

# Current Squadron Lineage

The lineage and history of U.S. naval aviation squadrons has been a source of confusion since the birth of naval aviation in 1911. Much of this confusion arose from the terminology used by the Navy, the lack of a consistent policy in selecting the alphanumeric designations for squadrons, constantly reusing the same letter and numeric designations, and the many establishments, redesignations, and deactivations of aviation squadrons.

When dealing with a squadron's lineage, the only correct terms to use are establishment, deactivation, and redesignation. The terms commissioning and establishment have been used interchangeably for years and that is incorrect. Only ships are commissioned, decommissioned, and receive commissioning pennants. Squadrons have establishment and deactivation ceremonies.

A unit's history and lineage begins when it is established and ends at the time it is deactivated. Determining a squadron's "family tree" may seem cut and dried, but that is not the case. A squadron may undergo numerous redesignations during the period between its establishment and deactivation. A newly established squadron bearing the same designation of a unit that had previously existed may carry on the traditions of the old organization, but it cannot claim the history or lineage of the previous unit. The same is true of U. S. Navy ships and, thus, the rationale for such a policy becomes apparent. For example, *Ranger* (CV 61) is the seventh ship to bear the name *Ranger* and may carry on the traditions of the previous six ships. *Ranger* (CV 61) is obviously not the same Continental Navy Ship *Ranger* commanded by Capt. John Paul Jones during the War of Independence. The history of *Ranger* (CV 61) begins with its commissioning date, not with the commissioning date of the first *Ranger*.

The most recent squadron with the designation Fighter Squadron One (VF-1) was established 1 October 1972 and disestablished 1 October 1993. It was the seventh squadron in the Navy to be designated VF-1. This squadron is not the same VF-1 that used the designation for the first time in 1922. Designations, like ship's names, are reused again and again. If there is a break in the active status of a unit designation as a result of disestablishment, then there is no connection between the units bearing the same designation.

Another common problem area involves squadron insignia. The lineage or history of a squadron cannot be traced using only its insignia, because the same insignia may have been adopted and approved for official use by more than one squadron during different time frames. The insignia of a disestablished squadron may be officially approved for use by another squadron, but this does not confer upon the new squadron the right to the previous unit's history and lineage. The following outline of the Jolly Roger insignia is an example of the confusion that results if one attempts to trace the lineage and history of a squadron insignia without considering other factors.

VF-17 was established on 1 January 1943, and during WWII—when it produced an outstanding record as a fighter squadron—it adopted the Jolly Roger insignia. On 15 November 1946, all Navy squadrons were redesignated and VF-17 became VF-5B. Subsequently, it was redesignated VF-61 on 28 April 1948, and then disestablished on 15 April 1959 with Cmdr. Robert T. Hoppe as commanding officer. The Jolly Roger insignia had been used by VF-17/VF-5B/VF-61 from 1943 until 15 April 1959.

On 2 July 1955, VA-86 was established and on the same day was redesignated VF-84. This squadron was equipped with the FJ Fury and adopted the nickname Vagabonds. An insignia consisting of a lightning bolt striking the globe in the area of Norfolk, Va., with a sword behind the bolt, was approved on 27 September 1955. The squadron operated under this name and insignia until it replaced the FJs with F8U Crusaders in 1959. Cmdr. Hoppe assumed command of VF-84 two days after the disestablishment of VF-61, the Jolly Roger squadron. He initiated the request to have VF-84 adopt the old Jolly Roger insignia, which had been used by VF-61 and was no longer active. This request was approved by CNO on 1 April 1960. There is no direct connection between the former Jolly Roger squadron (VF-17/VF-5B/VF-61) and VF-84, which adopted the insignia.

To further complicate a review of the records, there have been other squadrons with the designation VF-84. During World War II, a VF-84 was established on 1 May 1944 and disestablished 8 October 1945. Naval Air Reserve squadron VF-921 was called to active duty 1 February 1951 and was redesignated VF-84 on 4 February 1954. This squadron then became VA-86 on 2 July 1955. This occurred on the same day Cmdr. Hoppe's Jolly Roger squadron was established as VA-86 and immediately redesignated VF-84. Neither of these two VF-84 squadrons had any connection with the original Jolly Rogers. Thus, Cmdr. Hoppe's VF-84 operating with the insignia and title of Jolly Roger could lay claim to the traditions of VF-17, VF-5B, and VF-61, if it wished to do so, but could only claim a history that commenced on 2 July 1955, and it was not a direct descendant of the original Jolly Roger squadron. The current Jolly Rogers are VFA-103.

