

# HELICOPTER COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON SEVEN

Atsugi, Japan



## COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

1 SEPTEMBER 1967

### PROGRAM

Parade the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation by Chaplain Somers

Captain J. A. Rapp, Chief of Staff, CFWP reads commissioning letter ; delivers remarks

Commander L. L. Parthemer reads his orders ; assumes command ; delivers remarks

Benediction by Chaplain Regan

Retire the Colors



Commander Lloyd L. Parthemer was born on August 23, 1926 in Frankfort, Kansas. Upon graduation from high school he enlisted in the Navy on July 12, 1944 and served two years as a combat aircrewman, attaining the rate of Aviation Ordnanceman Third Class before being released to inactive duty. He attended Reedley College, Reedley, California, earning an Associate of Arts degree. He returned to active duty in March of 1949 as a Naval Aviation Cadet (NAVCAD) and reported to NAS Pensacola for flight training, flying the SNJ "Texan". On October 4, 1950 he was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve and designated a Naval Aviator. Additional training was received in the F6F-5N "Hell Cat" at NAS Key West, Florida prior to reporting to "Fighting Thirty-One" (VF-31) at NAS Sanford, Florida. He flew the F9F "Panther" jet and later the F2H "Banshee" at NAS Cecil Field, Jackson-

ville, Florida. In 1953, Commander Parthemer reported to the Training Command for a three year tour as a primary and basic flight instructor in SNJ and T-28 "Trojan" aircraft. This tour was highlighted by Commander Parthemer being augmented into the regular Navy in 1956 and culminated with his own training in helicopters at Ellyson Field (by one of his former students).

February 1957 found him reporting to HU-1 and serving as Officer in Charge of a cruiser detachment on the Seventh Fleet flagship, Helena (CA-75). Later following completion of the aviation safety officers course at the University of Southern California he was assigned as the Squadron Safety Officer. After leaving HU-1 in 1959, he reported to the COMUTWINGPAC Staff at Brown Field as assistant Operations Officer. While on the staff he flew his first swept wing aircraft, the F9F-8T "Cougar" and FJ-4 "Fury".

He went to the Naval Postgraduate School (NPGS) Monterey in 1961 and completed the curriculum for his Bachelor of Science degree.

In 1963 he reported to NAS Lemoore as the Aviation Safety Officer and flew the A-4 "Skyhawk" and F9F-8T as well as the CH-19 and TC-45J. Commander Parthemer received orders to HS-9 and reported in March of 1965 following ASW training in HS-1 at Key West, Florida. He served as Operations Officer and, as plane commander of Crew 20, won the COMFAIR Quonset "Dipper" award, flying the SH-3A "Sea King". He served as the Executive Officer of HC-1 at NAAS Ream Field from January to August 1967, detaching to become the first Commanding Officer of Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Seven (HC-7) commissioned at NAS Atsugi, Japan on September 1, 1967.

Commander Parthemer is married to the former Anne Horn of Mobile, Alabama and they plan to reside with their four children at Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan.

# HISTORY

Helicopter Combat Support Squadron One Detachment Atsugi was formed in 1951 as a satellite detachment of HC-1 which is located at NAAS Ream Field, Imperial Beach, California. At first the detachment was based at NAF Oppama but was subsequently moved to NAS Atsugi, Japan. The primary mission of the detachment at the beginning was to provide maintenance support of HC-1 carrier-based helicopter detachments. As time went on, other tasks were added, such as providing a helicopter detachment for the SEVENTHFLT flagship, operating a Vertical Replenishment detachment on the USS Mars, providing personnel and equipment to operate a helicopter maintenance support detachment at NAS Cubi Point and providing COMFAIRWESTPAC with helicopter logistic support in the Kanto Plain Area.

As the mission and tasks of HC-1 have multiplied, especially during the past three years, it became increasingly difficult to administer a squadron with personnel and aircraft spread over the vast reaches of the entire Pacific, Arctic and Antarctic Oceans. The Chief of Naval Operations decided that the interests of the Navy would best be served by splitting HC-1 into four different squadrons according to missions. One of the four new squadrons, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Seven, will be based at NAS Atsugi and will incorporate the forces formerly known as HC-1 Detachment Atsugi, and HC-1 Detachment Cubi as well as the H-2 SAR detachments, the H-3 SAR detachments, the new H-3 logistic helicopter detachments and the new H-3 mine countermeasures detachment. An estimated 90 officers and 435 enlisted men will ultimately be assigned to the new squadron and these personnel will carry out their duties on ships and stations throughout the Western Pacific.

Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Seven may be a new squadron but the old HC-1 tradition of "Best Service to the Fleet" will be maintained.



Lieutenant Commander James E. Waldron was born in New Orleans, La. and attended Loyola University, Tulane University and Southwest Photo-Arts Institute. He enlisted in the Navy V-1 College Program in January 1943 and transferred to the Aviation Cadet Program in July 1943.

Designated a Naval Aviator in May 1945, he received advanced training in fighter aircraft and was subsequently assigned to Fighter Squadron 97. Later he was assigned to Carrier Aircraft Service Unit 21 at NAS Norfolk, Va, where he remained until he was released from active duty in May 1946.

While on inactive duty he flew fighter aircraft as a Weekend Warrior attached to Fighter Squadron 718 located at NAS Denver. Shortly after the start of the Korean War he volunteered to return to active duty, was accepted and was ordered to Helicopter Flight Training in June 1951.

