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From: Commanding Officer, VAW 112
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1992(U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Report on Command History for Calendar Year 1992(C)

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for calendar year 1992.

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Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 112
Command History for Calendar Year 1992

1. (U) Command Organization

a. (U) Primary mission of the Grumman E-2C Hawkeye is to provide all weather, day and night, carrier based airborne early warning and command and control to carrier battle groups.

(1) (U) Secondary missions are:

- (a) Air Intercept Control
- (b) Search and Rescue Coordination
- (c) Strike Control
- (d) Surface Surveillance
- (e) Communications Support/Relay

b. (U) Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 112 Commanding Officer during 1992 was:

CDR D. B. Summerall, [REDACTED] 1310,006912-30
(01 January to 04 June 1992)

CDR N. L. Lilly, [REDACTED] 1320,007500-15
(04 June to 31 December 1992)

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c. (U) Immediate seniors in command are:

Administrative: Commander Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Operational: Commander, Carrier Air Wing Nine

d. (U) Home port: NAS Miramar, San Diego, California

e. (U) Summary of aircraft onboard

1 January 1992	Transfers/Receipts	31 December 1992
163538	NONE	163538
163539		163539
163848		163848
163849		163849

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2. (C) Summary of Operations

a. (C) 1992 Chronology

January

- 1-25 Deployed to Howard AFB, Panama, to support JTF-4 counter drug operations
- 26-31 Based ashore NAS Miramar

February

- 1-29 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 1-10 Electronic Surveillance Measure (ESM) and Tactical Data Link Exercise with VS 33
- 13 TOPGUN Strike Support
- 17 VFA 147 Mini-Strike
- 22-23 CVW 9 STRIKE Exercise

March

- 1-31 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 1-6 Detachment to Edwards AFB, CA for joint service cross training and E-2C familiarization for F-16/F-15 aircrew
- 3 Safety Survey
- 3-5 NATOPS Unit Evaluation
- 28-31 Detachment to Nellis AFB, NV for Joint Air Defense Operation/Joint Engagement Zone (JADO/JEZ) Exercise

April

- 1-30 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 1-11 Detachment to Nellis AFB, NV for JADO/JEZ Exercise
- 22-29 QUICK FORCE '92 at NAS Miramar

May

- 1-31 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 10-22 Detachment to Roswell AFB, NM for ROVING SANDS '92

June

- 1-30 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 4 Change of Command
- 8-19 CVW 9/NIMITZ Refresher Training (REFTRA)
- 9 BG NIMITZ Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) Training in E-2 15F8 Simulator
- 11-12 Carrier Qualifications on board USS Nimitz
- 25-26 Electronic Surveillance Measure (ESM) and Tactical Data Exercise with VS 33
- 30 Advisory support for RIMPAC '92

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July

- 1 Adversary support for RIMPAC '92
- 1-31 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 6-17 Detachment to NAF El Centro, CA for CVW 9 Fleet
Fighter Air Combat Maneuver Readiness Program
(FFARP) Training
- 20-28 CVW 9 Fleet Air Superiority Training (FAST)
- 21-22 Adversary Support for RIMPAC '92
- 27-31 Detachment to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for CVW 9/NIMITZ
Seafair Air Show

August

- 1-8 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 1-3 Detachment to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for CVW 9/
NIMITZ Seafair Air Show
- 9-28 Based ashore NAS Fallon, NV, for CVW 9 Weapons
Training
- 29-31 Based ashore NAS Miramar

September

- 1-27 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 9-10 JTF-5 Special Project Sorties
- 9-10 Combat SAR Exercise with Seal Team One at Camp
Pendleton
- 28-30 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for Intermediate
Training Assessment (ITA)

October

- 1-31 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for
Competitive Training Underway Exercise (COMPTUEX)
and Intermediate Training Assessment (ITA)
- 9-12 Inport NAS North Island
- 20-26 Inport NAS North Island
- 31 BG NIMITZ Missile Exercise

