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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: The Black Eagles are tasked with providing carrier based Airborne Early Warning as well as Command and Control for the Carrier Battle Group.

ISIC: Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN

Commanding Officer: CDR Walter C. Joller, Jr.

Homeport: NAS Miramar

Type and Number of Aircraft: (7) E-2C Hawkeye Aircraft

Tail Code: NK

Bureau Numbers: 159110, 159498, 160703, 161096, 161098, 161227,  
163540

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1991

ABBREVIATED FORMAT

JANUARY

01-26  
27-31

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS  
CQ (CV 62)

FEBRUARY

01  
02-20  
21

CQ (CV 62)  
NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS  
MISSILE EX/SOCAL

MARCH

01-18  
19-20  
21-31

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS  
MISSILE EX/SOCAL  
NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

APRIL

01-12  
13-30

FFARP/NAS FALLON  
NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

MAY

01-07  
08  
09-31

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS  
KERNEL USHER EXERCISE  
NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

JUNE

01-17  
18-29  
30

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS  
REFTRA/CQ (CV 62)  
NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

JULY

01-31

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

AUGUST

01-19  
20-28  
28-31

TRANSPAC ON BOARD (CV 62)  
INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
TRANSPAC ON BOARD (CV 41)

SEPTEMBER

01-05  
05-11  
11-14  
15-30

TRANSPAC ON BOARD (CV 41)  
INPORT SEATTLE  
TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO (CV 41)  
NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

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OCTOBER  
01-31

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

NOVEMBER  
01-30

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

DECEMBER

01-15  
15-31

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS  
SQUADRON HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1991

### NARRATIVE FORMAT

Having just returned from a WESTPAC in support of Operation "Desert Shield", 1991 began by maintaining battle readiness with a Carrier Qualification on board the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62). The squadron was also put on four (4) day alert to return to the Arabian Gulf in support of DESERT STORM. In April, the squadron began its work-ups for the INDEPENDENCE/MIDWAY TRANSITEX by participating in FFARP at NAS Fallon, followed by a flight deck certification of the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) in May.

Refresher Training was held in June with VAW-113 taking the lead in Battle Management both in the air and on the carrier, with representatives in the Delta Sierra suite as well as the new Space and Electronic Warfare Commander suite. In July, the squadron departed on the first leg of the now historic USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)/USS MIDWAY (CV 41) swap-out. Battle Group Delta operated off the coast of Southern California for three weeks before departing for Hawaii. The Black Eagles once again demonstrated their excellence in Command and Control and Battle Management during many air wing exercises. In August the squadron cross-decked to the USS MIDWAY (CV 41) and departed Hawaii for CONUS. On the squadron's return to San Diego, the Black Eagles participated in one of the largest displays of naval air power during an airshow which hosted many distinguished guests including Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, U.S. Army.

In November, the squadron began its transition to become the first Navy E-2C Group II squadron. The Black Eagles sent training representatives to Grumman to critique the Grumman aircrew and maintenance training tracks. This was vital to incorporate the engineer's view with fleet experience. Thirteen personnel, both officer and enlisted were sent to Grumman Aircraft in Bethpage, New York for training. An E-2C Group I was received in December for pilot training. Two officers were also sent to NAS Patuxent River for JTIDS training and test flights.

The Black Eagles have been able to remain at the forefront of Airborne Early Warning tactics, including participation in GLASS LOT, an exercise simulating the Desert Storm environment. Additionally the Black Eagles were involved in the planning for ROVING SANDS 1992, War-at-Sea exercises against COMCRUDESGRU ONE and PMTC Surface Action Groups.

Two of the squadron's leading Mission Commanders participated at WEPTAC at China Lake and St. Louis in support of future naval weapons and weapon systems.

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The Black Eagles continued to improve upon an already impressive safety record. Over 25 years and almost 49,000 accident free hours highlight our readiness and commitment, both ashore and embarked.

VAW-113 has been called upon repeatedly to provide its expertise in all facets of naval operations. The Black Eagles have continued to lead the community in answering the call to duty and have done so with the highest levels of professionalism, perseverance, enthusiasm and esprit de corps. Our reputation continues to grow as we set new standards of performance, both over water, overland and around the carrier.

HOURS AND TRAPS FOR 1991, 1 JAN TO 31 DEC

HOURS FLOWN	1485.0
NIGHT HOURS	349.2
EMBARKED HOURS	375.3
CARRIER LANDINGS	264

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