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Encl: (1) VAW-121 1986 Command History  
(2) ~~BI Monthly Operating Reports for Calendar Year 1986 (U)~~  
(3) ~~Dist. (Biography) of [redacted], Commanding Officer, VAW-121~~  
(4) ~~VAW-121 Family [redacted] for Calendar Year 1986~~

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## VAW-121 1986 COMMAND HISTORY

### MISSION

The mission of this squadron is to provide Airborne Early Warning and Tactical Command, Control, and Communication services to the Force Commander in support of National policy.

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

VAW-121 is a component of CVW-7, Captain Michael N. Matton, Commanding

### COMMANDING OFFICER

The Commanding Officer of VAW-121 during the 1986 calendar year was Commander William D. Vance.

### HOMEPORT

VAW-121 is home based at Hangar SP-1, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA.

### AIRCRAFT

VAW-121 flies and maintains four Grumman E2-C Hawkeye aircraft at any given time. During the 1986 calendar year the squadron had reporting responsibility for six different E2-C's: Bureau Numbers 161346, 161096, 159498, 160698, 160007 and 160700.

### 1986 OPERATIONS

During 1986 CVW-7 and VAW-121 did not participate in a major deployment aboard an aircraft carrier due to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER'S (CVN-69) major overhaul period at Newport News Shipyard. VAW-121, however, was operationally tasked with many different missions and detachments throughout the year. Enclosure (2) are the bi-monthly operating reports which list chronologically all squadron operational events during the year with analysis and descriptions of operations, aircraft, and crew performance.

Enclosure ( 1 )