

NAVY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Washington, D. C.

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus and Offices, Fleet, Forces,
Aviation Units and Stations Concerned.

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization - Fiscal Year 1936.

1. The following assignments constitute the Naval Aeronautic Organization for the Fiscal Year 1936 and are effective 1 July 1935.

2. The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the supply of aircraft in accordance with these assignments. The supply of spare airplanes for maintaining authorized operating strengths shall be governed by the following general provisions:

- (a) Fleet Aviation
 - (1) Carriers and ship based - 50% spare airplanes.
 - (2) Patrol Planes - 25% " "
 - (3) Fleet Marine Force - 33 1/3% spare "
 - (4) Flag and Small Units - No spare airplanes.
- (b) Other Squadrons and Units - No spare airplanes.

3. The Bureau of Aeronautics is authorized to assign, for utility purposes, such experimental, obsolescent and obsolete airplanes as are in safe flying condition. These airplanes may be operated in excess of authorized operating strength, but only authorized operating strengths will be considered in determining personnel allowances and flight orders of squadrons and units concerned.

4. Squadrons and units shall not be equipped with airplanes, other than experimental, obsolescent or obsolete, in excess of authorized operating strengths. Spare airplanes will be supplied as replacements for those expended or undergoing major overhaul. Temporary reductions in authorized operating strengths are necessary for minor repairs, inspections and overhauls.

5. Responsible officers shall see that the Chief of Naval Operations is informed when other than temporary reductions in authorized operating strengths are necessary.

6. Designations of aircraft organizations which follow are in accordance with General Order 32 on the system of aircraft designations.

7. Detailed assignments are arranged in sections as shown below. No section is provided for special assignments. These, when authorized by the Chief of Naval Operations, may be made for naval aviators detailed to duty as inspectors of naval aircraft or assistant naval attaches and to other special duties.

Section I. Fleet Aviation.
 (A) U. S. Fleet.
 (a) Battle Force.
 (b) Scouting Force.
 (c) Base Force.
 (B) Asiatic Fleet.
 (C) Special Service Squadron.
 (D) Fleet Marine Force.

Section II. Naval Districts.

Section III. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve.

Section IV. Summary of Operating Airplanes.

Section V. Details of Aviation Personnel for Administration, Training and Development.

8. All aircraft allocated to the Battle Force, Scouting Force and Base Force are assigned to Pools. Commander Aircraft Battle Force, Commander Cruisers Scouting Force and Commander Aircraft Base Force will control the allocation and overhaul of all planes assigned to their respective forces. Commander Aircraft Battle Force will coordinate the fleet overhaul schedule at the Naval Air Station San Diego and the trans-continental ferry schedule.

SECTION I. FLEET AVIATION.

Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

A. U. S. FLEET.

Flag Unit	:	1 VOS	:	Cincus, U.S. Fleet
Ship Unit	:	Will operate with VO-2B	:	PENNSYLVANIA.

(*) BATTLE FORCE.

Flag Unit	:	1 VOS	:	Combatfor
Ship Unit	:	Will operate with VO-4B	:	CALIFORNIA

(a) BATTLE FORCE Contained.

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force.

Fourteen three-plane units.

Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
VO-1B	: 9 VOS	: Batdiv One
VO-2B	: 12 VOS	: Batdiv Two
VO-3B	: 9 VOS	: Batdiv Three
VO-4B	: 12 VOS	: Batdiv Four

(2) Commander Cruisers, Battle Force

Seven two-plane units.

VS-5B	: 6 VSO	: Crudiv Two
VS-6B	: 8 VSO	: Crudiv Three

(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force

Ship Unit	: 2 VSO	: DETROIT.
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(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force

(Commander Carrier Division One)

SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line
LEXINGTON - Aircraft Carrier, " "
RANGER - Aircraft Carrier, " "
LANGLEY - Aircraft Carrier, 2nd Line

Flag Unit	: 2 VS	: Comairbatfor
VF-6B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: SARATOGA
VB-2B	: 18 VBF - 1 VSB	: "
VS-2B	: 18 VSB	: "
VT-2B	: 18 VTB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VOS - 2 VJ	: "
VF-2B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: LEXINGTON
VF-5B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: "
VB-1B	: 18 VB	: "
VS-3B	: 18 VSB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VOS - 2 VJ	: "
VF-3B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: RANGER
VB-3B	: 18 VBF	: "
VB-5B	: 18 VBF - 1 VSB	: "
VS-1B	: 18 VSB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VOS - 2 VJ	: "

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle force (Contd.)

Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
VF-1B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: LANGLEY
VS-4B	: 12 VS	: "
Utility Unit	: 4 VOS	: "
*Utility Unit	: 3 VSO - 2 VJ	: YORKTOWN

(*The YORKTOWN's utility unit will be commissioned at the Naval Air Station Norfolk, Fleet Air Detachment, on 1 January 1936).

