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Marine Corps Air Station
(Helicopter)
New River, Jacksonville
North Carolina 28540

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area
Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina
28533

Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology; period 1 January 1972
to 30 June 1972

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.2
(b) CO MCAS NR ltr 203:DWW:kas over 5750 of 8 Aug 1972

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Semiannual Command Chronology for MCAS New River is hereby submitted. Reference (b) is cancelled.

2. Organizational Data

a. Period covered by this report is 1 January 1972 to 30 June 1972.

b. MCAS New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is under the military command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, who exercises his command through the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area. The Naval Air Systems Command is the primary support bureau of this Air Station and The Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator.

c. The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and material to support operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units thereof, and other activities and units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

d. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer

Col J. A. NELSON

Executive Officer

LtCol C. L. NESBIT

S-1 Officer	LtCol D. F. KELLEY 1 Jan 72 - 31 Jan 72
	LtCol M. O. MARTINEZ 1 Feb 72 -
Military Personnel Officer	Capt G. A. BURKE
S-3 Officer	LtCol D. W. WRIGHT
Operations Officer	Maj R. L. LEVAN
S-4 Officer	LtCol R. H. NELSON
Comptroller	LtCol J. G. WALKER
Commanding Officer, H&HS	Maj C. L. WHIPPLE 1 Jan 72 - 4 May 72
	Maj H. R. MILLS 5 May 72
Dental Officer	CAPT R. W. SLATER, USN
Medical Officer	CAPT H. W. HILL, USN
Public Works Officer	LCDR W. S. SMYTH, USN
Catholic Chaplain	LT D. D. DELASH, USN
Protestant Chaplain	CDR H. F. LECKY, USN
Supply Officer	LCDR E. W. BILICKE, USN
Special Services Officer	Maj H. R. MILLS 1 Jan 72 - 15 Apr 72
	Maj J. R. THROGMORTON 16 Apr 72
Comm/Elec Officer	Capt J. P. GALLIGAN
Disbursing Officer	Maj J. W. HENRY 1 Jan 72 - 30 Apr 72
	Capt N. M. SCOTT 1 May 72 -

Education Officer	Capt T. R. COOK III 1 Jan 72 - 2 Mar 72
	1stLt T. E. McNAMARA 3 Mar 72 -
Public Affairs Officer	CWO-3 F. W. WASHAM 1 Jan 72 - 18 Feb 72
	CWO-2 R. J. LARSON 19 Feb 72
Ground Safety Officer	Capt W. M. KEMPFER
Marine Corps Exchange Officer	Capt K. E. JOHNSON
Motor Transport Officer	Capt W. H. HACKETT
Provost Marshal	Capt D. S. NEWLON 1 Jan 72 - 23 Apr 72
	Capt R. K. SCHAFFER 24 Apr 72 -
Adjutant	Capt T. E. PITTS
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj E. R. HUFF

e. The average monthly strength during this period was 524 personnel (includes officer and enlisted, both permanent and attached).

3. Personnel

a. During this period, 163 permanent personnel and 211 Fleet Augmentation personnel were joined. Sixty-nine permanent personnel were transferred and 196 Fleet Augmentation Personnel terminated.

b. Twenty-five permanent personnel were transferred.

c. Twenty-four Marines were reenlisted and 59 were released from active duty/discharged.

d. During this period the following promotions were effected:

<u>Capt</u>	<u>CWO-3</u>	<u>1/Lt</u>	<u>MGySgt</u>	<u>MSgt</u>	<u>GySgt</u>	<u>SSgt</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>LCpl</u>	<u>PFC</u>
1	2	1	1	4	5	8	36	31	51	13

e. Civil Service Personnel

(1) As of 30 June 1972, the status of civil service employees was as follows:

	<u>Graded</u>	<u>Ungraded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ceiling (full time permanent)			210
Temporary Ceiling (for period ending 30 June 1972)			212
On Board	78	133	*211

*Includes eight temporary and one intermittent positions.

(2) During this period two employees retired for physical disability and one on voluntary retirement.

(3) For this six month period the civilian turnover was 24 separations and 47 accessions.

(4) Consolidation of civilian personnel services with Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina was effected 9 February 1972.

4. Command Relations with Other Military Organizations in the Immediate Area. Command relations with other military organizations in the Jacksonville area is one of mutual support and reciprocal cooperation in all areas where command functions overlap. This mutual support has evolved through experience and has resulted in harmonious working relationships.

5. Training

a. Rifle Range. As of 30 June 1972, 139 Station personnel had requalified with T/O weapon.

b. Physical Training. 373 Marines ran the PFT during this reporting period.

c. Individual Training. An average of 68 Marines (E-5 and below) received instruction in accordance with MCO 1510.2.

