

AIR ANTI - SUBMARINE SQUADRONS



VS-33

"Fortune Favors the Brave", the motto of VS-33, serves a constant reminder in the exacting profession of Anti-Submarine Warfare. Around the clock the S2F's search for enemy submarines. Instrument flying, tactics, weapon delivery and carrier landings prepare pilots for operations ashore or far at sea. Countless classes and flights prepare crewmen to operate intricate equipment that can pierce the submarine's medium with electronic eyes. As skill increases, tactics are practiced against real submarines. At the very peak of training the squadron joins a carrier to hunt the submarine in his own element, the ocean.



VS-38

Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 38, the "Restless Tigers of the Pacific", is one of the three squadrons that comprise Carrier Anti-Submarine Air Group 59. Its primary mission is carrier based, all-weather, anti-submarine warfare utilizing the Grumman S2F Tracker. The S2F is a twin engine propeller driven airplane that is able to deliver rockets, depth bombs, torpedoes and aerial mines. Each aircraft has a crew of four, two pilots and two crewmen. These men train long and hard to form an efficient team. The squadron is an autonomous unit, able to move from ship to ship or ship to shore and maintain a ready fighting status.

