

VAH-21

Lineage

Established as Heavy Attack Squadron TWENTY ONE (VAH-21) on 1 September 1968.

Disestablished on 16 June 1969. The first squadron to be assigned the VAH-21 designation.

Squadron Insignia and Nickname

The squadron's insignia request was disapproved by CNO because the insignia instruction restricted the use of cartoon designs. A new insignia request was not submitted prior to the squadron's disestablishment.

Nickname: unknown.



Squadron personnel standing at attention during the establishment ceremony at NS Sangley Point, Philippines, in September 1968.

Chronology of Significant Events

1 Sep 1968: Heavy Attack Squadron 21 became the first squadron in the Navy with a night interdiction mission using new electronic surveillance equipment (multi-sensors). Its mission was to interdict logistics moving over land or sea.

1 Sep 1968: A detachment of VAH-21 was established at NAF Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam. The detachment at NAF Cam Ranh Bay had been a Naval Air Test Center Project TRIM Detachment (TRIM: Trails Roads Interdiction Multi-sensor) prior to becoming a VAH-21 detachment.

16 Jun 1969: With the disestablishment of VAH-21, its record included no loss of aircraft or any wounds suffered by its personnel during operations in Southeast Asia.

Home Port Assignments

<i>Location</i>	<i>Assignment Date</i>
NS Sangley Point, Philippines	01 Sep 1968

Commanding Officers

	<i>Date Assumed Command</i>
CDR A. E. Forsman	01 Sep 1968
CDR N. D. Dunnan	1968

Aircraft Assignment

<i>Type of Aircraft</i>	<i>Date Type First Received</i>
AP-2H	Sep 1968

Air Wing Assignments

<i>Air Wing</i>	<i>Tail Code</i>	<i>Assignment Date</i>
COMFAIRWESTPAC	SL	01 Sep 1968

Unit Awards Received

<i>Unit Award</i>	<i>Inclusive Dates Covering Unit Award</i>	
MUC	14 Jan 1968	01 Dec 1968



A squadron AP-2H Neptune at NAS Patuxent River, 1969 (Courtesy Robert Lawson Collection).