William Egen (Call sign: Jigger) has been looking into A4 Squadrons call ups and inquired about VMA-131. The answer is as follows:

VMA-131 was called up for the mail strike in March 1970 by President Nixon. We spent three days **doing absolutely nothing** but attending musters and sitting around. Our orders were worded so that we were for the strike and could not work on A4s or do any other training. If you search the web there is only mention of the National Guard being called up (BS)? The next paragraph will show why those called up remember it well!

Because of this call up, any enlisted had their year of service charged from active to inactive reserve and were now eligible for discharge unless they wanted to ship over. A large part of the squadron was this discharged the next weekend. So many, that we received a call the Friday before our that meeting, telling us to report at any time on Saturday morning to turn in your gear and then just pick your papers. So many left that the squadron returned to a more normal size. It had gotten very large due to the 1967 or 68 merger of VMA-132 into VMA-131.

It was also announced at April meeting, the VMA-131 was moving to Willow Grove the next month.

It is worth noting that the dates for VMA-131’s move to Willow Grove is usually said online to be 1972. Also, it is next to impossible to find anything on line about VMA-132. Maybe some of us that were there can set the record straight. Hopefully some of the Old Timers can add some more details.