(b) SCOUTING FORCE

Ship Unit : Will operate with Crudiv 6 : INDIANAPOLIS

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force.

Flag Unit : 1 VSO : Comcruscofor

Fourteen four-plane units.

VS-9S	: 16 VSO	: Crudiv Four
VS-10S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Five
VS-11S	: 16 VSO	: Crudiv Six
VS-12S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Seven
*Ship Unit	: 4 VSO	: QUINCY

(*The QUINCY's unit will be commissioned at the Naval Air Station Norfolk (Fleet Air Detachment) on 1 January 1936).

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force.

Ship Unit : 2 VSO : RALEIGH

(c) BASE FORCE.

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force.

WRIGHT - Aircraft Tender.
SANDPIPER - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
GANNET - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
*THRUSH - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
Fleet Air Base Coco Solo.

*THRUSH to be recommissioned upon completion of conversion.

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force. (Contd.)

TEAL - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
LAPWING- Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor.
PELICAN- Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
AVOCET - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
SWAN - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 2 VOS	: Comairbasefor
Ship Unit	: 1 VJ	: WRIGHT
Patrol Wing	:	: WRIGHT
VP-7F	: 6 VEB	:
VP-9F	: 6 VPB	:
*Utility Wing	:	: WRIGHT
VJ-1F	: 12 VM - 2 VR	:
VJ-2F	: 9 VM - 1 VR	:
Patrol Wing	:	: F.A.B. Coco Solo
VP-2F	: 12 VPB	:
VP-3F	: 12 VPB	:
VP-5F	: 12 VPB	:
**Utility Unit	: 2 VF - 2 VR - 2 VJ	:
Patrol Wing	:	: F.A.B. Pearl Harbor
VP-1F	: 12 VPB	:
VP-4F	: 12 VPB	:
VP-6F	: 12 VPB	:
VP-8F	: 6 VPB	:
VP-10F	: 6 VPB	:
Utility Unit	: 2 VF - 1 VR - 2 VJ	:

*Commander Aircraft, Base Force, is authorized to operate three airplanes each in VJ-1F and VJ-2F in excess of authorized operating strength, not to interfere with overhaul schedules or the supply of airplanes for other use, when Fleet utility requirements are such as to warrant the use of extra airplanes.

**One of the transport airplanes assigned to the utility unit at Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, is for the use of Commander Special Service Squadron and shall be employed for no other purpose without his authority.

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Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

Ship Unit	:	4 VSO	:	AUGUSTA
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HERON - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

Utility Unit	:	2 VJ	:	HERON
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C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Ship Unit	:	2 VSO	:	TRENTON
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D. FLEET MARINE FORCE.

VO-7M	:	12 VOS	:	Aircraft One
VO-9M	:	6 VS	:	" "
VF-9M	:	18 VF - 1 VSB	:	" "
VB-6M	:	12 VB	:	" "
VJ-6M	:	4 VM - 4 VR	:	" "
VO-8M	:	12 VOS	:	Aircraft Two
VB-4M	:	12 VB	:	" "
VJ-7M	:	3 VM - 3 VR	:	" "

SECTION II. NAVAL DISTRICTS.

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
<u>First Naval District.</u>		
VX2D1	: 2 VM and such other planes for ex- : perimental purposes as may be : assigned.	: Naval Torpedo : Station, Newport.
<u>Fourth Naval District.</u>		
VX3D4	: 5 VM and such other planes for ex- : perimental purposes as may be : assigned.	: Naval Aircraft : Factory, Phila., : Pa.
L.T.A.	: 1 J-4 1 ZN (K-1) : 1 ZMC-2 (Metalclad) : 1 ZK	: N.A.S. Lakehurst.
H.T.A.	: 2 Free Balloons : 1 VM	
<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac.</u>		
VX4D5	: 17 VM - 3 VR and such other planes : for experimental and : other special pur- : poses as may be as- : signed.	: Naval Air Station, : Anacostia, D.C.
VX5D5	: 4 VM and such other planes for ex- : perimental purposes as may : be assigned.	: Naval Proving : Ground, Dahlgren,
VN8D5	: 6 VM : 6 VEB	: U.S. Naval Acad- : emy, Annapolis, : Md.
<u>Fifth Naval District.</u>		
VJ-4D5	: 4 VM	: Naval Air Station
VX-1D5	: 3 VM and such other planes for : ex-perimental purposes as : may be assigned.	: Norfolk, Va.

NAVAL DISTRICTS. (Contd.)