November

- 1-10 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for BG NIMITZ
Missile Exercise
- 11-30 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 16-18 BG NIMITZ Battle Group Integrated Training (BGIT)
at TACTRAGRUPAC, Point Loma
- 20 Safety Stand Down

December

- 1-6 Based ashore NAS Miramar
- 7-18 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for FLEETEX '92
- 19-31 Based ashore NAS Miramar

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3. (C) Narrative of Events

a. (C) VAW 112 began 1992 with a deployment to Howard AFB, Panama in support of JTF-4 counter drug operations. During its second deployment to Panama (from 5 December 1991 to 26 January 1992) the squadron achieved great success at locating and identifying aircraft carrying illegal drugs flying north out of South America. The deployment offered excellent joint operational experience for all hands, as the command operated with a variety of naval aircraft and surface units, Air Force and Navy ground facilities, U.S. Customs assets and Air National Guard units and aircraft.

From 28 March to 11 April, the squadron established a detachment at Nellis AFB, Nevada for JADO/JEZ. VAW 112 provided command, control and communication for opposition forces and interacted with Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps units participating in joint air-to-air combat scenarios involving surface-to-air missile threats. The Golden Hawks played a vital role in developing and evaluating Army/Air Force Joint Engagement Zone procedures.

Upon completing JADO/JEZ, VAW 112 participated in QUICK FORCE '92 from 22-29 April at Nellis AFB. Two hundred aircraft from over 20 bases throughout the country were involved with this US Central Command exercise. Units from the Air Force, Carrier Air Wing 9, and Carrier Air Wing 2 worked together to enhance procedures for use in a joint air arena.

A VAW 112 detachment went to Roswell AFB, New Mexico for Operation ROVING SANDS 1992 from 10-22 May. Squadron personnel trained with units from the Army, Air Force and Marines during this highly successful joint service exercise. Operation ROVING SANDS provided training in exercise situations similar to the joint operating conditions of Operation DESERT STORM.

June began with a VAW 112 change of command ceremony. On 4 June, CDR D. B. Summerall was relieved by CDR N. L. Lilly as Commanding Officer, VAW 112. The following week, 8-19 June, the squadron deployed onboard USS Nimitz for Refresher Training (REFTRA) where the squadron trained on shipboard damage control procedures and participated in cyclic air operations.

Fleet Fighter Air Combat Maneuver Readiness Program (FFARP) provided VAW 112 aircrews with superior training with emphasis on E-2C command and control of fighter aircraft in a variety of threat scenarios. From 6-17 July, aircrew developed and polished their air control skills while building strong working relationships with air wing fighter squadrons. The FFARP detachment launched sorties from NAF El Centro and conducted the scenarios in the Yuma, AZ TACTS range.

After returning from NAF El Centro, VAW 112 made a three week detachment to NAS Fallon, Nevada for airwing weapons training. Overland strike scenarios formed the basis for operations which gave squadrons the opportunity to practice existing tactics and experiment with new ideas.

From September to December, VAW 112, as part of Carrier Airwing Nine, took part in intense battle group training in the Southern California operating

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area. Intermediate Training Assessment (ITA), Competitive Training Underway Exercise (COMPTUEX), and Third Fleet Exercise (FLEETEX) were executed with great success. VAW 112 completed its work-up cycle on 17 December.

VAW 112 continued to promote safety during every evolution in 1992. The squadron flew 2344.6 accident-free hours (1438.6 day, 906.0 night, 773.4 embarked). VAW 112 conducted four all-hands safety stand downs during 1992. Most lectures were presented by experts on pertinent safety topics including hazardous material safety, drunk driving, recreational safety, and home safety.

VAW 112 had an outstanding year for enlisted retention, retaining 24 of 35 eligible members (69%). Additionally, VAW 112 saw the advancement of numerous personnel during the year: 4 to the ranks of E-7 through E-9 and 12 members to E-4, E-5, and E-6.

The end of 1992 found VAW 112 making final preparations for deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf in early 1993.

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