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BASIC HISTORY

1. Command Organization

On 14 November 1982, Commander H. M. Highfill relieved Commander S. Jogan, as Commanding Officer. Commander D. H. Allen reported on 10 November 1982 as Executive Officer. These were the only changes to the basic command organization. There were no changes to the squadron mission and the E-2C aircraft continued as the unit's weapons system.

2. Chronological Summary of Operations

January

18-22 Jamming exercises. Several training flights were conducted with an airborne B-band jammer from NATC Patuxent River.

25 Commenced Pacific Missile Test Range surveillance and communications relay as part of an operational evaluation of a Tomahawk cruise missile launch.

February

02 Completed Tomahawk cruise missile launch support

21-28 Carrier qualifications aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65)

22-26 VAW-117 hosted an orientation on the E-2C aircraft and its purpose for the officers and men of USS Bainbridge (CGN-25)

March

15-31 Commenced Refresher Training (REFTRA), DC/PQS Training, and Air Operations aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65).

April

09 Completed REFTRA/AIR OPS/DC/PQS. Returned to NAS Miramar

19-21 NATOPS Evaluation

27 Commenced Air Operations aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65). CVW-11 WEPTRAEX

May

19 Completed Air Ops/WEPTRAEX and returned to NAS Miramar

June

- 01 READIEX 4-82 (one day)
- 10-19 Conducted NAS Fallon/CVW-11 exercises
- 28 Participated in CINTEX exercises in the SOCAL area

July

- 07 Commenced FLEETEX 1-82 aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65). Involved in numerous AAWEX, WASEX and MASEX exercises.
- 28 Completed FLEETEX 1-82
- 29 Commenced ORE aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65)

August

- 01 Completed ORE
- 02 Returned to NAS Miramar

September

- 01 Commenced WESTPAC 82-83 and TRANSITEX 16-82
- 02-03 Carrier Qualifications in SOCAL area
- 07-12 MIDPAC Operations
- 12 Completion of TRANSITEX 16-82
- 12-18 In port Pearl Harbor, HI
- 19-21 Battle Group Operations in the Hawaii operations area. Instrumental in the rescue of civilian personnel aboard a stranded 35 foot ketch.
- 22-30 In transit to North Pacific and conducted operations with USS Midway (CV-41). Instrumental in locating and assisting a misdirected US-3A. Intercepted numerous Soviet Bear, Badger, and Backfire aircraft.

October

- 01-08 Sea of Japan operations
- 08-13 South China Sea operations

- 12 Air show for Hong Kong VIPs
- 14-18 In port Cubi Point, Philippines
- 19-24 South China Sea operations
- 25-29 In port Singapore
- 30-31 Transit Strait of Malacca

November

- 01-21 North Arabian Sea operations. Intercepted two (02) Soviet May aircraft.
- 12 WASEX/MASEX exercises
- 14 Cdr H. M. Highfill relieved Cdr S. Jogan as Commanding Officer of VAW-117
- 20 Crossing the Line (Equator) ceremonies held
- 22-26 In port Mombasa, Kenya
- 27-30 North Arabian Sea operations

December

- 01-31 Indian Ocean operations. Intercepted twelve (12) Soviet May aircraft. Implemented Outer Area Battle Training Plan. Participated in several WASEX exercises
- 02-06 Exercise Jade Tiger
- 28-29 Exercise Beacon Flash 83-1

3. Special Topics

a. Officer Complement for 1982

CDR Harry M. HIGHFILL	
CDR Dannie H. ALLEN	
CDR Steven JOGAN	TRANSFERRED 15 NOV 82
LCDR Charles B. GORRELL	TRANSFERRED 31 MAY 82
LCDR Wade D. HOLBROOK	
LCDR Paul R. GADDIE	
LCDR Robert W. BRONSON	
LCDR Loy D. RICKMAN	RETIRED 01 AUG 82
LCDR Michael R. COOPER	

