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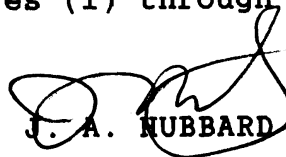
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(2) Welcome Aboard Letter  
(3) Published News Release  
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## 1. Command Composition and Organization.

The primary mission of the Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO (VRC-30) Det 5 "PROVIDERS" is to provide the transport of high-priority cargo, mail and passengers between aircraft carriers at sea and shore bases throughout the Pacific Theater. In addition, Det 5 is capable of providing airdrop/paradrop support for Special Warfare Units of any branch of service. Det 5 flies three C-2A Greyhounds, better known as the C.O.D. (Carrier Onboard Delivery), emblazoned with the "NF" markings of the Operational Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5).

The C-2A is a twin engine aircraft manufactured by Grumman. Maximum payload capacity is 10,000 pounds with the ability to carry 26 passengers. Det 5 supports USS INDEPENDENCE, and Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific (COMFAIRWESTPAC).

Det 5, stationed at NAF Atsugi, Japan, is a permanent detachment of VRC-30, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA, Commanding Officer, CDR J.D. Fowler. The establishment of Det 5 is a direct result of the disestablishment of VRC-50, Andersen AFB, Guam. VRC-30 Det 5 Officer in Charge is LCDR James A. Hubbard.

## 2. Chronology.

EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
Arrival of 1st Det personnel	07/08/94	AE2 [REDACTED] arrives. TAD to AIMD until arrival of DET 5
TAD personnel arrive	08/07/94	12 TAD personnel arrive to support INDY for last at sea period before dry dock. 1 PCS pilot arrives (LT [REDACTED])
Received aircraft #1	08/18/94	First aircraft received from VRC-50. 432...162147
TAD OPS	08/19/94	First flight flown to USS INDEPENDENCE. TAD personnel flew with a total of 84 PAX and 20,000 # of cargo carried.
Received aircraft #2	09/10/94	The second aircraft is received from NIPPI/SDLM 431...162150.
TAD operations discontinued	09/12/94	Planes are put into preservation.
Received aircraft #3	09/18/94	3rd and final aircraft received from VRC-50. 430...162141.
TAD operations	09/21/94	TAD personnel return to North Island.
MCI/MPA Inspection	11/14/94	Material Condition Inspection/Maintenance Programs Assist.
First capping	11/16/94	AE2 [REDACTED] is capped to AE1 by the C.O. of VRC-30 (J.D. Fowler) on recent visit to Det 5.

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Operational	12/01/94	First aircraft flown under Det 5 PCS personnel.
Change of Charge	12/01/94	CDR L.C. Shaffer-Vanaria relieved by LCDR J.A. Hubbard.
Manning	12/31/94	Manning as of 31 Dec 94 is 34 enlisted and 7 officers.

### 3. Narrative.

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO (VRC-30) of San Diego, CA, recently expanded it's Theater of Operations to include the Kanto Plains of Japan. The disestablishment of the VRC-50 "FOO-DOGS" on September 29, 1994 at Andersen AFB, Guam led to the establishment of the VRC-30 Det 5 "PROVIDERS" on August 7, 1994, at NAF Atsugi. VRC-30 Det 5 is the first and only permanently forward deployed carrier logistics detachment in the Navy.

Detachment 5 currently consists of seven officers and thirty-four enlisted troops, with the final manning requirements arriving by July 1995. Arriving on August 7, 1994, temporary personnel from San Diego were initially assigned to Det 5 to provide services to the USS INDEPENDENCE during its final at sea period before dry dock, carrying a total of 84 passengers and 20,000 pounds of cargo. The permanent personnel who have since replaced the temporary personnel are ordered to Japan for two to three years. The first being AE2 Houston Johnson who arrived on July 8, 1994, and was assigned temporarily to AIMD, awaiting the detachment arrival. AE2 [REDACTED] was command advanced on November 16, 1994, to AE1 by CDR J.D. Fowler, Commanding Officer of VRC-30, on a visit to Japan.

The stand up process culminated in a "Change of Charge" ceremony. LCDR J.A. Hubbard relieved CDR L.C. Shaffer-Vanaria on December 1, 1994 as Officer in Charge of VRC-30 DET 5. On that day the first Det 5 C-2A Greyhound aircraft was flown by LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], and ADC [REDACTED]. The detachment has three aircraft assigned with side numbers 430, 431, and 432.

Det 5 has devoted many hours, working extremely long days, weekends, and holidays in an attempt to stand up the det and keep the aircraft flying. Prior to operations in December, the detachment underwent a Material Condition Inspection (MCI)/ Maintenance Programs Assist (MPA) on November 14, 1994 to determine if the PROVIDERS were safe for flight. The results of the MCI were in the det's favor, safe for flight. The results of the MPA were outstanding.

## THE "PROVIDERS" JOIN THE NAF ATSUGI COMMUNITY

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The Providers, flying the Grumman built C-2A Greyhound, as part of Carrier Air Wing FIVE, support the USS INDEPENDENCE Battle Group and Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific. Det 5's primary mission is to provide Carrier Onboard Delivery, hence the nickname "COD" is also used when referring to the C-2A. This includes but is not limited to, transporting personnel, mail and cargo. In addition, C-2 aircrew are qualified to provide airdrop/paradrop support for Special Warfare Units of any branch of service.

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