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Command Operations Report

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE ONE FIVE (VAW-115)

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 09463

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: Waidelich First: David M.I.: B Rank: Commander (CDR)

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2015-11-14

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Carrier Airborne Early Warning and Command and Control / forward deployed in Far East Asia

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Naval Air Facility, Atsugi Japan

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5)

Administrative: Commander, Airborne Command, Control, and Logistics Wing (CACCLW)

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable): Commander, Battle Force Seventh Fleet (CTF-70), Carrier Strike Group FIVE (CSG-5) / Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5).

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): N/A

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: Four E-2C Hawkeye 2000 CNS/ATM aircraft:

<u>MODEX</u>	<u>BUNO</u>
600	166505
601	165815
602	166506
603	165649

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 31 Enlisted: 138 Civilian: NONE

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LTJG [REDACTED]

Job Title/Office Code: Public Affairs Officer

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2. Commander's Assessment

Throughout 2015, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE ONE FIVE (VAW-115) has sustained its outstanding record of professionalism and aviation excellence as the only forward-deployed Hawkeye squadron in the fleet. The squadron continued its 30 year and 60,000 hour record of Class Alpha mishap-free flight operations while successfully executing two international exercises, three simultaneous and geographically separated trans-Pacific training detachments to Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Point Mugu, and Guam, followed by a second trans-Pacific series of detachments to simultaneously conduct Air Wing Fallon and transfer an aircraft during the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) carrier exchange in the midst of six months of time underway. The squadron continuously operates in a dynamic Area of Responsibility, maintaining the highest levels of readiness while deployed and ashore.

3. Chronology

- NBVC Point Mugu, CA Simulator Detachment; 22 FEB – 05 MAR 2015
- CVW-5 NAS Fallon, NV A/A & A/G DET; 07 MAR 2015 – 27 MAR 2015
- CVW-5 GUAM A/A & A/G DET; 10 MAR 2015 – 25 MAR 2015
- MULTISAIL 2015; 21 MAR 2015 – 25 MAR 2015

- IWO-TO CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS DET; 05 MAY 2015 – 09 MAY 2015
- TALISMAN SABER 2015; 07 JUL 2015 – 19 JUL 2015
- CVW-5 AIR WING FALLON DET and Hull Swap; 08 AUG 2015 – 27AUG 2015
- MCSOFEX 2015; 25 – 29 OCT 2015
- TRILATEX 2015; 4 – 5 NOV 2015
- ANNUALEX 2015; 18 – 25 NOV 2015

Narrative

VAW-115 capitalized on its unique position within the Forward Deployed Naval Forces as the theater's resident Airborne Command and Control experts. Additionally, the squadron cultivated and expanded military partnerships through combined and joint exercise participation. Working alongside fellow warriors from across the Pacific region in exercises MULTISAIL 2015, TALISMAN SABRE 2015, MCSOFEX 2015, TRILATEX 2015, and ANNAULEX 2015, the Liberty Bells integrated seamlessly with the United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, Royal Australian Air Force, Republic of Korea Forces, and the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Forces to plan and execute complex, large force, counter-air and counter-sea missions with outstanding results.

The Liberty Bells most prestigious accomplishment was the execution of three simultaneous detachments, first in NBVC Point Mugu conducting an aircraft transfer with VAW-116, the second in NAS Fallon conducting an Air Wing Fallon sustainment detachment, and the third to NAS North Island conducting the carrier exchange between the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76). While the squadron had to divide its personnel and assets to support each mission, the Command executed all three detachments flawlessly, receiving tactical accolades from Air Wing Fallon evaluators and returning back onboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76), aircrew carrier qualified and ready to successfully execute USS RONALD REAGAN's (CVN 76) combat operations efficiency requirement for blue water certification.

During the Fall patrol, aircraft 600 (BUNO 166505) was involved in a ground mishap – a fire, onboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). The fire was extinguished using AFFF. No personnel were injured. The cause of the fire and the extent of damage to 600 are under investigation.

VAW-115 continues to enjoy extremely high advancement and retention rates through proactive involvement from all levels of leadership. Additionally, VAW-115 hosted two aircrew from two sister E-2C squadrons, facilitating their career development by significantly increasing their exposure to the carrier environment.

4. Supporting Reports (Refer to specific guide for Ship/Shore/Aviation or Fleet Command)

1. 2015 Battle "E" submission
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5. Published Documents

CDR Waidelich Bio and CDR Ventimiglia Bio included in Change of Command Program

1. VAW-115 Welcome aboard trifold
 2. Change of Command Program
 3. <https://www.facebook.com/VAW115LibertyBells>
 4. http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnri/installations/naf_atsugi/about/tenant_commands/cvw_5/vaw_115.html
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6. Photographs

CO Picture and XO Picture included in Change of Command Program, PubDoc02

1. Aircraft 600 over Iwo To
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