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## **COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**MISSION:** To safely build and maintain a winning, fighting team of warriors capable of commanding and controlling the delivery of rapid, fierce, and lethal combat power, anytime, anywhere.

**ISIC:** Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN

**Commanding Officer:** CDR Samuel D. Schick

**Executive Officer:** CDR Peter H. Jefferson

**Command Master Chief:** CMDCM Patrick D. Shelly

**Total # of Officers:** 33

**Total # of Enlisted:** 137

**Officer Designators assigned:** 1310, 1315, 1320, 1325, 1635, 6332, 7341

**Enlisted Designators assigned:** AD, AE, SK, AME, AM, AT, AZ, CS, DK, HM, IT, PN, PR, YN

**Homeport:** NBVC Point Mugu, CA

**Type and Number of Aircraft:** Four (4) E-2C Plus Group II Hawkeye Aircraft

**Tail Code:** NK

# **SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003 ABBREVIATED FORMAT**

1 January – 2 May  
Operation Southern Watch/Operation Iraqi Freedom  
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)

11 August – 15 August  
Desert Rescue  
(NAS Fallon, NV)

25 August – 9 September  
Hawkeye Advanced Readiness Program (HARP)  
(NBVC Point Mugu, CA)

20 September – 10 October  
Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program (SFARP)  
(NAS Fallon, NV)

26 October – 21 November  
Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX)  
USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

## **SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR** **YEAR 2003 NARRATIVE FORMAT**

The year of 2003 started off with the World Famous Black Eagles on their way back to their homeport of NBVC Point Mugu, CA. On New Year's Day, the President called and the Black Eagles were there to answer. After pulling into Perth, Australia for a flight deck resurfacing, VAW-113 found themselves returning to the Arabian Gulf to support Operation SOUTHERN WATCH for the second time on their now extended deployment.

The middle of March saw the beginning of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM with the Black Eagles at the tip of the spear. Throughout the war, VAW-113 supported the Army, Marine Corps, and Coalition troops on the ground by calling in air strikes. VAW-113 was directly influential in helping to save the lives of thousands of Coalition forces, destroying hundreds of enemy tanks, and accelerating the progress of ground troops toward Baghdad in record time.

In April, the mission of the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group was complete and the Black Eagles were on their way home. On 30 April, the aircraft flew home and the aircrew were welcomed into the arms of their loved ones. The Sailors that stayed on board the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN were in for a pleasant surprise on the trip home. President George W. Bush flew aboard, ate on the mess decks with the troops, and gave a speech from the flight deck. Many Black Eagles had the opportunity to shake hands with the President and receive the praise of the Commander-in-Chief himself on a job well done. The next day the squadron main body returned to NBVC Point Mugu, CA to a warm homecoming reception.

In June, the squadron held a Change of Command ceremony, bidding fair winds and following seas to CDR George T. Fadok, with CDR Samuel D. Schick taking over as the new Commanding Officer. VAW-113 also welcomed CDR Peter H. Jefferson as the new Executive Officer.

After a short reprieve, the award winning, war-fighting Black Eagles went back to work. In July, CVW-14 began the Fleet Readiness Program and once again became the unified fighting team ready to respond as the world's 911 force. August came about and the Black Eagles went to their new home aboard the USS JOHN C. STENNIS for a Carrier Qualification detachment. After returning from the ship, VAW-113 participated with joint forces for DESERT RESCUE in Fallon, NV, a Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) exercise.

At the end of August, the squadron began the Hawkeye Advanced Readiness Program (HARP). During the exercise, the Black Eagles trained to advanced tactical situations while employing the newly introduced Tactical Laptop. Shortly after the end of HARP, VAW-113 again went to NAS Fallon, NV. This time the trip was made in support of the Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program. The Black Eagles supplied invaluable tactical support to each of the Strike Fighter squadrons as the aircrew demonstrated their proficiency in advanced Air Control and strike control.

In October of 2003, VAW-113 returned to work with the USS JOHN C. STENNIS STRIKE GROUP for the Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). This was the first integration of the entire CVW/CVN team during the Fleet Readiness Program. The Black Eagles again proved their prowess in airborne command and control, supporting Strike Fighter aircraft in the delivery of their lethal ordnance on target, on time.

The Black Eagles hit the ground running and have yet to let up. The strive for excellence on land, sea and air, has provided the standard that other squadrons hope to achieve. Through hard work, perseverance, and the sweat and tears of the men and women of this squadron, the Black Eagles are again ready to lead CVW-14 and the JOHN C. STENNIS STRIKE GROUP to victory anytime, anywhere.

## **HOURS AND TRAPS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003**

<b><u>HOURS FLOWN:</u></b>	1653.5
<b><u>NIGHT HOURS:</u></b>	513.7
<b><u>EMBARKED HOURS:</u></b>	1192.8
<b><u>CARRIER LANDINGS:</u></b>	462