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**COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**MISSION:** The 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 John B. Gregor

**Homeport:** NAS Miramar

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

**Tail Code:** NK

**Bureau Numbers:** 161096, 159498, 160703, 161227

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989

ABBREVIATED FORMAT

JANUARY

01-08	INPORT NAS CUBI POINT, RP
09-14	TRANSIT SCS/STR MALACCA
15-16	MALAYSIAN PASSEX
17	THAILAND LOW LEVELS
18-31	INDIAN OCEAN OPS

FEBRUARY

01-06	INDIAN OCEAN OPS
07-11	WEAPONS WEEK DIEGO GARCIA
12-18	INDIAN OCEAN OPS
19-22	BEACON FLASH
23-28	INDIAN OCEAN OPS

MARCH

01-03	INPORT KARACHI, PAKISTAN
04-30	INDIAN OCEAN OPS
31	INPORT PERTH, AUSTRALIA

APRIL

01-06	INPORT PERTH, AUSTRALIA
07-16	TRANSIT STRS. OF MALACCA
17-20	INPORT PATTAYA BCH, THAI
21-24	TRANSIT SOUTH CHINA SEA
25-30	INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP

MAY

01-03	TRANSIT SEA OF JAPAN
04-09	INPORT HONG KONG
10-25	TRANSITEX PACIFIC
26-27	INPORT SEATTLE, WA
28-31	TRANSIT U.S. WEST COAST

JUNE

01	ARRIVE NAS MIRAMAR
02-12	POST DEPLOYMENT STAND DOWN
13-30	NAS MIRAMAR

**JULY**

01-16  
17-18  
19-31

**AUGUST**

01-31

**SEPTEMBER**

01  
02-04  
05-14  
15-17  
18-30

**OCTOBER**

01-10  
11-14  
15-19  
20-31

**NOVEMBER**

01-03  
04-22  
06-15  
15-25  
25-30

**DECEMBER**

01-15  
16-31

NAS MIRAMAR  
FTR DERBY, NAS EL CENTRO  
NAS MIRAMAR

NAS MIRAMAR

CHANGE OF COMMAND  
NAS MIRAMAR  
PACEX '89/CQ  
INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA  
PACEX '89

PACEX '89  
INPORT VANCOUVER, B. C.  
TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO, CA  
NAS MIRAMAR

NAS MIRAMAR  
SFARP, NAS FALLON, NEVADA  
FFARP, NAS EL CENTRO, CA  
NAS MIRAMAR  
AIR WING DET, NAS FALLON

AIRWING DET, NAS FALLON  
NAS MIRAMAR

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989

### NARRATIVE FORMAT

VAW-113, commanded by CDR Christopher J. Remshak, began 1989 inport NAS Cubi Point, R.P. as they continued their WestPac deployment with Battle Group Delta. After leaving Cubi, the Black Eagles provided the battle group with outstanding AEW protection as they transited the South China Sea and the Straits of Malacca on their way to the Indian Ocean. This high operating tempo transit saw the Black Eagles conducting several missions, including exercise flights in Thailand.

In February, the Black Eagles roamed the Indian Ocean conducting simulated outer air battles and other exercises as Battle Group Delta continued the deployment. During February, the Black Eagles participated in an air wing weapons week in Diego Garcia, and in Operation Beacon Flash with the Oman Defense Forces. The Black Eagles controlled the airborne interceptors and strike aircraft from Battle Group Delta.

March was the last month that VAW-113 would spend in the Indian Ocean during this deployment. It began with a port visit to Karachi, Pakistan and ended with a port visit to Perth, Australia. After leaving Perth in April, Battle Group Delta began the transit back to San Diego. Again, the Black Eagles were able to provide the finest AEW protection to the battle group, as they continued to train their personnel and aircrew. Exercises continued as the Black Eagles made port visits to Pattaya Beach, Thailand, and Subic Bay, R.P.

As the battle group left Subic Bay they relied heavily on the AEW protection of the Black Eagles. VAW-113 made their last WestPac port visit in Hong Kong. They then started the long transit across the Pacific to Seattle. During this transit the Black Eagles controlled several air intercept exercises, mock war-at-sea raids, and outer air battle problems.

On June 1st VAW-113 and Battle Group Delta returned to their homeports. The next two months saw the Black Eagles operating in and around Southern California. The Black Eagles provided AIC for Fighter Derby '89 with the two F-14 squadrons controlled by VAW-113 placed first and second in the competition. Air Intercept and pilot proficiency training continued during the month of August.

CDR John B. Gregor relieved CDR Remshak as commanding officer during a Change of Command ceremony on the first of September. VAW-113 participated in Pacex '89 beginning in

September. Pacex '89 was a joint operation with the U. S. Air Force, Canadian Defense Forces, and three carrier battle groups. Battle Group Delta received high praise for their execution during this exercise, with VAW-113 providing the best AEW and AIC of all the E-2 squadrons that participated in the difficult operating conditions of the icy Northern Pacific. The exercise consisted of outer air battles, war-at-sea raids and overland strikes.

During Pacex the Black Eagles made one port visit to Vancouver, British Columbia in October. After returning to San Diego the Black Eagles continued training in preparation for Fleet Fighter Air Readiness Program (FFARP) and Strike Fighter Air Readiness Program (SFARP). In November, the officers and men of VAW-113 operated two simultaneous two-plane detachments. One detachment was based at NAS Fallon, Nevada and participated in SFARP. The other det was based at NAS El Centro, California and provided AIC for FFARP.

Following a Thanksgiving break, the entire squadron joined in Fallon for CVW-14 Weapons Training Detachment in preparation for their next WestPac deployment. The Black Eagles returned to NAS Miramar for the last two weeks of 1989.

HOURS AND TRAPS FOR 1989 01 JAN TO 31 DEC

HOURS FLOWN	2261.2
NIGHT HOURS	527.1
EMBARKED HOURS	1625.2
CARRIER LANDINGS	495