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(2) Commanding Officer's Biography
(3) VAW 120 Squadron History
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CY-99 VAW 120 COMMAND HISTORY

COMMAND MISSION

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY is the Fleet Replacement Squadron for the Carrier Airborne Early Warning and Fleet Logistics Support Communities. It is our primary duty to indoctrinate and train Naval Aviators, Naval Flight Officers, and enlisted Naval Aircrewmembers in the operation of the E-2C "Hawkeye" and C-2A "Greyhound" aircraft.

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

VAW-120 is a shore command permanently based at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. The squadron's nickname is "The Greyhawks".

Commander, Airborne Early Warning Wing Atlantic		ISIC
CDR Brian M. Roby	Commanding Officer	Jan 99 - Dec 99
CDR Raoul Rall	Executive Officer	Jan 99 - Mar 99
CDR Thomas Quinn	Executive Officer	Mar 99 - Dec 99
CDR [REDACTED]	Maintenance Officer	Jan 99 - Dec 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Operations Officer	Jan 99 - Dec 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Administrative Officer	Jan 99 - Mar 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Administrative Officer	Mar 99 - Sep 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Administrative Officer	Sep 99 - Dec 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Safety Officer	Jan 99 - Mar 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Safety Officer	Mar 99 - Dec 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Safety Officer	Dec 99 - Dec 99
CDR [REDACTED]	Training Officer	Jan 99 - Dec 99
LCDR [REDACTED]	Human Resources Officer	Jan 99 - Mar 99

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON BOARD

<u>Staff Officers</u>	<u>Staff Enlisted</u>	<u>Student Officers</u>	<u>Student Enlisted</u>
70	340	109	9

OPERATIONS

The Operations Department schedules every training and flight event at VAW 120. This group of officers works closely with the Training Department on a daily basis ensuring every element of the CNO syllabus is completed for category I through category IV students. In 1999, 52 pilots, 58 Naval Flight Officers (NFO's) and 18 C-2A(R) enlisted Naval Aircrewmembers completed the E-2C and C-2A(R) training syllabi. The squadron logged 7768 total flight hours, all of which were class "A" mishap-free. Squadron personnel developed and presented numerous VIP orientation briefings and aircraft indoctrination tours for visiting groups and prospective Carrier Air Wing Commanders. Additionally, VAW 120 trains foreign military students of Egypt, France, Singapore and Taiwan.

The Operations Department scheduled and coordinated five Field Carrier Landing Practice and seven Carrier Qualification detachments. These comprehensive tasks included determining the aircraft assets required, training to be completed, field or carrier usage, billeting, maintenance support, funding and other miscellaneous items. Operations was responsible for scheduling and contracting Air Intercept Control (AIC) aircraft assets which were employed for student NFO's to become AIC qualified.

VAW 120 is routinely tasked with providing tours for visiting groups such as the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Sea Cadets and the Boy Scouts of America. These briefings are designed to orientate prospective naval officers and enlisted personnel to the capabilities, limitations and mission of the E-2C "Hawkeye" and the C-2A(R) "Greyhound".

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department at VAW 120 provides the aircraft maintenance support necessary to accomplish the command's training mission. It currently provides all scheduled, unscheduled and special maintenance requirements for 12 E-2C and 5 C-2A(R) aircraft. As the largest department in the squadron, it contains approximately 70% of all permanently assigned personnel consisting of over 215

enlisted maintenance personnel, 21 Chief Petty Officers and 12 Officers.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

CY 99 was another impressive year of operational safety for the Greyhawks. The squadron flew 7768 hours and logged 1433 arrested landings. Highlights for the year include:

TOTAL HOURS:	7768
TOTAL EMBARKED HOURS:	788
TOTAL NIGHT HOURS:	1828
TOTAL ARRESTED LANDINGS:	1433
TOTAL NIGHT ARRESTED LANDINGS:	480
NUMBER OF E2C NATOPS CHANGES SUBMITTED:	227
NUMBER OF C2A NATOPS CHANGES SUBMITTED:	16
NUMBER OF HAZREPS SUBMITTED:	8
NUMBER SUBMITTED OF:	
HMR:	16
TPDR:	13
EI:	4
QDR:	2
NUMBER SAFETY ARTICLES PUBLISHED:	0
NUMBER OF SAFETY STAND DOWNS:	4
LAST:	DEC 99
NUMBER OF MISHAPS:	3 (Class C)
NUMBER OF FLIGHT VIOLATIONS:	0

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

The Command hired a civilian consulting firm, The Thomas Group to help re-organize the training structure. The recommendations were implemented with future expectations of reducing the time to train all students.

The command was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and one of the Navy's Revolutionary Business Affairs "Beacon" Awards this year for its embracement of the Naval Aviation Production Process Improvement Program.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Human Resources Department was consolidated with the Administration Department in March. The Assistant Administrative Officer normally serves as the Human Resources Officer.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Administration Department was combined with the Human Resources Department in March 99 and the Administrative Officer was made the Department Head.