



## *Marine Medium Tiltrotter Squadron 774*



### *Wild Goose*

## *Squadron Family Reference Guide*

•The Marines and Sailors of VMM-774, “The Wild Geese” have stood ready to answer our nation’s call since September 5, 1958 and have done so repeatedly to include major operations such as Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Iraqi Freedom, as well as, Hurricane Tomas relief efforts to mention a few. Over the past year, the Wild Geese have prepared and trained to, once again, support global operations and our nation’s tasking.

•VMM-774 was mobilized on June 1, 2019 to deploy as part of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Crisis Response to AFRICOM (SPMAGTF-CR-AF). We will serve as the Aviation Combat Element to SPMAGTF-CR-AF 20.1, providing maneuver for the unit as a whole. The purpose of this deployment is to protect U.S. personnel, property, and interests in the AFRICOM area of responsibility. VMM-774 is trained and ready to carry out this mission with the amalgamation of experience and expertise that has made them a “go to” squadron for the U. S. Marine Corps.

•In a short amount of time we have come together as whole squadron, comprised of both active and reserve members willing and ready to serve our nation. You should be immensely proud! The success of this unit and its people is in part due to the family and friends that have supported them through this process and beyond. A special thanks is owed to you for your sacrifices. Thank you!

•We are an extended family here at VMM-774 and will rely on one another when needed. We will have members of the unit forward deployed along with those remaining in Norfolk. In addition, we will have family and friends spread out all over the country, and some even beyond. I want to ensure that you all have the information and contacts you will need over the coming months. We will have our Unit Readiness Coordinator in Norfolk along with other key staff members that will be ready to answer your questions or point you in the right direction with appropriated resources and points of contact.

•Thank you once again! I feel extremely fortunate to serve with the Wild Geese during this extraordinary time as they write the next chapter to the lineage of VMM-774.

•Semper Fidelis

•LtCol Anthony “Fuzzy” Sferrazza

•Commanding Officer



**“Wild Goose”**

**Mission**

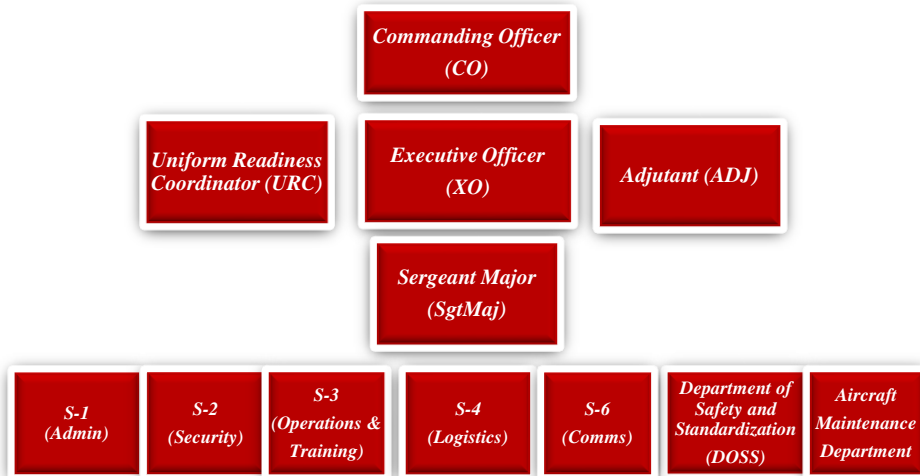
*To support the MAGTF Commander by providing assault support transport of combat troops, supplies, and equipment, day or night, under all weather conditions during expeditionary, joint or combined operations.*

**Vision**

*The Wild Goose will execute a deployment to the EUCOM and AFRICOM area of operations and sustain shore and sea based operations away from home base in order to support SPMAGTF CR-AF missions to include embassy reinforcement, non-combatant evacuation operations, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.*



**Staff & Shop Functions**



**Commanding Officer (CO):** Senior member of the command. Responsible for the execution of all operations, tasks, and personnel associated with the squadron. Is the driving force of the squadron.

