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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115

To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) VAW 115 Chronology for 1987 (U)  
(2) VAW 115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C019-87 of 10 Mar 87 (U)  
(3) VAW 115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C022-87 of 10 May 87 (U)  
(4) VAW 115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C024-87 of 14 Sep 87 (U)  
(5) VAW 115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C025-87 of 28 Sep 87 (U)  
(6) VAW 115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C030-87 of 30 Nov 87 (U)  
(7) VAW 115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C002-88 of 31 Jan 88 (U)  
(8) VAW 115 Familygram "DATALINK" Jul 87  
(9) VAW 115 Familygram "DATALINK" Oct 87  
(10) VAW 115 Familygram "DATALINK" Dec 87  
(11) E-2C Lithograph/Squadron History  
(12) Command Composition



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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (12) are forwarded and the following report is submitted.

2. Narrative: January found the Liberty Bells participating in Cope Thunder 87-3, out of Cubi Point, Philippines. While on a mini-deployment, VAW 115 accomplished a wide range of training, including a unique operation called "BEAR REACH." Acting as range supervisor, the squadron joined in two missile shoots in the first quarter of 1987. Deploying again in early April, another missile exercise was conducted off Poro Point, Philippines. Operating in the Coral Sea, the squadron along with CVW 5, participated in several exercises with the Royal Australian Navy which included WASEX's and AAWEX's. After a port call to Sydney, Australia, a HARPOONEX was held in early July off the coast of the Philippines involving USAF B-52's. Arriving back in Atsugi, Japan, the squadron was put on alert for Silas Bent Ops held in the seas off northern Japan. A two week detachment to Kadena AB allowed intensive training with USMC and USAF units in August. During this det, the squadron participated in an actual SAR which directly resulted in the rescue of a downed Marine A-6 crew. Also in August, VAW 115 participated in

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a one day det to Cubi Point in support of the USS NEW JERSEY Battle Group AAWEX. The squadron transferred two aircraft to VAW 116 (CV 61) and received one from VAW 116 during the last part of August. Flying with units of VQ 1, VAW 115 supported Freedom of Navigation CONOPS conducted by the USS OLDENDORF in September. ANNUALEX 62G, an exercise with the Japanese Self Defense Force, was held in the last two weeks of September. The squadron deployed to the Indian Ocean on 15 October and supported a MISSILEX with CVW 5 on 31 October. While off Singapore, the squadron held exchange visits/flights with the RSAF 111 AEW Squadron. After arriving on station in the North Arabian Sea, the squadron was involved in four Earnest Will Operations before the end of the year. VAW 115 also took active participation in an OTH-T exercise against the USS TICONDEROGA and the USS IOWA.

3. Special Topics:

a. Commander Franklin S. Achille relieved Commander Ronald B. Weber on 6 January 1987.

b. Commander Leo F. McGinn assumed the duties as Executive Officer on 6 January 1987.

c. Thirty-one personnel reenlisted during the year. Forty-two personnel reported aboard and sixty-three were transferred and the squadron experienced zero desertions.

d. The squadron had a perfect safety record for 1987, with zero deaths, zero accidents, and zero injuries. Squadron's FOD program produced zero FOD occurrences ashore and one while embarked.

e. The squadron passed three corrosion control inspection with a grade of satisfactory. Other inspections with satisfactory results were: CNAAPTA, IWSR, COMFAIRWESTPAC TAD Funding Audit, and COMNAVAIRPAC Aviation Maintenance Management Inspection.

f. The squadron awarded three NAMs, three non-command awarded NAMs were also awarded and two personnel were command advanced.

g. The squadron had six administrative separations.

4. For statistical and other detailed data, see enclosures (1) through (12).

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Chronology of events for 1987

8-17 Jan 87	Cope Thunder 87-3, Cubi Point RP
19-20 Jan 87	USS MIDWAY Missile Shoot, South China Sea
5-8 Feb 87	CVW 5 Missile Shoot, South China Sea
16-17 Feb 87	ASWEX 87-1, South China Sea
18-19 Feb 87	MULTIPLEX 87-1, South China Sea/Cubi Point
20 Feb 87	Joint Strike/Cope Max 87-1, South China Sea
10 Mar 87	Operation BEAR REACH, South China Sea
13-16 Mar 87	Battle Group Alfa Advanced Training Assessment, South China Sea
17-21 Mar 87	Hornet FAST, Atsugi Japan
30 Mar 87	Battle Group Delta INCHOPEX, Philippine Sea
14 May 87	CVW 5 MISSILEX, Poro Point RP
1-5 Jun 87	Royal Australian Navy PASSEX, Coral Sea
30 Jun-02 Jul 87	HARPOONEX 87
9-23 Jul 87	Silas Bent Contingency Alert
26 Jul-9 Aug 87	USAF/USMC/USN Interoperability Exercise, Kadena AB Okinawa Japan
27 Jul 87	USMC A-6E SAR, Kadena AB Okinawa Japan
30 Jul 87	KITE 87-2 Kadena AB Okinawa Japan
15-16 Aug 87	BBBG AAWEX, Cubi Point RP
17-19 Aug 87	JASDF DACT, Atsugi Japan
19-22 Aug 87	Red Adair Exercise, Kadena, Cubi, Kota Kinabalu, Singapore (two aircraft transferred to VAW 116)
4 Sep 87	USS OLDENDORF Freedom of Navigation 7th Fleet CONOPS
15-30 Sep 87	COMCARGRU One Deployment Assessment

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15-30 Sep 87	ANNUALEX 62G, East China Sea
31 Oct 87	CVW 5 Missilex, Poro Point RP
14 Nov 87	MERILION 87-2/RSAF Passex, Straits of Malacca
28 Nov 87	Earnest Will 87019, Gulf of Oman
9 Dec 87	Earnest Will 87020, Gulf of Oman
11 Dec 87	OTH-T Encounterex, BG Alfa vs. TICO/IOWA, North Arabian Sea
13 Dec 87	Earnest Will 87020A, Gulf of Oman
21 Dec 87	Earnest Will 87021, Gulf of Oman

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