



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
 CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON  
 ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN  
 FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601

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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN

To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1982

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

- Encl: (1) Black Eagle Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1982, Abbreviated Format  
 (2) Black Eagle Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1982, Narrative Format  
 (3) History of CARAEWRON 113  
 (4) Commanding Officer History: CDR S. E. CURTIS  
 (5) General Squadron Statistics

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.

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**BLACK EAGLE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 1982**

**JANUARY:**

01            INPORT PATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND  
02-06        OPS SOUTH CHINA SEA  
07-22        INPORT SUBIC BAY, R.P.  
23-28        OPS SOUTH CHINA SEA  
29-31        INPORT HONG KONG

**FEBRUARY:**

01-02        INPORT HONG KONG  
03-11        OPS SEA OF JAPAN  
12-17        INPORT SASEBO, JAPAN  
18-25        OPS NORTH CHINA SEA  
26-28        OPS SOUTH CHINA SEA

**MARCH:**

01-03        INPORT SUBIC BAY, R.P.  
04-09        TRANSIT WESTPAC  
10            INCHOP THIRD FLEET  
11-15        TRANSIT PEARL HARBOR  
16-17        INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
18-22        TRANSIT EASTPAC  
23            INPORT ALAMEDA  
24-31        TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

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APRIL:

01-30           TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

MAY:

01-03           TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

04-06           CQ, AIROPS, SOCAL, USS CORAL SEA

07-10           INPORT SAN DIEGO

11-14           CYCLIC AIROPS, SOCAL, USS CORAL SEA

15-31           TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

20-21           VAQ-33/FEWSG OPS, SOCAL

30-31           AAWEX, SOCAL, USS BAINBRIDGE

JUNE:

01-30           TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

07-18           VF-154/TAP ONE OPS, MCAS YUMA

22-26           KERNAL USHER, SOCAL, USS BELLEAU WOOD AND USS GRIDLEY

JULY:

01-31           TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

15-28           FLEETEX 1-82 SUPPORT, SOCAL

29               ORE SUPPORT, SOCAL, USS ENTERPRISE

AUGUST:

01-31           TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

14-18           CQ, SOCAL, USS CORAL SEA

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SEPTEMBER:

01-16 REFTRA, SOCAL, USS CORAL SEA  
17-24 TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR  
25-31 CVW-14 OPS, NAS FALLON

OCTOBER:

01-08 CVW-14 OPS, NAS FALLON  
09-31 TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

NOVEMBER:

01-10 AIROPS, SOCAL, USS CORAL SEA  
11-12 INPORT SAN DIEGO  
13-23 AIROPS, MIDPAC, USS CORAL SEA  
24-26 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
27-30 AIROPS, HAWAIIAN OP AREA, USS CORAL SEA

DECEMBER:

01-10 AIROPS, MIDPAC/SOCAL, USS CORAL SEA  
11-31 TURNAROUND, NAS MIRAMAR

1982 SQUADRON STATISTICS:

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN: 1437.8  
TOTAL CARRIER LANDINGS: 526

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

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN (VAW-113) had its early beginnings at the end of World War II as a research project designed 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 on developing the AEW concept and in 1950 deployed detachments which provided both ASW (Anti-submarine Warfare) 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 20 April 1967, VAW-11 was divided into seven individual squadrons. On 29 April 1967, VAW-113 deployed to the Western Pacific flying the E-2A aircraft aboard the USS Constellation (CV-64) as a member of Attack Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN.

The Black Eagles of VAW-113 have made eight deployments to the Western Pacific aboard the 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 and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. World Famous Black Eagle crews participated in Vietnamese operations every year since 1967, culminating in May of 1975 with "Operation Frequent Wind," the evacuation of American Forces from South Vietnam.

During the 1975 deployment aboard USS Enterprise, VAW-113 became the Navy's first E-2B squadron to operate with the F-14A "Tomcat." As such, the squadron was instrumental in developing those tactics which best utilize expanded capabilities of the Navy's most sophisticated fighter in conjunction with the world's most versatile AEW aircraft.

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

In 1978, the Black Eagles completed their final deployment aboard the USS Enterprise. Following their turnaround cycle, VAW-113

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and a new CVW-14 embarked on the USS Coral Sea with Marine Fighter Squadron VMFA-323 and FMFA-531. The Black Eagles' 79/80 WESTPAC cruise was highlighted by the Iranian Crisis, in which USS Coral Sea and CVW-14 remained at sea for 102 continuous days of Indian Ocean Contingency Operations. At the completion of their deployment in June 1980, the Black Eagles returned to NAS Miramar.

After an extremely successful turnaround period, VAW-113 and CVW-14 deployed aboard the USS Coral Sea in August of 1981. During the seven month cruise, which included operations in the Sea of Japan and over 70 days in the Indian Ocean, VAW-113 set numerous operational performance records. Since their return in March of 1982, the Black Eagles of VAW-113 have again launched into another highly successful turnaround cycle and are currently in the midst of intensive preparations for their tenth Western Pacific deployment and an "around the world cruise."

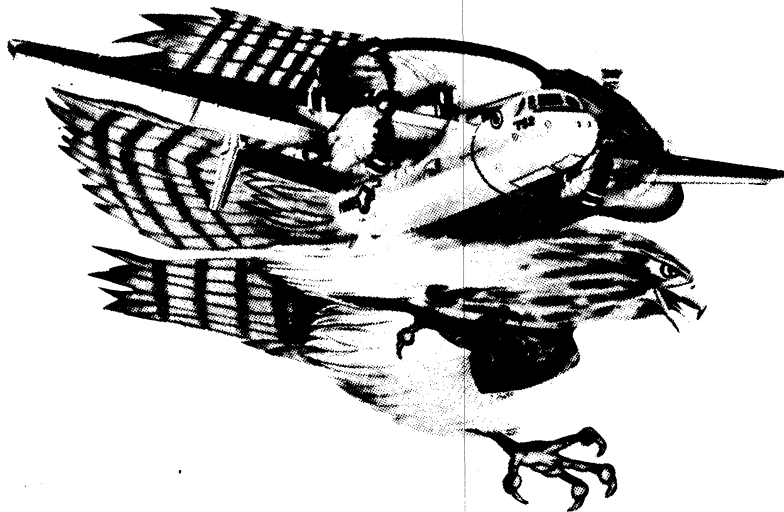
# HAWKEYE

WING SPAN: 80 FEET 7 INCHES  
LENGTH: 56 FEET 4 INCHES  
AIRCRAFT WEIGHT: 51,000 LBS  
SERVICE CEILING: 30,000 FEET  
CRUISE SPEED: 200-250 KNOTS  
ON-STATION SPEED: 155 KNOTS  
MAXIMUM SPEED: 300 KNOTS

MISSION: THE GRUMMAN E-2B HAWKEYE IS AN ALL-WEATHER, CARRIER-BASED AEW/CIC AIRPLANE THAT PATROLS TASK FORCE DEFENSE PERIMETERS TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF APPROACHING ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND TO VECTOR INTERCEPTORS INTO ATTACK POSITION. IN ADDITION TO THIS PRIMARY FUNCTION, THE HAWKEYE CAN ALSO PROVIDE STRIKE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL, AREA SURVEILLANCE, SEARCH AND RESCUE GUIDANCE, NAVAGATIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND COMMUNICATIONS RELAY.

CREW: PILOT  
CO-PILOT  
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER  
OFFICER  
AIR CONTROL OFFICER  
FLIGHT TECHNICIAN

VAW-113 IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) AS A MEMBER OF AIR WING FOURTEEN



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