LCDR Richard M. ANDERSON	TRANSFERRED 06 DEC 82
LCDR Keith J. HERREL	TRANSFERRED 02 DEC 82
LCDR Tadashi M. MITSUOKA	
LT Johnny L. JOHNSON	
LT Kevin M. RICHARDSON	TRANSFERRED 30 JUN 82
LT Randall W. BANNISTER	TRANSFERRED 05 DEC 82
LT Richard H. PAYNE	
LT John D. ANDERSON	TRANSFERRED 01 FEB 82
LT John E. GARDNER	
LT Vernon C. ROBINSON	
LT James W. BROWN	TRANSFERRED 09 AUG 82
LT Daniel T. KEUHLEN	
LT "H" S. RODGERS	
LT Benjamin M. TRAPNELL	
LT Myles E. ROELING	TRANSFERRED 31 AUG 82
LT Bunnie B. STANFIELD	
LT Nicholas A. TRONGALE	
LT Rodney W. HOLMES	
LT Andrew W. MILLON	
LTJG David A. CARDONA	TRANSFERRED 09 AUG 82
LTJG Dana D. MULLIS	
LTJG Andrew R. DAVIS	
LTJG Robert W. ADAMS	
LTJG Steven A. CRAWFORD	
LTJG Anthony B. PRICE	
LTJG Robert P. CATALANO	
LTJG Herman A. SHELANSKI	
LTJG Jerry A. DOHM	
ENS Michael D. DISANO	
ENS Mitchell H. MUHLEMAN	
CWO3 James E. CHURCH	

b. Aircrew Designations Achieved During 1982

<u>Aircrew</u>	<u>Designation*</u>	<u>Date</u>
LCDR Michael R. COOPER	E-2C CA2P	02 FEB 82
	E-2C PC	23 FEB 82
	E-2C CAPC/PMCF	19 APR 82
LTJG Robert W. ADAMS	ACO	02 FEB 82
	PMCF	09 JUN 82
	MC/CICO	21 NOV 82
LTJG Dana D. MULLIS	ACO	02 FEB 82
	PMCF	10 JUN 82
	MC/CICO	21 NOV 82
LT Myles E. ROELING	NATOPS Instructor	03 MAR 82

LT Randall W. BANNISTER	NATOPS Instructor	03 MAR 82
LT "H" S. RODGERS	E-2C CA2P E-2C CAPC/PMCF	16 MAR 82 21 DEC 82
LT Rodney W. HOLMES	E-2C CA3P E-2C CA2P	20 APR 82 21 NOV 82
LT Andrew W. MILLON	E-2C CA3P E-2C CA2P	20 APR 82 21 NOV 82
LCDR Wade D. HOLBROOK	E-2C PC E-2C CAPC/PMCF NATOPS Instructor	25 MAY 82 19 JUL 82 19 AUG 82
LTJG Anthony B. PRICE	ACO PMCF	27 MAY 82 08 SEP 82
LCDR Robert W. BRONSON	ACO PMCF MC/CICO	27 MAY 82 10 JUN 82 02 SEP 82
LTJG Steven D. CRAWFORD	ACO PMCF	27 MAY 82 08 SEP 82
LT Bunnie B. STANFIELD	ACO PMCF	27 MAY 82 08 SEP 82
LT Richard H. PAYNE	E-2C PC E-2C CAPC/PMCF	09 JUN 82 19 JUL 82
LT Johnny L. JOHNSON	ACO/PMCF	10 JUN 82
LT Nicholas A. TRONGALE	PMCF MC/CICO	10 JUN 82 09 OCT 82
LT Benjamin M. TRAPNELL	LSO Squadron	29 JUN 82
LCDR Tadashi M. MITSUOKA	CICO/PMCF	09 JUL 82
LT Vernon C. ROBINSON	NATOPS Instructor	19 AUG 82
LCDR Paul R. GADDIE	PMCF ACO MC/CICO	19 SEP 82 24 SEP 82 10 DEC 82
LTJG Jerry A. DOHM	PMCF ACO	30 SEP 82 08 OCT 82

<u>Aircrew</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Date</u>
LTJG Herman D. SHELANSKI	PMCF ACO	02 OCT 82 08 OCT 82
LT Daniel T. KEUHLEN	E-2C CAPC/PMCF	04 OCT 82
CDR Dannie H. ALLEN	MC/CICO	15 NOV 82
AT2 Robert E. YOUNG	PMCF	10 MAY 82
AT2 Steven D. CARROLL	PMCF	30 SEP 82

* Designation Key

ACO - Air Control Officer
 CAPC - Carrier Aircraft Plane Commander
 CA2P - Carrier Aircraft Second Pilot
 CA3P - Carrier Aircraft Third Pilot
 CICO - Combat Information Center Officer
 LSO - Landing Signal Officer
 MC - Mission Commander
 PC - Plane Commander
 PMCF - Post Maintenance Check Flight Crewman

c. Enlisted Complement for 1982

ADAN David W. ADAMS	AMS3 Brian BRUNER
AT2 Paul B. ADAMS	AN Patrick B. BRUNO
AD3 Charlson ALEXANDER	AD1 Romeo C. BUNDOC
SN Juan M. ALVAREZ	AT3 Randy BURCHETT
AME2 Gregory ANDERSON	AMS3 Joseph CABAUATAN
AMH3 Joseph ARNOLD	AZ2 John CADMAN
AD2 Paul J. AWES	AN Jay W. CAFFO
AT2 Roy L. BAKER	AN Duane CALLIHAN
AT3 James R. BARKER	PHCS Duncan CAMPBELL
HM1 Santo J. BARONE	AZ1 Virgil CARDINEZ
AE2 Larry M. BARRAZA	AT2 Steven CARROLL
ADAN Victor BAUTISTA	AN Charles CELIS
AMHAN James L. BERNDT	AD2 Ernest A. CELLI
AMHAN John L. BERNDT	AN Curtis CHANNELL