A squadron's history and lineage covers only the period during which a unit is officially declared active (established by CNO), has personnel assigned to it, and is listed in the Naval Aeronautical Organization. When a squadron is disestablished, its history and lineage ends. If a squadron is redesignated while it is active, the lineage and history of the unit is carried on by the newly redesignated squadron. The following is an example of what occurs when a squadron is redesignated and its lineage and history remain unbroken.

The current VFA-25 was originally established as Torpedo Squadron 17 (VT-17) on 1 January 1943. On 15 November 1946, VT-17 was redesignated VA-6B and carried this designation until 27 April 1948, when it was redesignated VA-65. On 1 July 1959, VA-65 was redesignated VA-25 and the unit remained VA-25 until it was redesignated VFA-25 on 1 July 1983. The history and lineage of the present VFA-25 may be traced to 1 January 1943, because there was no break in active duty status of the squadron, even though its designation changed four times.

The current VFA-106 provides an example of what happens when a squadron is disestablished and then, years later, the same number is used again. This squadron was established at NAS Cecil Field on 27 April 1984. VFA-106 adopted the old insignia of VA-106 and had it officially approved. The squadron may carry on the traditions of the old VA-106, but it cannot trace its lineage and history back to VA-106. The list of commanding officers for VA-106 is not part of the list of commanding officers for VFA-106. The history of VA-106 came to an end on 7 November 1969, when it was disestablished and its personnel were transferred to other duty stations. At this time, VA-106 was removed from the active list in the Naval Aeronautical Organization.

These are the Navy squadrons as of January 2011:

Squadron Designation	Changes in Squadron Designations	Date of Change
<b>Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (Designation no longer in use)</b>		
HC-2	(See HSC-2)	
HC-3	(See HSC-3)	
HC-4	HC-4 Established HC-4 Deactivated	6 May 1983 30 Sep 2007
HC-5	(See HSC-25)	
HC-6	(See HSC-26)	
HC-8	(See HSC-28)	
HC-11	(See HSC-21)	
HC-85	(See HSC-85)	
<b>Helicopter Combat Support Special Squadron (Designation no longer in use)</b>		
HCS-4	(See HSC-84)	
HCS-5	HAL-5 Established HAL-5 Redesignated HCS-5 HCS-5 Deactivated	1 Mar 1977 1 Oct 1988 31 Dec 2006
<b>Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron</b>		
HM-14	HM-14 Established	12 May 1978
HM-15	HM-15 Established	2 Jan 1987
<b>Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS designation slowly changing to HSC)</b>		
HS-2	(See HSC-12)	
HS-3	(See HSC-9)	
HS-4	HS-4 Established	30 Jun 1952
HS-5	(See HSC-5)	
HS-6	HS-6 Established	1 Jun 1956
HS-7	HS-7 Established	15 Dec 1969
HS-8	(See HSC-8)	
HS-10	HS-10 Established	1 Jul 1960
HS-11	HS-11 Established	27 Jun 1957
HS-14	HS-14 Established	10 Jul 1984
HS-15	HS-15 Established	29 Oct 1971
HS-75	HS-75 Established HS-75 Deactivated	1 Jun 1970 1 Apr 2007

