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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Mission: Black Eagles are tasked with providing ship based airborne early warning as well as command and control support for the Carrier Battle Group.

ISIC: Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN

Commanding Officer: CDR C. J. Remshak

Homeport: NAS Miramar

Type and Number of Aircraft: (4) E-2C Hawkeyes

Tail Code: NK

Bureau Numbers: 162800, 162801, 162802, 163024

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1988

ABBREVIATED FORMAT

JANUARY

01-31 NAS MIRAMAR

FEBRUARY

01-29 NAS MIRAMAR

MARCH

01-31 NAS MIRAMAR

APRIL

01-08 ISE AIR WING REFRESHER - CV-64
09-18 NAS MIRAMAR
19-29 REFTRA - CV-64
30 NAS MIRAMAR

MAY

01-08 NAS MIRAMAR
09-20 FFARP - EL CENTRO
21-31 NAS MIRAMAR

JUNE

01-30 NAS MIRAMAR

JULY

01-04 NAS MIRAMAR
05-17 SFARP - NAS FALLON
12 CHANGE OF COMMAND
18-31 OAST/FIST/ATP - NAS FALLON

AUGUST

01-08 GALLANT EAGLE - NAS FALLON
09-31 NAS MIRAMAR

SEPTEMBER

01-12 NAS MIRAMAR
13-30 SOCAL OPS/ATA - CV-64

OCTOBER

01-13
14-31

NAS MIRAMAR
SOCAL OPS/READIEX 89-1A - CV-64

NOVEMBER

01-30

NAS MIRAMAR

DECEMBER

01
01-02
03-08
09-11
12-14
15-29
30-31

DEPLOY WESTPAC 89 - CV-64
CARQUAL
TRANSITEX 89-1
READIEX 89-1B
INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
TRANSITEX 89-2/INCHOPEX
INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1988

NARRATIVE FORMAT

VAW-113, commanded by CDR David A. Ersek, began 1988 continuing pilot and air intercept control training after a successful FY 89 WESTPAC deployment. During January, VAW-113 supported Navy Fighter Weapons School, flying several training flights for TOPGUN-trained controllers.

February continued AIC and pilot training, as well as Field Carrier Landing Practice periods, readying pilots for Carrier Qualifications. In March, VAW-113 saw several flights in support of a United States Air Force Special Project. March concluded with ISE, the first at-sea period for the "Black Eagles" since the end of deployment.

April found the "Black Eagles" at sea twice. ISE gave VAW-113 personnel and aircrew the opportunity to refamiliarize themselves with the carrier operating in the Southern California operating area (SOCAL). April closed with CVW-14 and USS CONSTELLATION in Refresher Training (REFTRA), consisting of both shipboard drills and intensive CV Air Operations.

During May, the "Black Eagles" participated in a detachment to NAF El Centro for CVW-14 Fleet Fighter Air Combat Readiness Program (FFARP). Aircrew proficiency and inventive overland detection tactics proved effective in enhancing VAW/VF interoperability within CVW-14.

July saw VAW-113 participating in the first ever Strike Fighter Air Combat Readiness Program (SFARP) at NAS Fallon. Once again, the "Black Eagles" overland detection abilities were exercised at NAS Fallon. After SFARP, VAW-113 continued July at NAS Fallon with the CVW-14 Weapons Detachment. Tasked with both air superiority and close air support control, the "Black Eagles" improved aircrew overland detection skills, tactical knowledge and proficiency throughout the Air Wing. CVW-14 was the first Air Wing to achieve no "Blue on Blue" engagements during a Weapons Detachment. On 12 July, CDR Ersek was relieved as Commanding Officer by CDR Christopher J. Remshak.

During the beginning of August, VAW-113 participated in "Gallant Eagle", a joint Navy-Air Force exercise. "Black Eagle" crews provided air superiority control and airspace control.

October began with crews preparing themselves for another carrier qualification and CV air operations period in the SOCAL operating area.

VAW-113 participated in READIEX 89-1A with operations ranging from Outer Air Battle exercises to support of a combat SAR exercise. At the conclusion of READIEX, the "Black Eagles" participated in KERNEL USHER, a joint Navy-Marine Corps amphibious operation conducted in the SOCAL area. The squadron provided airborne early warning and SSC control outside the Amphibious Operating Area. VAW-113 prepared for deployment in November. On 1 December, the "Black Eagles" deployed with Battle Group Delta for WESTPAC 89. The month of December was a high-tempo operating period. Many exercises were conducted during TRANSITEX 89-1 and READIEX 89-1B. After a Pearl Harbor inport period, Battle Group Delta continued operations with TRANSITEX 89-2 and completed 1988 with INCHOPEX prior to pulling into Subic Bay, RP.