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(6) Photograph of Commanding Officer  
(7) Photograph of Squadron Aircraft

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted as VAW-123's 1995 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 operationally assigned to Carrier Air Wing ONE (CVW-1) embarked in USS AMERICA (CV-66). While ashore, VAW-123 is based at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia. The squadron's administrative chain of command is through the type wing, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, who provides administrative and technical guidance and support on the E-2C Hawkeye. The squadron's primary mission is to provide Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command and Control services to fleet forces with prompt and sustained combat operations at sea in direct support of the carrier air wing, carrier battle group, and the Navy's global maritime strategy. VAW-123 is presently commanded by Commander Robert W. Ryan.

VAW-123 CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS CY 1995

JANUARY

29-31 SFARP WITH VFA-86, NAS KEY WEST, FL

FEBRUARY

01-10 SFARP WITH VFA-86, NAS KEY WEST, FL

MARCH

10-31 CVW-1 WEAPONS DETACHMENT, NAS FALLON, NV

APRIL

18-30 TSTA III/COMPTUEX, USS AMERICA (CV-66)

MAY

01-23 CV-66 TSTA III/COMPTUEX, USS AMERICA (CV-66)  
24-31 FLEET WEEK, NEW YORK CITY

JUNE

30 CHANGE OF COMMAND, NAS NORFOLK, VA

JULY

07-24 JTFEX 95-3, USS AMERICA (CV-66), VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA

AUGUST

25-27 CQ ABOARD USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65)  
28 SQUADRON EMBARKED ABOARD USS AMERICA (CV-66)  
28-31 TRANSLANT

SEPTEMBER

01-05 TRANSLANT  
06-09 TRANSIT MEDITERRANEAN SEA  
10-17 OPERATION DELIBERATE FORCE, ADRIATIC SEA  
18 OPERATION DENY FLIGHT, ADRIATIC SEA  
19-22 PORT VISIT, CORFU, GREECE  
23-29 OPERATION DENY FLIGHT, ADRIATIC SEA  
30 PORT VISIT, TRIESTE, ITALY

OCTOBER

01-05 PORT VISIT, TRIESTE, ITALY  
06-22 OPERATION DENY FLIGHT, ADRIATIC SEA  
25-29 PORT VISIT, RHODES, GREECE  
30 TRANSIT TO EASTERN MED  
31 EXERCISE JUNIPER HAWK, EASTERN MED

NOVEMBER

01-02 EXERCISE JUNIPER HAWK, EASTERN MED  
03-07 EXERCISE INFINITE COURAGE, CENTRAL MED/IONIAN SEA  
10-17 EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR, EASTERN MED  
18 TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL  
19-25 TRANSIT RED SEA TO ARABIAN GULF  
KUWAIT DETACHMENT  
26 KUWAIT DETACHMENT FLY-ON  
26-30 OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, ARABIAN GULF

DECEMBER

01-03 OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, ARABIAN GULF  
09 TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL  
12-18 OPERATION DENY FLIGHT, ADRIATIC SEA  
19-28 OPERATION DECISIVE ENDEAVOR, ADRIATIC SEA  
28-31 PORT VISIT, TRIESTE, ITALY

VAW-123 COMMAND MONTHLY NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR CY 95

JANUARY

Beginning on the 29th of the month, the SCREWTOPS conducted SFARP with VFA-86 out of NAS Key West, FL. The remainder of January was spent training, developing tactics and conducting NATOPS Evaluation flights.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	43.4	DAY	19
NIGHT	2.4	NIGHT	2
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		0
	NIGHT		0

FEBRUARY

SFARP with VFA-86 out of NAS Key West, FL continued until the 10th. The rest of February was spent maintaining aircrew readiness and currency standards per NATOPS.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	78.9	DAY	38
NIGHT	1.0	NIGHT	0
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		0
	NIGHT		0

MARCH

The month of March saw the SCREWTOPS dedicate a great deal of time training with the entire Carrier Air Wing ONE team developing tactics and weapons proficiency. The squadron flew out of NAS Fallon, NV in support of the weapons detachment from the 10th to the 31st.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	215.1	DAY	63
NIGHT	52.9	NIGHT	13
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		0
	NIGHT		0

APRIL

From the 18th through the end of the month, VAW-123 was embarked in USS AMERICA (CV 66) with CVW-1 for TSTA III and COMPTUEX training.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	119.1	DAY	38
NIGHT	144.9	NIGHT	35
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		18
	NIGHT		36