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<b>Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron</b>		
HSC-2	HC-2 Established HC-2 Redesignated HSC-2	1 Apr 1987 24 Aug 2005
HSC-3	HC-3 Established HC-3 Redesignated HSC-3	1 Sep 1967 31 Oct 2005
HSC-5	HS-5 Established HS-5 Redesignated HSC-5	3 Jan 1956 28 Feb 2009
HSC-8	HS-8 Established HS-8 Redesignated HSC-8	1 Nov 1969 1 Apr 2007
HSC-9	HS-3 Established HS-3 Redesignated HSC-9	18 Jun 1952 1 Jun 2009
HSC-12	HS-2 Established HS-2 Redesignated HSC-12	7 Mar 1952 1 Jan 2009
HSC-21	HC-11 Established HC-11 Redesignated HSC-21	1 Oct 1977 7 Nov 2005
HSC-22	HSC-22 Established	1 Oct 2006
HSC-23	HSC-23 Established	1 Oct 2006
HSC-25	HC-5 Established HC-5 Redesignated HSC-25	3 Feb 1984 24 Oct 2005
HSC-26	HC-6 Established HC-6 Redesignated HSC-26	1 Sep 1967 24 Aug 2005
HSC-28	HC-8 Established HC-8 Redesignated HSC-28	3 Dec 1984 13 May 2005
HSC-84	HAL-4 Established HAL-4 Redesignated HCS-4 HCS-4 Redesignated HSC-84	1 Jul 1976 1 Oct 1989 1 Oct 2006
HSC-85	HS-85 Established HS-85 Redesignated HC-85 HC-85 Redesignated HSC-85	1 Jul 1970 1 Oct 1994 8 Feb 2006
<b>Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron</b>		
HSM-40	Established as HSL-40 HSL-40 Redesignated HSM-40	4 Oct 1985 1 Nov 2009
HSM-41	Established as HSL-41 HSL-41 Redesignated HSM-41	21 Jan 1983 8 Dec 2005
HSM-70	Established as HSM-70	1 Mar 2008
HSM-71	Established as HSM-71	1 Jan 2007
HSM-77	Established as HSL-47 HSL-47 Redesignated HSM-77	25 Sep 1987 1 Feb 2009
<b>Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL designation slowly changing to HSM)</b>		
HSL-37	HSL-37 Established	3 Jul 1975
HSL-40	(See HSM-40)	
HSL-41	(See HSM-41)	
HSL-42	HSL-42 Established	5 Oct 1984
HSL-43	HSL-43 Established	5 Oct 1984
HSL-44	HSL-44 Established	21 Aug 1986
HSL-45	HSL-45 Established	3 Oct 1986
HSL-46	HSL-46 Established	7 Apr 1988
HSL-47	(See HSM-77)	
HSL-48	HSL-48 Established	7 Sep 1989
HSL-49	HSL-49 Established	23 Mar 1990
HSL-51	HSL-51 Established	1 Oct 1991
HSL-60	HSL-60 Established	1 Apr 2001
HSL-84	HS-84 Established HS-84 Redesignated HSL-84 HSL-84 Deactivated	1 Jul 1970 1 Mar 1984 30 Jun 2001

Squadron Designation	Changes in Squadron Designations	Date of Change
HSL-94	HSL-94 Established HSL-94 Deactivated	1 Oct 1985 1 Apr 2001
<b>Helicopter Training Squadron</b>		
HT-8	HTU-1 Established HTU-1 Redesignated HTG-1 HTG-1 Redesignated HT-8	3 Dec 1950 Mar 1957 1 Jul 1960
HT-18	HT-18 Established	1 Mar 1972
HT-28	HT-28 Established	1 Nov 2006
<b>Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron Redesignated Electronic Attack Squadron on 30 March 1998 (the VAQ designation remained the same)</b>		
VAQ-128	VAQ-128 Established VAQ-128 Deactivated	1 Oct 1997 30 Sep 2004
VAQ-129	VAH-10 Established VAH-10 Redesignated VAQ-129	1 May 1961 1 Sep 1970
VAQ-130	VAW-13 Established VAW-13 Redesignated VAQ-130	1 Sep 1959 1 Oct 1968
VAQ-131	VP-931 Reserve squadron to active duty VP-931 Redesignated VP-57 VP-57 Redesignated VAH-4 VAH-4 Redesignated VAQ-131	2 Sep 1950 4 Feb 1953 3 Jul 1956 1 Nov 1968
VAQ-132	VAH-2 Established VAH-2 Redesignated VAQ-132	1 Nov 1955 1 Nov 1968
VAQ-133	VAQ-133 Established	1 Apr 1996
VAQ-134	VAQ-134 Established	17 Jun 1969
VAQ-135	VAQ-135 Established	15 May 1969
VAQ-136	VAQ-136 Established	6 Apr 1973
VAQ-137	VAQ-137 Established	1 Oct 1996
VAQ-138	VAQ-138 Established	27 Feb 1976
VAQ-139	VAQ-139 Established	1 Jul 1983
VAQ-140	VAQ-140 Established	1 Oct 1985
VAQ-141	VAQ-141 Established	1 Jul 1987
VAQ-142	VAQ-142 Established	1 Apr 1997
VAQ-143	VAQ-143 Established	1 Aug 2002
	VAQ-143 was on the books as being established on 1 August 2002 but funding for the squadron was never provided and shortage of aircraft made it impossible to effectively activate the command. The squadron was removed from the books (SNDL) and the file closed on 12 Nov 2009.	
VAQ-209	VAQ-209 Established	1 Oct 1977
<b>Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron</b>		
VAW-77	VAW-77 Established	1 Oct 1995
VAW-78	VAW-78 Established VAW-78 Deactivated	1 Jul 1970 31 Mar 2005
VAW-112	VAW-112 Established	20 Apr 1967
VAW-113	VAW-113 Established	20 Apr 1967
VAW-115	VAW-115 Established	20 Apr 1967
VAW-116	VAW-116 Established	20 Apr 1967
VAW-117	VAW-117 Established	1 Jul 1974
VAW-120	RVAW-120 Established RVAW-120 Redesignated VAW-120	1 Jul 1967 1 May 1983
VAW-121	VAW-121 Established	1 Apr 1967
VAW-123	VAW-123 Established	1 Apr 1967
VAW-124	VAW-124 Established	1 Sep 1967
VAW-125	VAW-125 Established	1 Oct 1968
VAW-126	VAW-126 Established	1 Apr 1969

