Nichols

CDR. Richard A. "Pete" Peters and CDR. David R. "Snake" Morris are the other two members of this elite fraternity.

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TWO TWO-SEATERS — The only two seat F-8 Crusader and A-7 Corsair II built to date by LTV Aerospace Corporation's Vought Systems Division are parked together for the first time on the Vought Systems ramp at NAS Dallas, Tex. The TF-8A, assigned to the Navy Test Pilot School, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md., was brought to Texas for a series of demonstration flights in July 1973. The YA-7H completed its first year of flying operations on August 29, 1973.

— MILESTONES SET —

TWO SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES were logged during recent months by F-8 Crusader pilots at NAS Miramar, Calif. and aboard the USS Oriskany.

At Miramar, LCDR (now CDR) Richard Taylor, Light Photographic Squadron 63, recorded 2,000 flight hours in the Crusader. He received a distinctive plaque in honor of the feat from his commander at the time, CDR. J. M. Schulze. CDR Schulze, who has more than 2,000 hours in the RF-8G, has since turned over the VFP-63 CO duties to CDR J. T. Ginn.

Meanwhile, LTJG Ray Rose of VF-191 received the distinction of making the 182,000th arrested landing aboard the USS Oriskany, during a recent deployment by the Mighty "O" in Southeast Asia.

LTJG Rose was congratulated later by LT Roger Boennighausen, landing signal officer for Carrier Air Wing 19. LT Boennighausen flagged down the milestone flight. LT Rose was making his first cruise with VF-191's Satan's Kittens.



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Also, on 23 May 72, two F-8 pilots off the USS Hancock closed on a MIG 17 near Hai-phong, NVN. Just as they were about to fire, the MIG pilot did the only sensible thing — he ejected. Thus, the 18th MIG "kill" recorded by F-8 pilots was downed without a shot being fired.

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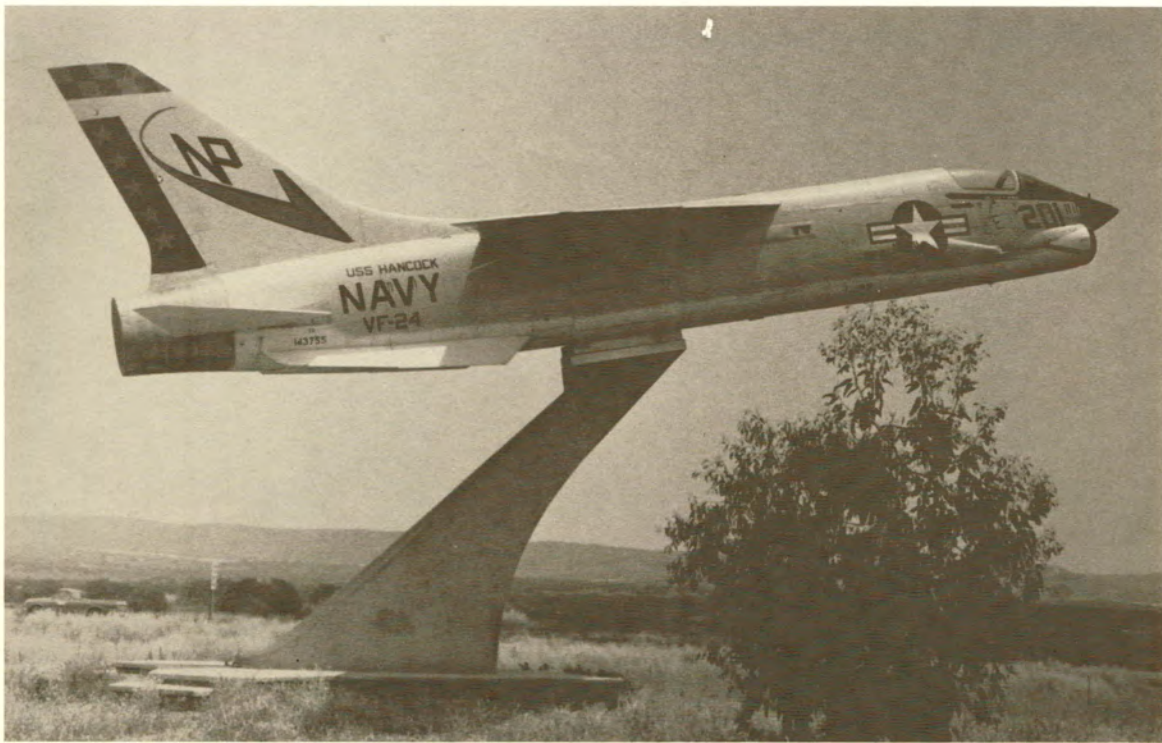
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“CHECKERTAILS” ON DISPLAY — Winners of the COMNAVAIRPAC Battle Efficiency “E” for F-8 Crusader units, the “Fighting Red Checkertails” of Fighter Squadron 24 are honored by having their unit designation painted on the Crusader display aircraft at the main gate to NAS Miramar, Calif. VF-24 received word that they had won the “E” during their recent deployment to Southeast Asia, their eighth consecutive line tour aboard the USS Hancock.

— SATAN’S KITTENS GET MUTHA —

SATAN’S KITTENS of Fighter Squadron 191, NAS Miramar, Calif., have been awarded custody of the coveted and often elusive “Mutha Trophy,” symbol of the highest degree of cunning, skill and one-up-manship among F-8 units.

CDR. Charles L. Tinker, CO of VF-191, received the trophy in July from the F-8 Replacement Air Group at Miramar and promptly assigned custody of it to “Bottom Cat” LTJG Pete Umbdenstock.

This report is compiled for those who fly, maintain, and build the Crusader. News stories and photographs should be sent to Fighter Report, Vought Systems Division, LTV Aerospace Corporation, (1-32000) P. O. Box 5907, Dallas, Texas, 75222. Telephone: Area Code 214, 266-4765.

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