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CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARINING SQUADRON 120
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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 120
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Encl: (1) CY-97 VAW 120 Command History
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography
(3) VAW 120 Squadron History
(4) 3.5 inch disk containing above, and JPEG of CO

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

2. Late submission due to administrative error.

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CY-97 VAW 120 COMMAND HISTORY

COMMAND MISSION

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY is the Fleet Replacement Squadron for the Carrier Airborne Early Warning and Fleet Logistics Support Communities. It is our primary duty to indoctrinate and train Naval Aviators, Naval Flight Officers, and enlisted Naval Aircrewmen in the operation of the E-2C "Hawkeye" and C-2A "Greyhound" aircraft.

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

VAW-120 is a shore command permanently based at Naval Air Station Norfolk, Virginia. The squadron's nickname is "The Greyhawks".

Commander, Airborne Early Warning Wing Atlantic		ISIC
CDR David T. Keuhlen	Commanding Officer	Jan 97 - Dec 97
CDR Eric Hinger	Executive Officer	Jan 97 - Jul 97
CDR Harry Robinson	Executive Officer	Jul 97 - Dec 97
CDR William Havens	Maintenance Officer	Jan 97 - Dec 97
LCDR Harry Robinson	Operations Officer	Jan 97 - Jan 97
LCDR Richard Gomez	Operations Officer	Jan 97 - Jul 97
LCDR Marty Plumleigh	Operations Officer	Jul 97 - Dec 97
LCDR Jeff Hudgens	Administrative Officer	Jan 97 - Dec 97
LCDR Samuel Schick	Safety Officer	Jan 97 - Apr 97
LCDR Dennis Wojcik	Safety Officer	Apr 97 - Dec 97
LCDR Mark Johnson	Training Officer	Jan 97 - Dec 97
LCDR Jon Ulbright	Human Resources Officer	Jan 97 - Dec 97

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON BOARD

Staff Officers	Staff Enlisted	Student Officers	Student Enlisted
70	360	112	7

OPERATIONS

The Operations Department schedules every training and flight event at VAW 120. This group of officers works closely with the Training Department on a daily basis ensuring every element of the CNO syllabus is completed for category I through category IV students. In 1997, 62 pilots, 70 Naval Flight Officers (NFO's) and 19 C-2A(R) enlisted Naval Aircrewmen completed the E-2C and C-2A(R) training syllabi. The squadron logged 7082 total flight hours, all of which were class "A" mishap-free. Squadron personnel developed and presented numerous VIP orientation briefings and aircraft indoctrination tours for visiting groups and prospective Carrier Air Wing Commanders. Additionally, VAW 120 trains foreign military students of Egypt, France, Singapore, and Taiwan.

The Operations Department scheduled and coordinated four Field Carrier Landing Practice and five Carrier Qualification detachments. These comprehensive tasks included determining the aircraft assets required, training to be completed, field or carrier usage, billeting, maintenance support, funding and other miscellaneous items. Operations was responsible for scheduling and contracting Air Intercept Control (AIC) aircraft assets which were employed for student NFO's to become AIC qualified.

VAW 120 is routinely tasked with providing tours for visiting groups such as the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Sea Cadets and the Boy Scouts of America. These briefings are designed to orientate prospective naval officers and enlisted personnel to the capabilities, limitations and mission of the E-2C "Hawkeye" and the C-2A(R) "Greyhound".

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department at VAW 120 provides the aircraft maintenance support necessary to accomplish the command's training mission. It currently provides all scheduled, unscheduled and special maintenance requirements for 12 E-2C and 5 C-2A(R) aircraft. As the largest department in the squadron, it contains approximately 70% of all permanently assigned personnel consisting of over 200

enlisted maintenance personnel, 19 Chief Petty Officers and 12 Officers.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

CY 97 was another impressive year of operational safety for the Greyhawks. The squadron flew 7082 hours and logged 1396 arrested landings. Highlights for the year include:

TOTAL HOURS:	7082
TOTAL EMBARKED HOURS:	607
TOTAL NIGHT HOURS:	1901
TOTAL ARRESTED LANDINGS:	1396
TOTAL NIGHT ARRRESTED LANDINGS:	470
NUMBER OF E2C NATOPS CHANGES SUBMITTED:	132
NUMBER OF C2A NATOPS CHANGES SUBMITTED:	38
NUMBER OF HAZREPS SUBMITTED:	8
NUMBER SUBMITTED OF:	
HMR:	69
TPDR:	37
EI:	18
QDR:	9
NUMBER SAFETY ARTICLES PUBLISHED:	13
NUMBER OF SAFETY STAND DOWNS:	3
LAST:	19 DEC 97
NUMBER OF MISHAPS:	0
NUMBER OF FLIGHT VIOLATIONS:	0

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

VAW-120 uses four simulators for pilot and NFO training. NFO training uses the 15F8B Weapons System Trainer (WST) for Group 0 training and the 15F8C WST for Group 2 training. This is the first year the 15F8C WST Group 2 trainer has been utilized. Pilot training uses the 2F110 Cockpit Pilot Trainer (CPT) for Group 0 and C2 training and the 2F166 (#1) Operational Flight Trainer (OFT) for Group 2 training.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

No significant actions.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

No significant actions.