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<b>Composite Squadron (Designation no longer in use)</b>		
VC-6	VU-6 Established VU-6 Redesignated VC-6 VC-6 Deactivated	1 Mar 1952 1 Jul 1965 30 Jun 2008
VC-8	GMSRON-2 (Guided Missile Service Squadron 2) Established GMSRON-2 Redesignated VU-8 VU-8 Redesignated VC-8 VC-8 Deactivated	1 Jul 1958 1 Jul 1960 1 Jul 1965 1 Oct 2003
<b>Fighter Squadron (Designation no longer in use)</b>		
VF-2	(See VFA-2)	
VF-11	(See VFA-11)	
VF-14	(See VFA-14)	
VF-31	(See VFA-31)	
VF-32	(See VFA-32)	
VF-41	(See VFA-41)	
VF-101	VF-101 Established VF-101 Deactivated	1 May 1952 30 Sep 2005
VF-102	(See VFA-102)	
VF-103	(See VFA-103)	
VF-143	(See VFA-143)	
VF-154	(See VFA-154)	
VF-201	(See VFA-201)	
VF-211	(See VFA-211)	
VF-213	(See VFA-213)	
<b>Strike-Fighter Squadron</b>		
VFA-2	VF-2 Established VF-2 Redesignated VFA-2	14 Oct 1972 1 Jul 2003
VFA-11	VF-43 Established VF-43 Redesignated VF-11	1 Sep 1950 16 Feb 1959
	VF-11 adopted the insignia used by the previous VF-11, which had been disestablished on 15 Feb 1959. The newly designated VF-11 (16 Feb 1959) carried on the insignia and traditions of the Red Ripper squadron dating back to 1 Feb 1927, but not the lineage. VF-11 Redesignated VFA-11	18 Oct 2005
VFA-14	Air Detachment, Pacific Fleet Established Became VT-5, an element of AirDet, PACFLT VT-5 Redesignated VP-4-1 VP-4-1 Redesignated VF-4 VF-4 Redesignated VF-1 VF-1 Redesignated VF-1B VF-1B Redesignated VB-2B VB-2B Redesignated VB-3 VB-3 Redesignated VB-4 VB-4 Redesignated VS-41 VS-41 Redesignated VB-41 VB-41 Redesignated VB-4 VB-4 Redesignated VA-1A VA-1A Redesignated VA-14 VA-14 Redesignated VF-14 VF-14 Redesignated VFA-14	Sep 1919 15 Jun 1920 7 Sep 1921 23 Sep 1921 1 Jul 1922 1 Jul 1927 1 Jul 1934 1 Jul 1937 1 Jul 1939 15 Mar 1941 1 Mar 1943 4 Aug 1943 15 Nov 1946 2 Aug 1948 15 Dec 1949 1 Dec 2001
VFA-15	VA-67 Established VA-67 Redesignated VA-15 VA-15 Redesignated VFA-15	1 Aug 1968 2 Jun 1969 1 Oct 1986
VFA-22	VF-63 Established VF-63 Redesignated VA-63 VA-63 Redesignated VA-22 VA-22 Redesignated VFA-22	28 Jul 1948 Mar 1956 1 Jul 1959 4 May 1990
VFA-25	VT-17 Established VT-17 Redesignated VA-6B VA-6B Redesignated VA-65 VA-65 Redesignated VA-25 VA-25 Redesignated VFA-25	1 Jan 1943 15 Nov 1946 27 Jul 1948 1 Jul 1959 1 Jul 1983

