



Fighting FORTY-ONE was originally commissioned VF-3B at Oceana, Virginia early in the year 1948. In November 1948 the squadron received its new and present designation (VF-41) and was transferred to Jacksonville, Florida where it operated as an individual unit. The type planes assigned were F4U-5 and the squadron operated these aircraft until June of 1950 at which time VF-41 was decommissioned.

On September 1, 1950 still in Jacksonville, Florida, VF-41 was recommissioned with CDR C. C. AINSWORTH acting Commanding Officer. The squadron when formed consisted of twenty-four officers, one hundred ten men, and eighteen F4U-4 aircraft.

VF-41 immediately commenced an intensive training period ending with successful qualifications aboard the USS ORISKANY. To complete their operating efficiency a short cruise on the USS PALAU followed in April, 1951. In June 1951 LCDR G. SHAW-CORTHORN assumed command of the squadron relieving CDR C. R. AINSWORTH, and in September 1951 VF-41 was transferred to Oceana, Virginia to become an integral part of Air Group SIX (CVG-6). VF-41 participated in LANTFLEX in October and November, 1951, aboard the USS WRIGHT.

In January 1952 VF-41 embarked on its first Mediterranean Cruise aboard the USS MIDWAY (CVA-41). The cruise was successfully accomplished and on May 5, 1952, the squadron returned to Oceana, Virginia. At the end of fiscal year 1953 VF-41 stood in second place in the COMAIRLANT competition for VF propeller type aircraft squadrons.

