



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
**CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON**  
**ONE TWO SIX**  
**UNIT 60141**  
**FPO AE 09507-6412**

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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning  
Squadron 126  
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)  
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

1. Mission: To provide our chain of command with ready AEW aircraft on station, on time, to provide Command and Control, Battle Management, and Surveillance Support to Joint Forces conducting continuous operations - From the Sea.

Command Composition: 30 Officers/133 Enlisted

Immediate Superior in Command: Captain John F. Kilkenney,  
Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW-3)

Commanding Officer: Commander James D. Settele

Executive Officer: Commander Stephen N. Thompson

Aircraft Bureau Numbers: (600) 163027  
(601) 163024  
(602) 163026  
(603) 162618  
(604) 163028

2. Chronology

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
TSTA I/II	3-19MAY00	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)
CVW-3 Weapons Exercise	9-30JUN00	Naval Air Station Fallon, NV
TSTA III/COMPTUEX	28JUL-01SEP00	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)
JTFEX	11-30OCT00	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)
JTG 01-1	28NOV00-23MAY01	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)

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Exercise 11-17DEC00 Tunisia/Mediterranean Sea  
MAJOR MANAR

Operation 04JAN01-27APR01 Arabian Gulf  
SOUTHERN WATCH

3. Narrative: After ringing in the new millennium, the SEAHAWKS, under command of Commander James D. Settele, began work-ups for deployment. The work-up cycle included two Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP) detachments to Key West, FL, Tailored Ship Training Assessment (TSTA) I/II, Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW-3) Weapons Detachment, Naval Air Station Fallon, TSTA III, Competitive Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) and Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). The SEAHAWKS deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Gulf in November 2000 onboard the USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75), America's newest aircraft carrier. An integral part of CVW-3's support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and numerous other exercises, the SEAHAWKS flew over 850 hours during deployment. The squadron's operational success was directly attributable to a two time Golden Wrench Award winning team of maintenance professionals.

4. Photograph and biography of the Commanding Officer are enclosed.

  
S. N. THOMPSON