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VFA-27	VA-27 Established VA-27 Redesignated VFA-27	1 Sep 1967 24 Jan 1991
VFA-31	VF-1B Established VF-1B Redesignated VF-6 VF-6 Redesignated VF-3 VF-3 Redesignated VF-3A VF-3A Redesignated VF-31 VF-31 Redesignated VFA-31	1 Jul 1935 1 Jul 1937 15 Jul 1943 15 Nov 1946 7 Aug 1948 1 Aug 2006
VFA-32	VBF-3 Established VBF-3 Redesignated VF-4A VF-4A Redesignated VF-32 VF-32 Redesignated VFA-32	1 Feb 1945 15 Nov 1946 7 Aug 1948 1 Aug 2006
VFA-34	VA-34 Established VA-34 Redesignated VFA-34	1 Jan 1970 30 Aug 1996
VFA-37	VA-37 Established VA-37 Redesignated VFA-37	1 Jul 1967 28 Nov 1990
VFA-41	VF-41 Established VF-41 Redesignated VFA-41	1 Sep 1950 1 Dec 2001
VFA-81	VA-66 Established VA-66 Redesignated VF-81 (same day) VF-81 Redesignated VA-81 VA-81 Redesignated VFA-81	1 Jul 1955 1 Jul 1955 1 Jul 1959 4 Feb 1988
VFA-82	VA-82 Established VA-82 Redesignated VFA-82 VFA-82 Deactivated	1 May 1967 15 Jul 1987 30 Jun 2005
VFA-83	VF-916 Reserve squadron called to active duty VF-916 Redesignated VF-83 VF-83 Redesignated VA-83 VA-83 Redesignated VFA-83	1 Feb 1951 4 Feb 1953 1 Jul 1955 1 Mar 1988
VFA-86	VF-921 Reserve squadron called to active duty VF-921 Redesignated VF-84 VF-84 Redesignated VA-86 VA-86 Redesignated VFA-86	1 Feb 1951 4 Feb 1953 1 Jul 1955 15 Jul 1987
VFA-87	VA-87 Established VA-87 Redesignated VFA-87	1 Feb 1968 1 May 1986
VFA-94	VF-94 Established VF-94 Redesignated VA-94 VA-94 Redesignated VFA-94	26 Mar 1952 1 Aug 1958 24 Jan 1991
VFA-97	VA-97 Established VA-97 Redesignated VFA-97	1 Jun 1967 24 Jan 1991
VFA-102	VA-36 Established VA-36 Redesignated VF-102	1 Jul 1955 1 Jul 1955
	On the same day, 1 Jul 1955, the old VF-102 was redesignated VA-36. This unit is separate from the VA-36 that was established on 1 Jul 1955 and then immediately redesignated VF-102. VF-102 Redesignated VFA-102	1 May 2002
VFA-103	VF-103 Established VF-103 Redesignated VFA-103	1 May 1952 27 Apr 2006
VFA-105	VA-105 Established VA-105 Redesignated VFA-105	4 Mar 1968 17 Dec 1990
VFA-106	VFA-106 Established	27 Apr 1984
VFA-113	VF-113 Established VF-113 Redesignated VA-113 VA-113 Redesignated VFA-113	15 Jul 1948 Mar 1956 25 Mar 1983
VFA-115	VT-11 Established VT-11 Redesignated VA-12A VA-12A Redesignated VA-115	10 Oct 1942 15 Nov 1946 15 Jul 1948
	VA-115 was in an inactive status from Aug 1967 to 1 Jan 1970. It was not disestablished during this time frame and had a very limited number of personnel assigned to the squadron, which was located at NAS Lemoore during the period. VA-115 Reactivated VA-115 Redesignated VFA-115	1 Jan 1970 30 Sep 1996
VFA-122	VFA-122 Established	1 Oct 1998

