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## VAW-123 COMMAND ORGANIZATION

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 123 (VAW-123). The SCREWTOPS fly the Grumman E-2C Hawkeye and are assigned to Carrier Air Wing ONE (CVW-1) embarked in USS AMERICA (CV-66). While ashore, VAW-123 is based at Naval Air Station Norfolk, Virginia. The squadron's administrative chain of command is through the type wing, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, who provides administrative and technical guidance and support on the E-2C Hawkeye. The squadron's primary mission is to provide Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command and Control services to fleet forces with prompt and sustained combat operations at sea in direct support of the carrier air wing, carrier battle group, and the Navy's global maritime strategy. VAW-123 is presently commanded by Commander Jack E. Frazier.

VAW-123 CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS CY 1994

JANUARY

01-31 DEPLOYED TO MEDITERRANEAN ON BOARD USS AMERICA (CV-66)  
08-13 SUPPORTING OPERATION DENY FLIGHT  
17-19 SUPPORTING OPERATION POOPDECK

FEBRUARY

01-04 DEPLOYED ON BOARD USS AMERICA (CV-66)

MARCH

07-09 GOMEX, NAS PENSACOLA, FL  
15-19 GOMEX, NAS PENSACOLA, FL  
22-24 SOCEX, VACAPES, VA  
29-31 MAG31 MSLX, VACAPES, VA

APRIL

15-17 ORANGE AIR, VACAPES, VA  
19-20 SFWL MSLX, NAS CECIL, FL

MAY

01-10 FFARP (VF-102), VACAPES, VA  
13 JOINT AIC (1FW), VACAPES, VA  
23 FITWING MSLX, VACAPES, VA  
26 NCTR, BALTIMORE, MD

JUNE

06-16 ORANGE AIR, NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR  
21-23 GOMEX, NAS PENSACOLA, FL  
26-28 GOMEX, NAS PENSACOLA, FL  
28 FITWING MSLX, VACAPES, VA

JULY

15-30 RED FLAG, NELLIS AFB, NV

AUGUST

01 GO MAINE, NAS BRUNSWICK, ME  
09-29 FCLP, FENTRESS OLF, VA  
31 CQ, USS AMERICA (CV-66)

SEPTEMBER

01 CQ, USS AMERICA (CV-66)  
06-08 STRKFITWINGLANT MSLX, NAS CECIL, FL  
21-30 CNOPS, NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR

OCTOBER

01-31 CNOPS, NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR  
07-14 JOINT AIC (W-373), NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR

NOVEMBER

01-16 CNOPS, NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR  
08-18 SFARP, NAS KEY WEST, FL

DECEMBER

06-18 TSTA I/II, USS AMERICA (CV-66)

AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO VAW-123 DURING CY 1994

MODEX	BUNO	TRANSFERRED/RECEIVED	DATE
AB/600	161099	RECEIVED	30 DEC 92
AB/601	161229	RECEIVED	03 MAR 93
AB/603	160992	RECEIVED	01 APR 93
AB/602	160991	RECEIVED	22 APR 93
AB/604	162799	RECEIVED	14 SEP 94

NO AIRCRAFT TRANSFERRED OUT IN CY-94

VAW-123 COMMAND MONTHLY NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR CY94

JANUARY

Most of the period was spent deployed onboard the USS AMERICA (CV 66) in the Mediterranean and Adriatic Sea. Multiple flights were executed in support of OPERATION DENY FLIGHT. OPERATION POOPDECK was conducted with the Spanish Navy during a four-day evolution employing most of Spain's Naval Forces while the SCREWTOPS flew out of Rota, Spain. During the end of the month, USS AMERICA conducted a TRANSLANT home toward her Norfolk homeport.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	96.7	DAY	26
NIGHT	37.1	NIGHT	16
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		34
	NIGHT		17

FEBRUARY

During the first part of the month, the USS AMERICA completed her TRANSLANT, and the squadron stood down for the remainder of the month.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	35.6	DAY	10
NIGHT	0.0	NIGHT	0
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		04
	NIGHT		0