6. Airfield Operations

a. Crash/Fire Department

(1) Crash Crew Division. The following was accomplished:

(a) Aircraft Standbys. The Station Crash Crew responded to 32 aircraft emergencies during this reporting period.

(b) Manned Equipment. The Station Crash Crew spent 1917.3 hours manning the hotspot position for landing and departing aircraft; stoodby for 162 defuelings; and 85 washdowns of fuel spills. An additional 87.0 hours were spent manning the hotspot for the Flying Club.

(c) Training. There were 2827.1 manhours spent on crash crew training. In addition, 219.6 manhours were spent cross-training Marines in structural fire fighting.

b. Aircraft Maintenance Division

(1) From 1 January 1972 to 30 June 1972, there were 1192.5 aircraft flight hours flown. Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows: T-28B - 1062.4; US-2A - 130.1.

(2) During this period an average of 198.4 hours per month were flown.

(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows: Aircraft BuNo 137689 was received on 6 January 1972; Aircraft BuNo 137754 was received on 4 May 1972; Aircraft BuNo 136571 was transferred on 4 May 1972.

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

TYPE EQUIP	PERCENT OPER'AL READY	PERCENT NOT OPER'AL READY SUPPLY	PERCENT NOT OPER'AL READY MAINT	PERCENT NOT OPER'AL READY
US2-A	66.1	14.8	19.1	33.9
T28-B	62.2	22.4	15.4	37.8

c. Flight Support Division. The Flight Support Division supported an average of 50 pilots from 2d MARDIV, 2d ANGLICO and H&HS New River. This support entailed 2203.5 pilot hours on 562 proficiency or logistical flight in the six aircraft assigned to this Station. This Division also renewed 19 standard instrument cards and six special instrument cards.

d. Weather Service Division

(1) Administration. This Division continued to maintain a 24 hour weather observation program, with observations transmitted via Air Force Weather Teletype Circuit. Daily forecasts for the local area were distributed, in addition to the 1774 flight forecasts and 123 destructive weather warnings.

(a) Monthly climatological, astronomical and tidal data were completed and disseminated at the Air Station and provided to Division G-2 at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for their use.

(b) Assisted the Research Laboratory, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on comparative study in temperature and humidity between New River, North Carolina and Beaufort, South Carolina.

(c) Assisted sound wave functioning in conjunction with Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

(d) Supported the Admiral's Staff with weather forecasts during the exercise "Exotic Dancer".

(2) Training

(a) Technical training in weather observing techniques was conducted for 92 hours.

(b) Technical training in weather equipment maintenance was conducted for 15 hours.

(c) Eight hours of instruction for weather map reading was furnished to pilots.

(3) New Programs and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs

(a) \$60,000 was allotted for Phase I (FY 1972) for the installation of an AN/GMQ-19 Weathervision. Due to delays, erroneous estimates of cost, and an A/E Study, \$8,000 of this allotment was used. It was determined that the remaining portion of this \$60,000 (\$52,000) be returned to NAVAIRSYSCOM at the end of the Fiscal Year.

(b) To satisfy the requirements for two contract studies on the proposed weathervision installation, Carolina Telephone Company is conducting an analysis of wire trans-

of the audio portion as opposed to the total microwave transmittal (both audio and video) proposition offered by the Motorola Corporation.

e. Air Traffic Control Division

(1) Air Traffic Operations. Total operations during the reporting period included 69,592 VFR and 4,556 IFR for a total number of 74,148. There were 5,832 passengers manifested and total operating hours numbered 1917.3.

(2) Significant Events

(a) The average personnel strength during this period was 30 men. The average tower strength was 22; the average flight clearance strength was five. The visiting aircraft line averaged two Marines and one civilian.

(b) On 11 February 1972, a Task Analysis Team sponsored by Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps interviewed personnel assigned MOS 6711, 6712, and 6724.

(3) Training. The Tower and Flight Clearance Branches maintain a continuous training program which has proven to be most effective. At present, this Division reports nine FAA Facility Rated Air Traffic Controllers and 15 trainees. The Flight Clearance Branch reports four qualified clearance crew members and four trainees.

7. Training Department. The Aviation Training Devices/Aids Division comprises four branches. Individually, each branch has accomplished the following:

a. Operational Flight/Weapons Systems Branch

(1) The 2F75 Section is the CH-46D Operational Flight Trainer. The trainer was scheduled for 1008 hours. It was available for 521 hours, and was utilized by 246 pilots for 505 hours with a utilization percentage of 91.55%. At the present time, the trainer is down awaiting parts.