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VFA-125	VFA-125 Established VFA-125 Deactivated	13 Nov 1980 1 Oct 2010
VFA-131	VFA-131 Established	3 Oct 1983
VFA 136	VFA-136 Established	1 Jul 1985
VFA-137	VFA-137 Established	1 Jul 1985
VFA-143	VF-871 Reserve squadron called to active duty VF-871 Redesignated VF-123 VF-123 Redesignated VF-53 VF-53 Redesignated VF-143 VF-143 Redesignated VFA-143	20 Jul 1950 4 Feb 1953 12 Apr 1958 20 Jun 1962 27 Apr 2006
VFA-146	VA-146 Established VA-146 Redesignated VFA-146	1 Feb 1956 21 Jul 1989
VFA-147	VA-147 Established VA-147 Redesignated VFA-147	1 Feb 1967 20 Jul 1989
VFA-151	VF-23 Established VF-23 Redesignated VF-151 VF-151 Redesignated VFA-151	6 Aug 1948 23 Feb 1959 1 Jun 1986
VFA-154	VF-837 Reserve squadron called to active duty VF-837 Redesignated VF-154 VF-154 Redesignated VFA-154	1 Feb 1951 4 Feb 1953 1 Oct 2003
VFA-192	VF-153 Established VF-153 Redesignated VF-15A VF-15A Redesignated VF-151 VF-151 Redesignated VF-192 VF-192 Redesignated VA-192 VA-192 Redesignated VFA-192	26 Mar 1945 15 Nov 1946 15 Jul 1948 15 Feb 1950 15 Mar 1956 10 Jan 1985
VFA-195	VT-19 Established VT-19 Redesignated VA-20A VA-20A Redesignated VA-195 VA-195 Redesignated VFA-195	15 Aug 1943 15 Nov 1946 24 Aug 1948 1 Apr 1985
VFA-201	VF-201 Established VF-201 Redesignated VFA-201 VFA-201 Deactivated	25 Jul 1970 1 Jan 1999 30 Jun 2007
VFA-203	VA-203 Established VA-203 Redesignated VFA-203 VFA-203 Deactivated	1 Jul 1970 1 Oct 1989 30 Jun 2004
VFA-204	VA-204 Established VA-204 Redesignated VFA-204	1 Jul 1970 1 May 1991
VFA-211	VB-74 Established VB-74 Redesignated VA-1B VA-1B Redesignated VA-24 VA-24 Redesignated VF-24 VF-24 Redesignated VF-211 VF-211 Redesignated VFA-211	1 May 1945 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948 1 Dec 1949 9 Mar 1959 1 Aug 2006
VFA-213	VF-213 Established VF-213 Redesignated VFA-213*	22 Jun 1955 1 Aug 2006*

\* No official paperwork (OPNAV NOTICE 3111) has been promulgated stating the official date for VF-213's redesignation to VFA-213.

Fighter Squadron Composite		
VFC-12 <sup>†</sup>	VC-12 Established VC-12 Redesignated VFC-12	1 Sep 1973 22 Apr 1988
VFC-13 <sup>†</sup>	VC-13 Established VC-13 Redesignated VFC-13	1 Sep 1973 22 Apr 1988
VFC-111	VFC-111 Established	1 Nov 2006
Patrol Squadron		
VP-1 <sup>†</sup>	VB-128 Established VB-128 Redesignated VPB-128 VPB-128 Redesignated VP-128 VP-128 Redesignated VP-ML-1 VP-ML-1 Redesignated VP-1	15 Feb 1943 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948
VP-4 <sup>†</sup>	VB-144 Established VB-144 Redesignated VPB-144 VPB-144 Redesignated VP-144 VP-144 Redesignated VP-ML-4 VP-ML-4 Redesignated VP-4	1 Jul 1943 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948

