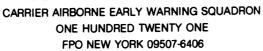
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Encl: (1) VAW-121 Command History

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## ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY 1988

# I. Command Composition and Organization

CARAEWRON ONE TWO ONE is tasked primarily as a Carrier Airborne early warning platform currently deploying aboard the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) along with Air Wing Seven. CDR E.F. Caffrey, Jr. relieved CDR Babin as Commanding Officer on 27 Oct 1988 and CDR M.R. Milliken joined the Bluetails as Executive Officer.

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#### II. CHRONOLOGY 1988

### January-

11-26 Battle group phase work-ups with the USS EISENHOWER. Fleet and Mobile Sea Range exercises.

# February-

29 Deployed: Enroute to Med.

#### March-

1-11 TRANSLANT
-Targeting exercise involving USS IOWA and USS YORKTOWN.

### March-

- 12-17 Turnover in West Med.
- 18-24 Port visit: Palma, Spain

## April-

- 1-04 Port visit: Toulon, France
- 5-10 Operations: West Med.
- 11-17 Post visit: Marseille, France
- 18-25 Operations: West Med/Tyrrhenian Sea
- 26-30 Port visit: Cannes, France

# May-

- 2-13 DRAGON HAMMER 88 E. Med.
  \*Confidential After Action Report included.
- 16-19 Port visit: Augusta Bay, Italy
- 23-26 Port visit: Antalya, Turkey
  - 31 POOPDECK 88 West Med

#### June-

- 1-03 POOPDECK 88 West Med
  After Action Report included
- 6-08 Tunisian Phiblex: Cent. Med.
- 9-19 Port visit: Palma, Spain
- 20-24 Optimize 88: Cent. Med.
- 27-30 Port visit: Naples, Italy

### July-

- 1-05 Port visit: Naples, Italy
- 10-11 Port visit: Haifa, Israel
- 12-14 JUNIPER FALCONRY: E. Med.
  \*Confidential After Action Report included.
- 15-17 Port visit: Haifa, Israel
- 18-21 JUNIPER FALCONRY: E. Med.
- 26-31 Port visit: Livorno, Italy

# August-

- 8-15 Port visit: Cannes, France
- 17-18 Operations: West Med.
- 19-28 TRANSLANT
- 29-31 INPORT: Norfolk, Va.

### September-

- 21 VF-142 MISSILEX: VACAPES
- 27-29 STS-26 Support: Patrick AFB, FL.
  - 28 VF-143 MISSILEX: VACAPES

#### October-

16-21 THUNDERBOLT: NAS Key West, FL.

## November-

- 2-21 VF-142/VF-143 FFARP: VACAPES
- 29-30 STS-27 Support: Patrick AFB, FL.

### December-

- 1-02 STS-27 Support: Patrick AFB, FL.
- 6-18 ORANGE AIR Detachment: NAS Roosevelt Roads, P.R. Exercise After Action Report included.