## MARCH

This month began with the squadron returning to duty after standing down for post deployment leave. The squadron returned to flight ops by doing two GOMEXs out of NAS PENSACOLA. At the end of the month, two exercises were conducted in the local VACAPES area off the coast of Virginia. Both a SOCEX and a MAG 31 MSLX were flown out of NAS NORFOLK.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	95.1	DAY	31
NIGHT	11.3	NIGHT	4
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		0
	NIGHT		0

## APRIL

April was a slow month for the Screwtops. Besides maintaining standard NATOPS proficiency, only two missions were flown during the month. During the middle of the month, the Screwtops flew ORANGE AIR exercises against the USS EISENHOWER Airwing during their workup cycle. At the end of the month, the SCREWTOPS flew a Missile Exercise out of NAS CECIL FIELD, FL with outstanding results for the local test beds.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	65.9	DAY	23
NIGHT	0.0	NIGHT	0
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		0
	NIGHT		0

MAY

For the first ten days of the month, FFARP was conducted with VF-102 out of NAS OCEANA in the VACAPES area. JOINT AICs were conducted on the 13th for squadron joint operations training. On the 23rd, a FITWING Missile Exercise was conducted in the VACAPES Warning Area. On the 26th, NCTR training was held in Baltimore, MD for better understanding Airwing Aircraft capabilities.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	116.8	DAY	40
NIGHT	4.6	NIGHT	2
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		00
	NIGHT		00

JUNE

From 6 to 16 JUNE, the squadron participated in ORANGE AIR OPERATIONS out of NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR in support of the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON Airwing. As well, two GOMEXs were completed in NAS PENSACOLA, FL. At the end of the month, a FITWING Missile Exercise was done in the VACAPES operating Area off the coast of Virginia.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	226.2	DAY	66
NIGHT	11.5	NIGHT	7
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		00
	NIGHT		00

JULY

From the 15th to the 30th, the squadron flew out of NELLIS AFB, NV in support of Exercise RED FLAG with the U.S. Air Force. No other operations besides basic NATOPS qualification flights were flown.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	105.9	DAY	38
NIGHT	5.7	NIGHT	3
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		00
	NIGHT		00

AUGUST

On the 1st, an out and in was flown to NAS BRUNSWICK, ME in support of OPERATION GO MAINE. Most of the month was spent flying FCLPs at FENTRESS OLF in preparation for Carrier Qualifications at the end of the month. CQ was held on 31 AUG and 1 SEP with a 100% boarding rate achieved on the 31 of August.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	89.6	DAY	37
NIGHT	51.1	NIGHT	16
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		14
	NIGHT		9

SEPTEMBER

The second day of Carrier Qualifications were flown on the 1st with 94% boarding rates achieved. From 6-8, a STRKFITWINGLANT Missile Exercise was flown out of NAS CECIL FIELD, FL. Starting on the 12th and continuing for the remainder of the month, VAW-123 was performing deployed to NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR in support of JIATF EAST and Counternarcotics Operations in the Caribbean. Also on the 12th, a series of Joint Air Intercept Control was done in W-373.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	120.6	DAY	30
NIGHT	29.7	NIGHT	16
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		14
	NIGHT		9

OCTOBER

The entire month was spent stationed at NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR in support of JIATF EAST performing Counternarcotics Operations.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	161.6	DAY	18
NIGHT	157.9	NIGHT	57
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		00
	NIGHT		00

NOVEMBER

From the 1st to the 16th of the month, VAW-123 continued to support JIATF EAST Counternarcotics Operations out of NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR with outstanding results. The squadron returned to homeport NAS NORFOLK, VA and began to prepare to start workups in December.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	112.6	DAY	14
NIGHT	108.5	NIGHT	39
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		00
	NIGHT		00

DECEMBER

From 6 to 18, the squadron deployed on board our carrier USS AMERICA (CV-66) with Airwing One (CVW-1). REFTRA was held for the two weeks underway using the new name TSTA I/II. After this workup cycle was completed the squadron took holiday leave periods extending into the next calendar year.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	94.1	DAY	31
NIGHT	33.0	NIGHT	12
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		29
	NIGHT		30