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VP-5†	VP-17F (VP-17) Established VP-17 Redesignated VP-42 VP-42 Redesignated VB-135 VB-135 Redesignated VPB-135 VPB-135 Redesignated VP-135 VP-135 Redesignated VP-ML-5 VP-ML-5 Redesignated VP-5	2 Jan 1937 1 Jul 1939 15 Feb 1943 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948
VP-8†	VP-201 Established VP-201 Redesignated VPB-201 VPB-201 Redesignated VP-201 VP-201 Redesignated VP-MS-1 VP-MS-1 Redesignated VP-ML-8 VP-ML-8 Redesignated VP-8	1 Sep 1942 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 5 Jun 1947 1 Sep 1948
VP-9†	VP-9 Established	15 Mar 1951
VP-10†	VP-10 Established	19 Mar 1951
VP-16†	VP-741 Reserve squadron called to active duty VP-741 Redesignated VP-16	1 May 1951 4 Feb 1953
VP-26†	VB-114 Established VB-114 Redesignated VPB-114 VPB-114 Redesignated VP-114 VP-114 Redesignated VP-HL-6 VP-HL-6 Redesignated VP-26	26 Aug 1943 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948
VP-30	VP-30 Established	30 Jun 1960
VP-40†	VP-40 Established	20 Jan 1951
VP-45†	VP-205 Established VP-205 Redesignated VPB-205 VPB-205 Redesignated VP-205 VP-205 Redesignated VP-MS-5 VP-MS-5 Redesignated VP-45	1 Nov 1942 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948
VP-46	VP-5S Established VP-5S Redesignated VP-5F VP-5F Redesignated VP-5 VP-5 Redesignated VP-33 VP-33 Redesignated VP-32 VP-32 Redesignated VPB-32 VPB-32 Redesignated VP-32 VP-32 Redesignated VP-MS-6 VP-MS-6 Redesignated VP-46	1 Sep 1931 1 Apr 1933 1937 1 Jul 1939 1 Jul 1941 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948
VP-47	VP-27 Established VP-27 Redesignated VPB-27 VPB-27 Redesignated VP-27 VP-27 Redesignated VP-MS-7 VP-MS-7 Redesignated VP-47	1 Jun 1944 1 Oct 1944 15 May 1946 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948
VP-62	VP-62 Established	1 Nov 1970
VP-64	(See VR-64)	
VP-65	VP-65 Established VP-65 Deactivated	16 Nov 1970 31 Mar 2006
VP-66	VP-66 Established VP-66 Deactivated	1 Nov 1970 31 Mar 2006
VP-69	VP-69 Established	1 Nov 1970
VP-91†	VP-91 Established VP-91 Deactivated	1 Nov 1970 31 Mar 1999
VP-92†	VP-92 Established VP-92 Deactivated	1 Nov 1970 30 Nov 2007
VP-94†	VP-94 Established VP-94 Deactivated	1 Nov 1970 31 Mar 2006
<b>Patrol Squadron Special Project Unit Redesignated Special Projects Patrol Squadron on 8 Apr 1998 for VPU-1 and on 14 Apr 1998 for VPU-2 (the designation VPU remained the same)</b>		
VPU-1	VPU-1 Established	1 Jul 1982
VPU-2	VPU-2 Established	1 Jul 1982
<b>Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron</b>		
VQ-1	VQ-1 Established	1 Jun 1955
VQ-2	VQ-2 Established	1 Sep 1955



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VQ-3	VQ-3 Established	1 Jul 1968
VQ-4	VQ-4 Established	1 Jul 1968
VQ-5	VQ-5 Established VQ-5 Deactivated	15 Apr 1991 30 Jul 1999
VQ-6	VQ-6 Established VQ-6 Deactivated	5 Aug 1991 30 Sep 1999
VQ-7	Naval Training Support Unit Redesignated VQ-7	1 Nov 1999
VQ-11	VQ-11 Established VQ-11 Deactivated	1 Jul 1997 31 Mar 2000
<b>Fleet Logistic Support Squadron</b>		
VR-1†	VR-1 Established	1 May 1997
VR-46	VR-46 Established	1 Mar 1981
VR-48	VR-48 Established	1 Oct 1980
VR-51	VR-51 Established	1 Jun 1997
VR-52†	VR-52 Established	24 Jun 1972
VR-53	VR-53 Established	1 Oct 1992
VR-54	VR-54 Established	1 Jun 1991
VR-55	VR-55 Established	1 Apr 1976
VR-56	VR-56 Established	1 Jul 1976
VR-57	VR-57 Established	1 Nov 1977
VR-58	VR-58 Established	1 Nov 1977
VR-59	VR-59 Established	1 Oct 1982
VR-61	VR-61 Established	1 Oct 1982
VR-62	VR-62 Established	1 Jul 1985
VR-64	Established as VP-64 Redesignated VR-64	1 Nov 1970 18 Sep 2004
<b>Fleet Logistics Support Squadron</b>		
VRC-30	VR-30 Established VR-30 Redesignated VRC-30	1 Oct 1966 1 Oct 1978
VRC-40	VRC-40 Established	1 Jul 1960
<b>Sea Control Squadron</b>		
VS-21†	CVEG-41 Established CVEG-41 Redesignated CVEG-1 CVEG-1 Redesignated VC-21 VC-21 Redesignated VS-21 VS-21 Deactivated	26 Mar 1945 15 Nov 1946 1 Sep 1948 23 Apr 1950 28 Feb 2005
VS-22†	VS-22 Established VS-22 Deactivated	18 May 1960 31 Mar 2009
VS-24†	VS-24 Established VS-24 Deactivated	25 May 1960 31 Mar 2007
VS-29	VS-29 Established VS-29 Deactivated	1 Apr 1960 30 Apr 2004
VS-30†	VS-801 Reserve squadron called to active duty VS-801 Redesignated VS-30 VS-30 Deactivation Ceremony Official Deactivation	9 Apr 1951 4 Feb 1953 9 Dec 2005 20 Apr 2007
VS-31†	VC-31 Established VC-31 Redesignated VS-31 VS-31 Deactivated	28 Sep 1948 20 Apr 1950 31 Mar 2008
VS-32	VC-32 Established VC-32 Redesignated VS-32 VS-32 Deactivated	31 May 1949 20 Apr 1950 30 Sep 2008
VS-33	VS-33 Established VS-33 Deactivated	1 Apr 1960 31 Jul 2006
VS-35†	VS-35 Established VS-35 Deactivated	4 Apr 1991 31 Mar 2005