**Executive Officer (XO):** Senior staff position. Responsible for managing all staff operations within the squadron. Represents the CO’s “right-hand” man/woman.

**Sergeant Major (SgtMaj):** Assists commander as Senior Enlisted Marine. Responsible for the good order and discipline of all Enlisted Marines. Counsels enlisted personnel on pertinent professional and personal matters that may affect the efficiency of the command. Provides mentorship to the junior Officers.

**Uniform Readiness Coordinator (URC):** A uniformed personnel who works with the Marine Corps to manage, coordinate, and assist with Family Readiness activities, items, and events.

**Adjutant (ADJ):** Officer who assists the CO with all administrative squadron matters.

**S-1 (Admin):** Department responsible for managing all administrative matters for squadron personnel.

**S-2 (Security):** Department responsible for providing the squadron with friendly and enemy situation updates within the Marine Corps’ areas of responsibility throughout the world.

**S-3 (Operations/Training):** Department responsible for developing and executing the squadron training plan, directing and managing training progression, and the daily management of all flight and ground related training activities. Department Head is the Operations Officer (OPSO).

**S-4 (Logistics):** Department responsible for logistic support related to squadron activities and addressing facility shortfalls related to squadron spaces, the maintenance hangar, and the Enlisted barracks.

**S-6 (Communications):** Department responsible for managing the squadron computer network and providing assistance when required.

**Department of Safety and Standardization (DOSS):** Department responsible for enforcing all squadron safety policies, regulations, and procedures.



## Operations and Training Familiarization

### Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF)

A self-mobile, self-sustaining force of Marines and sailors, capable of responding to a range of crises. Members are specifically trained to support the U.S. and partner interests throughout the Area of Responsibility, to include embassy reinforcement, support to non-combatant evacuation operations, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief. The unit also takes part in bilateral and multilateral training exercises with regional partners.

### Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)

The mission of a MEU is to provide geographic combatant commanders with a forward-deployed, rapid response force capable of conducting conventional amphibious and selected maritime special operations at night or under adverse weather conditions from the sea, by surface and/or by air.

### Detachment (DET)

An organization of two or more aircraft with associated aircrew, maintenance, and support Marines that separate from the main unit for a specified time in order to conduct or support an operation or exercise.

### Detachment for Training (DFT)

A training exercise that requires part of the squadron (1 or more aircraft) to reposition to another location for the purpose of conducting flight operations in support of squadron training or in support of another unit.

**Maintenance Department:** Largest Department in the squadron. Usually comprised of 200+ Marines. Department Head is the Aircraft Maintenance Officer (AMO). Department is responsible for the condition and readiness of all squadron aircraft and supporting equipment.

**Quality Assurance:** Responsible for ensuring all maintenance activities are in accordance with published maintenance manuals and procedures.

**Maintenance Control:** Represents the “hub” for the maintenance department. Provides the daily direction of all maintenance activities in support of flight operations.

**Airframes:** Responsible for fixing, installing, and preserving the structural components associated with the squadron aircraft.

**Avionics:** Responsible for fixing, installing, and preserving the electronics equipment, electrical systems and ordnance systems associated with the squadron aircraft.

**Flight Equipment:** Responsible for fixing and maintaining flight vests, helmets, and supporting mission equipment that pilots and aircrew fly with on a daily basis.

**Hazardous Material (HAZMAT):** Responsible for the storage and disposal of material needed to operate the squadron aircraft (oil, hydraulic fluid, etc...)

**Maintenance Admin:** Responsible for producing maintenance reports related to aircraft readiness and maintaining the logs and records on serialized parts such as engines and propellers.

**Toolroom:** Responsible for storing, fixing, and maintaining maintenance tools used for conducting maintenance on the squadron aircraft.

