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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (18) are submitted for VAW-123 1990 Calendar Year History.

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VAW-123 COMMAND ORGANIZATION

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 123 (VAW-123). The SCREWTOPS fly the Grumman E-2C Hawkeye and are assigned to Carrier Air Wing ONE (CVW-1) embarked in USS AMERICA (CV 66). The squadron's primary mission is airborne early warning (AEW) and battle management. VAW-123 is presently commanded by Commander M. L. Maurer. VAW-123 started the year with four E-2C aircraft but transitioned, under the CNO transitional air wing concept, to a five aircraft squadron, starting in May. Aircraft bureau numbers and their time onboard are:

DATES ONBOARD

<u>BUNO</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
161547	600	JUN 86	JUN 90
161549	601	DEC 86	DEC 90
161550	602	JUN 86	JUN 90
161551	603	SEP 86	SEP 90
162619	600	MAY 90	DEC 90
162801	601	DEC 90	DEC 90
162797	602	JUN 90	DEC 90
162798	603	SEP 90	DEC 90
162799	604	APR 90	DEC 90

VAW-123 CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS CY 1990

JANUARY

01 - 04 CJTF-4 Counter Narcotics Operation, NAS Key West, FL
10 OTH-T exercises, with USS CINCINNATI, Virginia Capes
11 - 24 Counter Narcotics Operations NAS Key West, FL

FEBRUARY

10 - 11 Exercise BOLD EAGLE, MCAS, Beaufort
20 AEGIS Validation, NAS Brunswick, ME
25 - 28 AEGIS Validation, USS NORMANDY (CG 60), NAS Roosevelt
Roads
28 Link-11 Exercise, USS AMERICA (CV 66), Virginia Capes

MARCH

01 AEGIS Validation, USS NORMANDY (CG 60), NAS Roosevelt
Roads
04 - 09 Exercise SAFE PASS, NAS Cecil Field, FL
10 - 14 Carrier Qualifications, USS AMERICA (CV 66), Virginia
Capes
19 - 21 CVW-1 MISSILEX, Virginia Capes

APRIL

01 - 05 CVW-1 MISSILEX, NAS Roosevelt Roads, P.R.
10 CVW-6 Fly-Off Coordination, Virginia Capes
17 Link-11 Validation, USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51), Virginia
Capes
17 - 19 Small Boat Ops, Virginia Capes
24 - 30 Link-11 Exercise, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 71), Virginia
Capes

MAY

04 Link-11 Validation, USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) and USS
NORMANDY (CG 60), Virginia Capes
09 - 17 Counter Narcotics Operations, NAS Key West, FL
15 CVW-1 Power Projection exercise, MCAS Beaufort

JUNE

12 - 13 Special Operations exercise, Virginia Capes
14 - 30 VF-33 Fleet Fighter Air Combat Maneuvering Readiness
program, Virginia Capes

JULY

- 01 - 27 VF-102 Fleet Fighter Air Combat Maneuvering Readiness Program, Virginia Capes
- 04 - 14 Strike Fighter Air Combat Maneuvering Readiness Program, NAS Key West FL with VFA-86, VF-102
- 11 E-2C Weapons System Demonstration, Admiral Robaglia, French Navy, Virginia Capes
- 10 - 12 Link-11 Exercise, USS AMERICA (CV 66), Virginia Capes
- 23 - 27 VF-102, VF-33 Air intercept control competitive exercise Virginia Capes
- 31 CVW-1 Missile Firing exercise, Virginia Capes

AUGUST

- 01 CVW-1 Missile Firing Exercise, Virginia Capes
- 06 - 09 Carrier Qualifications, USS AMERICA (CV 66), Virginia Capes
- 13 - 31 Enhanced Counter Narcotics Operations, Howard AFB, Panama

SEPTEMBER

- 08 - 27 CVW-1 Weapons Training Deployment, NAS Fallon, NV
Awarded CNO AEW Excellence Award for 1989

OCTOBER

- 10 - 31 CVW-1 / USS AMERICA (CV 66) Advanced Phase, Puerto Rican Operating Area

NOVEMBER

- 01 - 22 CVW-1 / USS AMERICA (CV 66) FLEETEX, Puerto Rican Operating Area
Nominated for Battle "E" Award
Nominated for Meritorious Unit Commendation

DECEMBER

- 03 - 31 CVW-8 Bahrain Detachment, Saudi Arabia
- 28 - 31 Battle Group Delta Deployment

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JANUARY

The SCREWTOPS opened the year with a detachment operating from NAS Key West, Florida in the congressionally mandated "War on Drugs." On the 10th, the squadron initiated analysis on Link 11 accuracy for SSN Tomahawk/Harpoon deployment. Under Commander Joint Task Force 4 (CJTTF-4) tactical control, the second counter narcotics operation of the year was conducted during the last two weeks from NAS Key West, Florida. The squadron performed flawlessly, completing 26 out of 26 sorties including three alert launches.

FEBRUARY

The SCREWTOPS volunteered to participate in two major (40 - 60) aircraft opposed strikes into the Mid-Atlantic Weapons Range. In this exercise, our controllers worked with F-16s, F-15s, F-5s, F-18s, F-14s, and AV-8s. When another squadron was unable to support AEGIS testing for NAS Brunswick, VAW-123 completed the tasking with only 2 hours notice. The SCREWTOPS received praise from SUPSHIP Bath, "The SCREWTOPS came through ... Your aircrew professionalism and material readiness were evident as you responded to a very short notice requirement." In the last part of the month, the squadron provided AEGIS system validation for the USS NORMANDY (CG 60). SCREWTOPS provided Link-11 and C3/range surveillance during Tactical Air Launched Decoy (TALD) presentation exercises and again received praise from SUPSHIP Bath for "consistently high quality support."

MARCH

The SCREWTOPS continued Link 11 exercises and range control operations for the USS NORMANDY (CG 60) in the beginning of March. From 04 to 09 March, the squadron controlled Orange force raids on USAF defended blue surface forces. Later, the SCREWTOPS participated in Carrier Qualifications aboard the USS AMERICA (CV 66), which yielded a record 178 carrier arrested landings and 11 qualified pilots. At the end of the month, the squadron provided range surveillance for Missile Firing Exercises (MISSILEX) conducted in the Virginia Capes (VACAPES) firing operations area.

APRIL

The SCREWTOPS provided range clearance and coordination for air-to-air missile firing exercises. This resulted in the successful firing of 23 missiles. SCREWTOPS were praised for post cruise CV flyoff coordination of all fixed wing aircraft in CVW-6. Our squadron was paramount in the preliminary testing of the BURKE class AEGIS system on the USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) in the middle of the month. Next, the SCREWTOPS provided command and control for Sea Air Land (SEAL) force counter terrorist tactics testing and validation. Later that month, the squadron conducted Link 11 exercises with USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-71).

Airborne Early Warning of Iraqi's air to surface missile firing aircraft to coalition Naval forces deployed within the Arabian Gulf. The command embarked in USS AMERICA (CV 66) on 28 December. The SCREWTOPS began their Atlantic transit on 28DEC90 to participate in Desert Shield and eventually, Desert Storm.

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