(2) The 2B10A Basic Instrument Trainer was scheduled for 996 hours. It was utilized by 258 pilots for 506 hours with a utilization of 84.8%. At the present time, the trainer is down awaiting parts.

b. The Film Library Branch issues, inspects, and repairs all films when required. Between 1 January 1972 and 30 June 1972, 514 films were issued.

c. The Audio-Visual Branch has 103 items of equipment on hand and has issued on temporary and extended custody the following number on occasions: Movie Projectors - 155; Screens - 37; Slide Projectors - 29; Lecternets - 11; Chalkboards - 3; Overhead Projectors - 43; Opaque Projectors - 13; Record Players - 2; Dead Reconing Computer - 2. The Audio-Visual Branch also does all preventive maintenance and repairs on these devices plus those belonging to other units. Audio-visual has made 500 transparencies for use as training aids. This Branch is manned by two personnel, of which one is FAP.

d. The Graphic Arts Branch has designed and produced 265 items which include posters, signs, charts, and transparencies. This Branch is a one man operation.

8. Modification Plant and Facilities

a. Projects which were accepted as useably completed during the above period of time are:

(1) Pavement for Parking Areas. Awarded 9 December 1971; completed 20 March 1972. Cost - \$8926.00.

(2) Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open) Addition. Awarded 2 January 1971; completed 31 March 1972. Cost - \$114,225.00.

(3) Airfield Lighting. Awarded 30 June 1971; completed 19 April 1972. Cost - \$38,700.00.

(4) Automatic Reclosers to Oil Blast Circuit Breakers. Awarded 3 December 1970; completed 10 February 1972. Cost - \$4,900.00.

(5) Replaced Heating Units in Public Quarters. Awarded 24 June 1971; completed 16 March 1972. Cost - \$37,255.00.

(6) Repairs to Boiler No. 10. Awarded 12 November 1971; completed 13 January 1972. Cost - \$30,811.00.

b. The following projects have been awarded but are not completed:

(1) Secondary Powerline in C/W Aircraft Direct Fueling Facility. Awarded 6 March 1972; completion date 2 August 1972. Cost - \$2,369.00.

(2) Modification to Aircraft Direct Fueling Station. Awarded 30 March 1972; completion date 2 August 1972. Cost - \$44,046.00.

(3) Staff NCO Club. Awarded 3 May 1972; completion date 3 May 1973. Cost - \$379,900.00.

9. Supply Department

a. Significant Events

(1) On several occasions, we have arranged tours of the Dining Facility and have fed organizations such as Scouts, Students, Church Groups, and Exotic Dancer Personnel.

b. Modifications to Plant and Facility

(1) Modifications continue on the Rapid Refueling System. Date of completion is estimated to be in August 1972.

10. Communications/Electronics Department

a. Modification to Plant and Facility

(1) The telephone system in the Reserve Training Units billeting area has been expanded to provide better service. In addition, two pay stations have been installed for troop use during annual training.

b. New Programs and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs

(1) The faulty DSTE on-line message processing computer parts were replaced and the marginal DSTE performance reported during the last period had been resolved with this Station AUTODIN tributary rate currently at 99.5% efficiency.

(2) A site preparation study for the AN/CPN-4 (GCA Radar) was conducted and it was determined that site preparation expense would be minimal. Moreover, installation of the AN/CPN-4 has been delayed until late FY-73 pending arrival of a reconditioned radar unit from Philadelphia.

11. Ceremonies

a. The following decorations were presented to members of this Command at appropriate ceremonies during this period:

Letters of Appreciation	12
Letters of Commendation	1
Bronze Star	1
Navy Achievement	5
Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal	1

b. On 8 June 1972, MCAS(H) New River was named McCutcheon Field in honor of General K. B. McCUTCHEON. Remarks were made by General E. E. ANDERSON, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and the unveiling of the Plaque dedicating McCutcheon Field was unveiled by Mrs. K. B. McCUTCHEON, General ANDERSON, MGen FONTANA, and Colonel J. A. NELSON.

c. On 8 June 1972, the MCAS(H) New River Chapel was rededicated as the MCAS New River Memorial Chapel. A stained glass window based on the parable of the "Good Samaritan" depicting the mercy missions of Marine Corps Helicopters was installed in the narthex. Also a portrait of General McCutcheon was hung in the Chapel.

12. Public Affairs

a. When 15 New River based Marines of HMM-162 flew to Nyack, New York to donate blood to train crash victims, PAO handled media relations. Resulting coverage in national, regional and local newspapers plus national and regional television showed the Marine Corps in the best possible light.

b. 1350 visitors, on 17 different occasions, were hosted by the Air Station for tours and static displays. These visitors ranged from school children to state administrators.

c. The station newspaper, Rotovue, formerly an eight page weekly, grew to a 28 page publication.

d. Extensive support was provided for the newly formed 4th Marine Aircraft Wing Combined Information Bureau

(CIB). This CIB, formed for the first time in Marine Corps history to publicize Annual Training Duty, was granted the use of all public affairs facilities at New River, enabling them to obtain much wider coverage than ever before.

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