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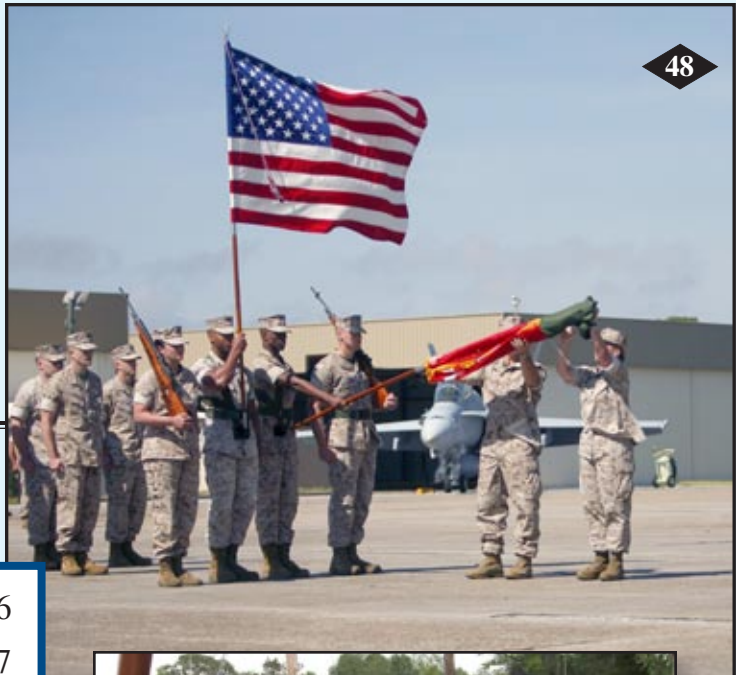


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The Marine Corps Aviation Association's *Yellow Sheet* takes its name from the old yellow colored, printed form that pilots used to record flight data after each hop. The yellow sheet had a tear-off portion which contained basic aircraft information with space for aircrew log book stats, flight time, instrument time, number of takeoffs and landings, type of flight, passengers, and other assorted information. At the end of a flight, a pilot always walked into the "line shack" and reached for the yellow sheet.

And that's why the MCAA named this publication *The Yellow Sheet*.