**Ordnance:** Responsible for operational checks of ordnance for ordnance evolutions and operational commitments.

**Flightline:** Responsible for overall maintenance of the aircrafts engines, propellers, fuel system.





## Moron Air Base:

*Marines will be able to enjoy all the area has to offer, including day trips, live entertainment, movie nights, bowling alley, fitness center, dining, on-base library and more!! For more information check out:*

- [www.moronservices.org](http://www.moronservices.org)
- [www.facebook.com/moronforcesupport](http://www.facebook.com/moronforcesupport)

## Naval Air Station Sigonella:

*Embrace the food and warmth of the people you meet in Sigonella! Experience customs, culture, and the way of life in the “Hub of the Med”*

*On board NAS Sigonella you will find many of the conveniences you find at a CONUS installation, including American-style food choices, Navy Exchange, commissary and recreation programs*

- [www.facebook.com/nassigonella](http://www.facebook.com/nassigonella)



## Pay Entitlements



- *Combat Duty Pay - \*Mission Dependent and Based of location\**
- *Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay - \*Mission Dependent and Based of location\**
- *Combat Zone Tax Exclusion - \*Mission Dependent and Based of location\**
- *Family Separation Allowance is paid when a Service Member is involuntarily separated from his/her dependents or active duty spouse for more than 30 days. It is payable at \$250.00 per month, or \$8.33 per day*
- *Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS)*
- *Per Diem: All deployed Service Members who are in a Temporary Change of Station (TCS) or TDY status are entitled to OCONUS incidental per diem at \$3.50 a day or \$105 a month.*



## From the Unit Readiness Coordinator

**\*\*PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS OVERSEAS: Activated on 26 August 2019/ deactivated on 30 April 2020\*\***

RANK FULL NAME  
SPMAGTF CR-AF 20.1CE  
UNIT 80110  
FPO AE 09508-1000

Mail addressed to military overseas are subject to certain conditions or restrictions of mailing regarding content, preparation, and handling. A detailed listing of restrictions can be found by visiting: <https://postcalc.usps.com/MilitaryRestrictions>

### DSTRESS Line

- Phone – 1-877-476-7734
- [www.dstressline.com](http://www.dstressline.com)
  - A 24/7, anonymous phone and chat counseling service with a ‘Marine-to-Marine’ approach. The call center is staffed with veteran Marines, former FMF Corpsmen, Marine Corps family members, and licensed clinicians with specific training in Marine Corps culture

### Military OneSource:

- 1 (800) 342-9647
- [www.Militaryonesource.mil](http://www.Militaryonesource.mil)
  - A confidential DOD funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at **NO ADDITIONAL COST** to active duty, National Guard, and reserve members, and their families.
  - Information includes, but is not limited to, deployment, reunion, relationships, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood services. It’s a virtual extension to installation services.

### Important Numbers:

#### FOOD RESOURCES:

Food Stamp Program	757-664-6000
WIC	888-942-9675
Commissary Store Manager	757-423-3188

#### FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:\

Base Chaplain	757-444-7361
Exceptional Family Member Program	757-445-6876
Family Advocacy Program	757-xxx-xxxx
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society	757-322-3134

#### PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS:

MCCS Employment	757-444-6146
Housing Service Center	757-445-2802

**VMM-774 Unit Readiness Coordinator**  
**Master Sergeant Ramiro Vizcarra**  
**Office: 757 341-6842**

## Commissary

### *Address:*

**1588 mall drive**  
**Naval Base Building CD-13**  
**Norfolk, VA 23511-6002**

### *Hours of operation*

- **Sunday 0900 - 1800**
- **Monday closed**
- **Tuesday 0900 - 1900**
- **Wednesday 0900 - 1900**
- **Thursday 0900 - 2000**
- **Friday 0900 - 1900**
- **Saturday 0900 – 1900**

**Norfolk NEX Mall Retail store CD-13,**  
**440-6528.**

### *Hours of operation*

**Sunday 0900 - 1900**  
**Monday 0900-2100**  
**Tuesday 0900 - 2100**  
**Wednesday 0900 - 2100**  
**Thursday 0900 - 2100**  
**Friday 0900 - 2100**  
**Saturday 0900 – 2100**