AN Alan W. BERRY
ATAN Mathew J. BILITI
AT2 Alan R. BLAIR
MS3 Jefferson BLAKEY
AEAN Brian J. BRAZIL
AMS3 Tommy J. BRIDGES
AMH2 James CORNWELL
AEAN Frank COURTNEY
AZ1 Lemuel P. CORTEZ
AT3 Michael W. CRESS
AE2 Thomas W. CROOK
AD2 Rodel G. CUENCA
PR3 Mark CURLEY
ADCS Edward C. DASIS
ATAN Steven P. DEAN
AK2 Corradino DIBIASE
AMS3 Kelly L. DONAHOE
PR2 Clint S. DORRIS
AMS2 Fernando DURAN
AE3 Bruce EASTERLY
AN Terry A. EDALL
AMCS James H. ELLISON
AMH3 William ENGLISH
ATC Edward B. ERVIN
AZ1 Alfonso EUSEBIO
AD2 John D. EVANS
AE1 Gary C. FARR
AMS3 Stephen FIFERLICK
AR Robert J. FITCH
AMSAN Thomas FREEMAN
AT2 Daniel G. FRYDA
AZAN Danny R. FULTZ
AD3 Jonathan JOHNSTON
AN Wayne E. KARCICH
AMSAN Michael KELLEY
AE1 Jerome KING
AMHAN Thomas K. KING
AE3 Mike LAMACCHIA
AE2 Mark H. LAND
AT3 Paul LANGLAIS
ADAN Robert LEAVITT
ADC Larry LOFLAND
AN Dennis LONG
AA Timothy D. LOWE
AD1 Robert M. LUCHKA
AMEAA Jorge LUCIANO
AT2 Stephen MACDONALD

AD2 Michael CHESLIK
ADCS Ronald CLAYTON
AMS2 Johnathan COLEGROVE
AMSAN Victor CONTE
AMS2 Gregory COOKSON
AMSAA Mark D. COOPER
AD2 John L. GARRISON
YN3 Rogelio C. GARZA
AT3 Randy E. GIBBS
PN1 Glenn H. GIVEN
AN Michael GOODWIN
AZ1 William GRIEBEL
MS2 Abundio GUERZON
ATAN Mitchell HAMMONS
AEAN John HARRIS
AT1 Gregory HASSELSTROM
AT1 Darrell HAWKINS
AD3 Ernest F. HEALY
AN William HINE
DK2 Policarpio HIPOLITO
AD3 Robert A. HODGES
AE3 Michael HOLDEN
AT3 Dennis E. HOWARD
AT2 Robert HUEBOTTER
AT3 Wayne E. ISHAM
PRAN Robert ISSACOU LIAN
AD2 David A. JARA
AMS2 Willie J. JILES
AMEAN Anthony JOHNSON
PNSN Carl J. JOHNSON
AKAN Gary A. JOHNSON
AMS3 Robert D. JOHNSON
AT2 Bradley MILLER
AT2 Michael MILLING
AA Albert A. MILLS
AE2 Kevin B. MISNER
AE3 Albert MITCHELL
ATAN Douglas MITCHELL
AMH2 Regino B. MITRE
AE2 Richard MORRILL
AT2 Salvatore MUGNOS
AT1 Carl MULLEN
AMH3 Gregory MURRELL
PN1 Oscar E. NAVARRO
AME1 Ralph P. NELLES
AD1 Martin H. ONTIVEROS
AMSC Randall A. PACK

