

### **Fleet Airship Wing Three**

During the war there were various reorganizations within the LTA structure. Fleet Airships, Pacific had been originally established as Patrol Group Three on October 1, 1942, and was then re-designated Fleet Airship Wing (FASW) 31 on December 1. On July 15, 1943, it was again re-designated as Fleet Airships, Pacific with administrative duties and as Fleet Airship Wing Three with operational responsibilities.

In this dual role, the command reported to Commander Fleet Air, West Coast. This dual-hatted command organization continued until January 23, 1946, when both organizations were disestablished.

A similar change in organization occurred in Fleet Airships, Atlantic. It was established as Fleet Airship Wing 30 on December 1, 1942, and re-designated Fleet Airships, Atlantic on July 15, 1943. Fleet Airships, Atlantic was established to administer the airship wings and their component squadrons. It reported to the Commander Air Force, Atlantic. The operational units under the administrative control of Fleet Airships, Atlantic were assigned to various task forces and task groups for the purpose of tactical employment.

During the war, five Fleet Airship Wings came into existence. Besides FASW-3 on the West Coast, FASWs 1, 2, 4 and 5 operated on the Atlantic coast.

**Fleet Airship Wing Three**  
Oct 1942 - Sep 1945  
NAS Moffett Field, CA  
**Headquarters Squadron 3**  
Aug 1943 - Sep 1945

<u>Units/Locations</u>	<u>Dates</u>		
HEDRON Det 31 Santa Ana, CA	Aug 1943- Sep 1945	Auxiliary Base Ops Eureka	Feb-May 1943
Det Mast Base Unit Del Mar, CA	Aug 1943- Sep 1945	Auxiliary Base Ops Astoria, OR	Nov 1943- Sep 1945
Det Mast Base Unit Lompoc, CA	Aug 1943- Sep 1945	Auxiliary Base Ops North Bend	Nov 1943- Sep 1945
		Auxiliary Base Ops Quillayute	Mar 1944- Sep 1945
ZP-31 Santa Ana	Oct 1942- Sep 1945	Auxiliary Base Ops Shelton	Dec 1944- Sep 1945
Auxiliary Base Ops Lompoc	May 1943- Sep 1945		
Auxiliary Base Ops Del Mar	May 1943- Sep 1945	Fleet Airships Pacific Tactical Unit Del Mar	Mar 1944- Jun 1945
Auxiliary Base Ops Ensenada, Mexico	Jun 1943- Sep 1945		
HEDRON Det 32 Moffett Field	Aug 1943- Sep 1945		
Det Mast Base Unit Watsonville, CA	Aug 1943- Sep 1945		
Det Mast Base Unit Eureka, CA	Aug 1943- Sep 1945		
ZP-32 Moffett Field	Oct 1942- Sep 1945		
Auxiliary Base Ops Watsonville	Oct 1942- Sep 1945		
Auxiliary Base Ops Eureka	May 1943- Sep 1945		
HEDRON Det 33 Tillamook, OR	Aug 1943- Sep 1945		
Det Mast Base Unit North Bend, OR	Nov 1943- Sep 1945		
Det Mast Base Unit Quillayute, WA	Mar 1944- Sep 1945		
Det Mast Base Unit Shelton, WA	Oct 1944- Sep 1945		
<u>Units/Locations</u>	<u>Dates</u>		
ZP-33 Tillamook	Dec 1942- Sep 1945		