Squadron : Authorized Operating Strength : Assigned
 or : :
 Unit : :

Eighth Naval District

VN-1D8 : 52 VN : NAS Pensacola, Fla.
 VN-2D8 : 80 VN :
 VN-3D8 : 45 VS :
 VN-4D8 : 15 VPB - 10 VT - 12 VOS :
 VN-5D8 : 50 VF :
 Utility Unit : 1 VR - 2 VM :

Eleventh Naval District

VJ-5D11 : 5 VM - 1 VR : N.A.S. San Diego

Twelfth Naval District

H.T.A. : 3 VM : N.A.S. Sunnyvale,
 : : California.

SECTION III. NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

	:Authorized Operating Strength:			:District
	: VN	: VS	: VJ	
Squantum, Mass.	: 7	: 10	: 1	: 1
New York (Floyd Bennett Field)	: 7	: 10	: 1	: 3
Philadelphia (N.A.F.)	: 4	: 6	: 0	: 4
N.A.S. Norfolk	: 3	: 3	: 0	: 5
Miami, Fla.	: 6	: 6	: 1	: 7
N.A.S. Pensacola, Fla.	: 9	: 0	: 0	: 8
Great Lakes, Ill.	: 5	: 7	: 1	: 9
Grosse Ile, Mich.	: 4	: 6	: 1	: 9
Minneapolis, Minn.	: 4	: 6	: 0	: 9
St. Louis, Mo.	: 3	: 4	: 0	: 9
Kansas City, Mo.	: 4	: 4	: 0	: 9
Long Beach, Calif.	: 6	: 10	: 1	: 11
Oakland, Calif.	: 5	: 6	: 1	: 12
N.A.S. Seattle, Wash.	: 6	: 7	: 1	: 13
N.A.S. Anacostia, D. C.	: 4	: 7	: 0	: D.C.
Totals	: 77	: 92	: 8	

Total

177

SECTION IV. SUMMARY OF OPERATING AIRPLANES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1936.

Afloat - Total 631.

Type	U.S. Fleet	Batfor	Scofor	Basefor	Asiatic	Sper- on	FMF	Total
VOS	1	56		1			24	82
VS		14					6	20
VSO		19	63		4	2		83
VSB		61					1	62
VF		90		4			18	112
VB		36					24	60
VBF		36						36
VTB		18						18
VPB				96				96
VR				6			7	13
VJ		8		6	2			16
VM				21			7	28
Totals	1	338	63	134	6	2	87	631

Ashore - Total 504

Type	Details	Training	Reserve	Total
VN		132	77	209
VS		45	92	137
VPB		21		21
VOS		12		12
VF		50		50
VTB		10		10
VR	5			5
VM	52			52
VJ			8	8
Totals	57	270	177	504

Regular Establishment

HTA Afloat	631
" Ashore	327
LTA	6

Reserve Establishment

Ashore	177
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SECTION V. DETAILS OF AVIATION PERSONNEL
FOR ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT
AND TRAINING.

Details for aviation personnel for administration, development and training are as follows:

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics.
- (b) Details to other bureaus and offices of the Navy Department.
- (c) Naval Aircraft Factory.
- (d) Naval Air Stations.
- (e) Fleet Air Bases.
- (f) Naval Reserve Aviation Bases.
- (g) Naval Academy, Annapolis.
- (h) Naval Air Detail, Newport.
- (i) " " " Dahlgren.
- (j) Postgraduate detail.
- (k) Aviation Mechanics School; Great Lakes.
- (l) Material inspection force.
- (m) Special details.
- (n) Details abroad.

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SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization, Fiscal Year 1936 -
Status of VP Squadrons 12F and 14F.

Reference: (a) Opnav ltr. Op-38-E-EMR VZ/A3-1(350528)
Serial 16573 of 12 December 1935.

1. The periods of temporary duty in the 13th and
5th Naval Districts assigned subject squadrons by reference
(a), will terminate on 31 May 1936.

2. The schedules of employment of VP Squadrons 12F
and 14F prepared by District Commandants concerned, in
accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2, reference
(a), will cover therefore the third quarter and the first
two months of the fourth quarter, fiscal year 1936. There-
after and until further notice subject squadrons will
operate as integral units of the command of Commander Air-
craft Base Force, U. S. Fleet.

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SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization - Fiscal
Year 1936 - Modification of.

Reference: (a) Opnav letter Op-38-E-EMR VZ/A3-1(350528)
of 28 May 1935.

1. The following changes in the Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1936, will be made in reference
(a) and are effective as of 1 December 1935:-

Page 3, under LEXINGTON - Delete VB Squadron 1B
and VF Squadron 5B, substitute VB Squadron 3B and VB Squadron
5B.

Page 3, under RANGER - Delete VB Squadron 3B
and VB Squadron 5B, substitute VB Squadron 1B and VF Squadron
5B.

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