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CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON  
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN  
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Encl: (1) Black Eagle Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1981 Abbreviated  
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(2) Black Eagle Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1981 Narrative  
Format  
(3) History of CARAEWRON 113  
(4) Commanding Officer History - CDR A. J. SCHROEDER  
(5) Commanding Officer History - CDR S. E. CURTIS  
(6) General Squadron Statistics

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## BLACKEAGLE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 1981

### JANUARY:

04-08 FLEET CARRIER LANDING PRACTICE (FCLP)  
07-10 CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS (CQ) USS CORAL SEA  
13-14 FCLP  
16-18 CQ USS CORAL SEA  
18-22 CYCLIC OPS USS CORAL SEA  
04-31 TURNAROUND TRAINING, NAS MIRAMAR

### FEBRUARY:

03-05 FCLP  
09-10 FCLP  
11-12 CQ AND CYCLIC OPS USS CORAL SEA  
01-28 TURNAROUND TRAINING, NAS MIRAMAR

### MARCH:

04-05 FCLP  
07-08 CQ USS CORAL SEA  
11 COMMAND INSPECTION  
13-19 AIROPS SOCAL ABOARD USS CORAL SEA  
21-23 INTEGRATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS REVIEW (IWSR)  
01-31 TURNAROUND TRAINING, NAS MIRAMAR

### APRIL:

01-03 IWSR

05-16 AIRWING OPS, NAS FALLON  
20-24 HRAV  
27-30 FCLP

MAY:

05 ENROUTE MIDPAC  
08-21 MIDPAC OPS  
22-25 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI  
26-31 TRANSITEX/WEPTRAEX SOCIAL

JUNE:

01-05 WEPTRAEX SOCIAL  
06-07 INPORT NORTH ISLAND  
08-12 ORE  
29-30 FCLP  
01-30 TURNAROUND TRAINING, NAS MIRAMAR

JULY:

01-06 TURNAROUND TRAINING, NAS MIRAMAR  
07-21 FLEETEX 1-81  
22-31 PRE-OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE (POM)

AUGUST:

01-19 POM  
20 ENROUTE WESPAC  
30-31 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI

SEPTEMBER:

01 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI  
01-09 MIDPAC OPS  
10 INCHOP WESTPAC  
21-30 INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP

OCTOBER:

01-05 SOUTH CHINA SEA OPS  
06-10 INPORT SINGAPORE  
11-31 INDIAN OCEAN OPS

NOVEMBER:

01-30 INDIAN OCEAN OPS

DECEMBER:

01-17 INDIAN OCEAN OPS  
19 TRANSIT TO SOUTH CHINA SEA  
22-24 DIXIE STATION OPS  
28-31 INPORT PATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND

1981 SQUADRON STATISTICS:

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN: 2143.5  
TOTAL CARRIER LANDINGS: 707

## **HISTORY OF CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN**

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN had its early beginning at the end of World War II as a research project to explore the feasibility of the airborne early warning concept. In 1948 the Navy formed the first airborne early warning squadron, VAW-11, homeported at NAS North Island. VAW-11 continued to work in developing the AEW concept and in 1950 deployed detachments which provided both ASW (Anti-Submarine) and AEW (Airborne Early Warning) protection throughout the Korean Conflict. The mission of the squadron was clearly defined to provide all-weather early warning services to the fleet and shore warning nets.

On April 20, 1967 VAW-11 was divided into seven individual squadrons. On April 29, 1967 VAW-113 deployed to the Western Pacific flying E-2A aircraft aboard USS CONSTELLATION as a member of Attack Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN.

The Black Eagles of VAW-113 have made nine deployments to the Western Pacific aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64), USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), and USS CORAL SEA (CV-43). The squadron has been awarded two Battle Efficiency "E's", the CNO Aviation Safety Award, The Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. World Famous Black Eagle crews participated in Vietnamese Operations every year since 1967, climaxing in May of 1975 with "Operation Frequent Wind", the evacuation of American Forces from South Vietnam.

During the 1975 deployment aboard Enterprise, VAW-113 became the Navy's first E-2B squadron to operate with the F-14A Tomcats. As such the squadron was instrumental in developing tactics which best utilize the "Hawkeye" with the expanded capabilities of the Navy's newest fighter.

In July of 1975, VAW-113 changed homeports from NAS North Island to NAS Miramar. VAW-113 was the recipient of the First Annual CNO AEW Excellence Award in September of 1976. This distinction designated the Black Eagles as the best AEW squadron in the Navy.

In 1978 the Black Eagles completed their final deployment aboard USS ENTERPRISE. the squadron's 79/80 WESTPAC cruise aboard USS CORAL SEA was highlighted by the Iranian Crisis, in which Coral Sea and CVW-14 remained at sea for 102 continuous days of Indian Ocean Contingency Operations. Following their turnaround cycle, the squadron again deployed to WESTPAC in August 1981.