AE3 Tracy A. MACHLAN
 MSSN James MACKOWIAK
 AK1 Edgardo MADRID
 AMH1 Gil D. MAERINA
 AK2 Renato MAGBITANG
 AZ3 Domingo MARTINEZ
 AMS3 Perry MCCONNELL
 YNSA Michael MCCOY
 ATC Dennis MCCULLICK
 AZ3 Peter MENDOZA
 ADAN Stephen MERCADO
 AN John M. MIKOLAY
 AME2 Patrick QUILLEN
 AEC James L. RANCK
 AT2 Bruce M. RANDALL
 AK1 Jesus RECEPCION
 ADCS Clayton REED
 AN James M. REHMERT
 AE3 Alan W. REID
 AN Rodolfo P. REYNA
 AT2 Bradley RIGNEY
 AN Thomas ROBERTSON
 AE2 Anthony ROBISH
 AMS3 Ervin ROLLISON
 AA Christopher ROSSI
 AD3 William RUCONICH
 YN2 Rafael RUEDA DE LEON
 YN1 Oscar SAMANIEGO
 AT1 Gregory SAMPLAWSKI
 ATCS Terry SCHARTON
 AN Thomas SCHNEIDER
 AMS1 Irving SCHOFIELD
 AMS3 John M. SHORT
 BM1 Frank SKIDMORE
 AMS3 Paul SKINNER
 AE2 Paul E. SLAVIN
 AEC James E. SLUDER
 AVCM Charles SNYDER
 AMH3 Michael SOMERS

MS2 Dante PAJARILLO
 AT2 Richard PARKER
 AN David PHILLIPS
 AE1 Arthur S. PIDD
 AT3 Randy L. PINARD
 AD3 William H. PIPES
 MS1 Gamaliel PONSECA
 BM1 Curtis R. POWELL
 AE2 Johnny D. POWELL
 AD3 Robert L. POWELL
 AMHAN Ronald L. PRICE
 AE2 Robert A. PUTNAM
 AME2 William SOSA
 AZAN Rooney T. SPIVEY
 AD2 Michael STANDLEY
 AT3 Randy STROM
 AD2 Juan C. SULIO
 AN Keith E. TALTON
 ADAA John TAYLOR
 YN2 Robert M. THOMAS
 AT1 Richard TRAVIS
 AT1 Perry L. TRIMBLE
 AK3 Steven TULLIS
 AT2 Brian K. ULMER
 AMH1 John W. VERMAAS
 AKAN Anthony L. WADE
 AMH2 Thomas WALLACE
 AMHC Donald WATKINS
 AME2 Sylvester WESLEY
 AMS3 Philip WHALEN
 AT2 James E. WHITE
 AT3 William H. WHITE
 YN3 Lawrence WHITFIELD
 AMSAN Antonio WILSON
 AME3 David K. WONG
 AT2 Robert E. YOUNG
 AK2 Scott ZEHNLE

d. Wallbanger of the Month and Supervisor of the Quarter Awards - CY 82

Wallbanger of the Month

AD2 William H. PIPES
 YN3 Rogelio C. GARZA
 AE3 Tracy A. MACHLAN
 AE2 Robert A. PUTNAM

Supervisor of the Quarter

AE2 Thomas W. CROOK
 AME1 Ralph P. NELLES
 AT1 Perry L. TRIMBLE
 PN1 Glenn H. GIVEN

AD3 Robert A. HODGES
 AMS3 Kelly L. DONAHOE
 AMS2 Robert D. JOHNSON
 AE2 Richard J. MORRILL
 AME2 David K. WONG
 AE2 Kevin B. MISNER
 AK2 Michael W. HEBB
 AN Thomas F. SCHNEIDER

e. Wallbanger and Supervisor of the Year

Wallbanger of the Year

AME2 David K. WONG

Supervisor of the Year

AD1 Martin H. ONTIVEROS

f. Aircraft Onboard During 1982

E-2C	BUNO 159499	Received 15 JUN 81 from VAW-116. Transferred to NARF, NAS NORIS 18 JAN 82/VAW-112 on 06 83
E-2C	BUNO 159501	Received 31 JUL 81 from RVAW-110
E-2C	BUNO 158639	Received 11 JAN 82 from VAW-114. Transferred to NARF, NAS NORIS 18 AUG 82/RVAW-120 on 21 DEC 82
E-2C	BUNO 159106	Received 25 JAN 82 from NARF, NAS NORIS
E-2C	BUNO 158647	Received 26 FEB 82 from VAW-114
E-2C	BUNO 159111	Received 18 AUG 82 from VAW-112

g. Flight Hours Statistics for 1982

	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Embarked</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	82.5	0.0	12.8	82.5
February	126.3	0.0	52.8	126.3
March	93.3	61.2	45.8	154.5
April	36.2	100.9	38.0	137.1
May	27.2	196.0	61.2	223.2
June	153.5	0.0	25.2	153.5

July	19.3	299.1	70.7	318.4
August	45.5	2.9	23.3	48.4
September	0.0	224.5	67.1	224.5
October	0.0	190.3	57.5	190.3
November	0.0	251.0	63.3	251.0
December	0.0	310.2	83.2	310.2
Year 1982	583.8	1636.1	600.9	2219.9