After graduation from this course he was assigned to Helicopter Utility Squadron Two at NAS Lakehurst. In June 1956 he was transferred to Helicopter Training Unit One at NAAS Ellyson Field where he instructed in helicopters for two years. He volunteered for Operation Deepfreeze II and was ordered in June 1956 to Air Development Squadron Six. While attached to that squadron he served for 14 months as Officer in Charge of the Little America V Detachment and as a result of many flights made over the Antarctic Continent he was presented the Air Medal and the Secretary of the Navy Commendation Medal. In February 1958 he was assigned to the Operations Department of NAS Port Lyautey, Morocco and in August 1960 he reported to the Naval Air Development Center where he was assigned as the Programs Officer for the Anti Submarine Warfare Laboratory. In September 1963 he was transferred to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron One (then HU-1) at NAAS Ream Field, Imperial Beach, Cal. There he was appointed as Officer in Charge of the first Vertical Replenishment Detachment in the Pacific Fleet. When the Fleet Stores Ship, the USS Mars, was home-ported in Yokosuka in December 1964, he and his detachment were transferred to HC-1 Detachment Atsugi so as to be readily available for regular deployment aboard USS Mars when that ship was deployed for duty in the South China Sea.

On May 14, 1965 he was assigned as Officer in Charge of HC-1 Detachment Atsugi. With the commissioning of Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Seven, he will assume duty as the first Executive Officer of the squadron.

# PLANK OWNERS

Commander L. L. Parthemer . . . . . Commanding Officer  
 Lieutenant Commander J. E. Waldron . . . . . Executive Officer  
 Lieutenant Commander D. E. Barck  
 Lieutenant Commander J. D. Hoskins  
 Lieutenant D. D. Confer  
 Lieutenant M. D. McClelland  
 Lieutenant C. O. Dennison  
 Lieutenant D. L. Kinsay  
 Lieutenant R. G. Nowak  
 Lieutenant Junior Grade J. L. Combs  
 Lieutenant Junior Grade C. H. Neidhoefer  
 Lieutenant Junior Grade R. B. Lewis  
 Lieutenant Junior Grade J. C. Cook  
 Lieutenant Junior Grade C. E. Lassen  
 Lieutenant Junior Grade D. E. Neumann  
 Ensign R. R. Benton

Chief Petty Officer W. F. Delaney  
 Chief Petty Officer J. E. Handke  
 Chief Petty Officer B. G. Spence  
 Petty Officer First Class L. P. Anthony  
 Petty Officer First Class E. A. Beach  
 Petty Officer First Class G. C. Bingham  
 Petty Officer First Class G. Bitting  
 Petty Officer First Class L. R. Clair  
 Petty Officer First Class J. A. Gormley  
 Petty Officer First Class R. S. Murphy  
 Petty Officer First Class R. E. Sweeney  
 Petty Officer First Class M. D. Williams  
 Petty Officer Second Class J. R. Blalock  
 Petty Officer Second Class J. H. Clayton  
 Petty Officer Second Class M. Green  
 Petty Officer Second Class J. Harris  
 Petty Officer Second Class D. B. Dray  
 Petty Officer Second Class W. Gullickson  
 Petty Officer Second Class R. E. Loy  
 Petty Officer Second Class G. L. Marks  
 Petty Officer Second Class R. L. Murray  
 Petty Officer Second Class G. P. Richter  
 Petty Officer Second Class C. G. Sinor  
 Petty Officer Second Class J. R. Krol  
 Petty Officer Second Class D. N. Small  
 Petty Officer Second Class D. R. Walker  
 Petty Officer Second Class C. F. White  
 Petty Officer Second Class O. Williams  
 Petty Officer Second Class J. A. Wright  
 Petty Officer Second Class E. M. Teten  
 Petty Officer Third Class R. Boling  
 Petty Officer Third Class R. D. Byrd

Petty Officer Third Class K. L. Carroll  
 Petty Officer Third Class B. B. Dallas  
 Petty Officer Third Class J. L. Feliciano  
 Petty Officer Third Class D. L. Hoech  
 Petty Officer Third Class C. M. Holcomb  
 Petty Officer Third Class D. A. Howard  
 Petty Officer Third Class W. J. Kressman  
 Petty Officer Third Class R. R. Montileaux  
 Petty Officer Third Class D. C. Shenton  
 Petty Officer Third Class J. E. Spohn  
 Petty Officer Third Class R. Stokes  
 Petty Officer Third Class C. E. Taylor  
 Petty Officer Third Class C. L. Thomas  
 Petty Officer Third Class C. A. Thompson  
 Petty Officer Third Class E. G. Whitner  
 Petty Officer Third Class T. P. Willard  
 Seaman J. P. Adermatt  
 Seaman H. Ellerson  
 Seaman C. E. Funches  
 Seaman D. H. Hayes  
 Seaman W. D. Lightfoot  
 Airman J. R. Bryant  
 Airman T. D. Burkhardt  
 Airman J. F. Chiaramonte  
 Airman C. P. Cortez  
 Airman R. E. Crawford  
 Airman K. D. Farren  
 Airman W. A. Hanson  
 Airman J. W. Hyde  
 Airman H. E. Mason  
 Airman J. T. Smith  
 Airman R. J. Trott

## PLANK OWNERS (Cont'd)

Airman J. L. Vess  
Airman F. R. Williams  
Airman N. L. Hand  
Airman D. Johnson  
Airman L. M. Siems  
Airman W. Schoepp

Airman G. L. Harsin  
Airman L. F. Quinn  
Airman G. L. Sherry  
Airman W. Strohecker  
Airman E. L. Lara