Squadron Designation	Changes in Squadron Designations	Date of Change
VS-38†	VC-892 Reserve squadron Activated VC-892 Redesignated VS-892 VS-892 Reserve squadron called to active duty VS-892 Redesignated VS-38 VS-38 Deactivated	20 Jul 1950 4 Aug 1950 4 Aug 1950 4 Feb 1953 30 Apr 2004
VS-41†	VS-41 Established VS-41 Deactivated	30 Jun 1960 30 Sep 2006
Training Squadron		
VT-2	BTG-2 Redesignated VT-2 (Basic Training Group 2)	1 May 1960
VT-3	BTG-3 Redesignated VT-3	1 May 1960
VT-4	BTG-9 Redesignated VT-4	1 May 1960
VT-6	Multi-Engine Training Group, Whiting Field Redesignated VT-6	1 May 1960
VT-7	BTG-7 Activated BTG-7 Redesignated VT-7	1 Jun 1958 1 Jul 1960
VT-9	VT-19 Established VT-19 Redesignated VT-9	2 Aug 1971 1 Oct 1998
VT-10	BNAO School Redesignated VT-10	15 Jan 1968
	Basic Naval Aviation Officers School was established within the training department of NAS Pensacola in June 1960. BNAO School became a separate command under the Chief of Naval Air Training 15 Jan 1968.	
VT-19	(See VT-9)	
VT-21	ATU-202 (Advanced Training Unit 202) Redesignated VT-21	1 May 1960
VT-22	ATU-212 Redesignated VT-22	1 May 1960
VT-23	ATU-222 Established ATU-222 Redesignated VT-23 VT-23 Deactivated	Nov 1958 1 May 1960 30 Sep 1999
VT-27	ATU-402 Redesignated VT-27	1 Jul 1960
VT-28	ATU-611 Redesignated VT-28	1 May 1960
VT-31	ATU-601 Redesignated VT-31	1 May 1960
VT-35	VT-35 Established	29 Oct 1999
VT-86	VT-86 Established	5 Jun 1972
Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX/HX), Antarctic Development Squadron (VXE), Scientific Development Squadron (VXS)		
HX-21	Established as Naval Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Squadron Redesignated HX-21	21 Jul 1995 1 May 2002
VX-1	Established as Aircraft Antisubmarine Development Detachment, Atlantic Fleet	1 Apr 1943
	Aircraft Antisubmarine Development Detachment became part of a new unit called Antisubmarine Development Det, Atlantic Fleet	17 Sep 1943
	Antisubmarine Development Det, Atlantic Fleet redesignated VX-1	15 Mar 1946
VXE-6	VX-6 Established VX-6 Redesignated VXE-6 VXE-6 Deactivated	17 Jan 1955 1 Jan 1969 27 Mar 1999
VX-9	VX-9 Established	30 Apr 1994
VX-20	Established Naval Force Aircraft Test Squadron Redesignated VX-20	21 Jul 1995 1 May 2002
VX-23	Established Naval Strike Aircraft Test Squadron Redesignated VX-23	21 Jul 1995 1 May 2002
VX-30	Established Naval Weapons Test Squadron, Point Mugu Redesignated VX-30	8 May 1995 1 May 2002
VX-31	Established Naval Weapons Test Squadron, China Lake Redesignated VX-31	8 May 1995 1 May 2002
VXS-1	VXS-1 Established	13 Dec 2004

† Previous squadrons have been assigned this designation.