MAY

The first three weeks saw the SCREWTOPS continuing TSTA III and COMPTUEX in AMERICA. From the 24th to the 31st, the Air Wing ONE/CV-66 team visited New York City for Fleet Week 1995. During this week, the SCREWTOPS participated in many public relations activities involving a great deal of interaction between military and civilian personnel.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	182.1	DAY	48
NIGHT	81.7	NIGHT	32
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		43
	NIGHT		34

JUNE

Following an immensely successful Fleet Week, the SCREWTOPS returned home to NAS Norfolk, VA to participate in developing Airborne Battlefield Command Control and Communications (ABCCC) Weapon System Trainer (WST) scenarios. These simulator events provide realistic introduction for all aircrew into Bosnian Theater Operations and the ABCCC mission. SCREWTOP NFOs drafted the scenario flowcharts, instructor data and appropriate geopoints, which were all part of a training package submitted to VAW-120, COMAEWWINGLANT and CAEWWS. On the 30th, VAW-123 conducted a Change of Command ceremony during which CDR Robert W. Ryan relieved CDR Jack E. Frazier as Commanding Officer.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	118.5	DAY	42
NIGHT	49.2	NIGHT	21
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
	DAY		25
	NIGHT		14

JULY

From the 7th to the 24th, the SCREWTOPS participated in JTFEX 95-3 aboard USS AMERICA in the Virginia Capes Operating Area. During this portion of the workup cycle, VAW-123 successfully flew 8 consecutive days of 24-hour flight operations, as well as continuing to define and enhance AEW doctrine.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	219.7	DAY	65
NIGHT	112.5	NIGHT	37
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
		DAY	63
		NIGHT	45

AUGUST

The first part of the month was spent flying FCLPs at Fentress OLF in preparation for carrier qualifications at the end of the month. CQ was held from the 25th to the 27th aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65). On the 28th, VAW-123 embarked in USS AMERICA (CV-66) for Mediterranean deployment JTG 95-3.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	69.0	DAY	29
NIGHT	63.8	NIGHT	21
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
		DAY	24
		NIGHT	10

SEPTEMBER

From the 11th to the 17th, the squadron took part in Operation DELIBERATE FORCE, flying combat support missions over Bosnia-Herzegovina. Starting the 18th, the SCREWTOPS flew missions in conjunction with Operation DENY FLIGHT and began developing and implementing the new aircrew designation in the Hawkeye: Airborne Command Element (ACE).

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	171.8	DAY	48
NIGHT	113.8	NIGHT	46
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
		DAY	48
		NIGHT	49

OCTOBER

The majority of the month saw VAW-123 flying in support of Operation DENY FLIGHT. The SCREWTOPS also instituted ABCCC Director and Battlespace Manager designation programs providing joint commanders with an additional asset in littoral warfare. On the 16th, the SCREWTOPS celebrated 27 years of mishap-free flying. On the 31st, the squadron began Exercise JUNIPER HAWK.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	155.2	DAY	42
NIGHT	122.5	NIGHT	51
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
		DAY	45
		NIGHT	58

NOVEMBER

Exercise JUNIPER HAWK continued for the first two days of the month. Beginning on the 4th and ending the 7th, the squadron flew four consecutive days of 24-hour operations during Exercise INFINITE COURAGE. From the 10th to the 16th, VAW-123 was involved in Exercise BRIGHT STAR. Later in the month, USS AMERICA transited the Suez Canal and the SCREWTOPS flew Operation SOUTHERN WATCH missions using two aircraft detached ashore in Kuwait while simultaneously flying two aircraft embarked in AMERICA for 10 days. SOUTHERN WATCH missions continued through the end of the month.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	233.3	DAY	68
NIGHT	196.3	NIGHT	68
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
		DAY	74
		NIGHT	64

DECEMBER

Operation SOUTHERN WATCH continued until the 3rd of the month. From the 12th to the 28th, the SCREWTOPS returned to Bosnia-Herzegovina to resume their role as the only E-2C squadron to fly combat support missions as part of Operation DECISIVE EDGE. VAW-123 ended 1995 with a well-deserved port visit to Trieste, Italy.

<u>HOURS FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>		<u>SORTIES FLOWN FOR THE MONTH</u>	
DAY	214.7	DAY	67
NIGHT	154.3	NIGHT	60
<u>ARRESTED LANDINGS FOR THE MONTH</u>			
		DAY	69
		NIGHT	61

AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO VAW-123 DURING CY 1995

MODEX	BUNO	TRANSFERRED/RECEIVED	DATE
AB/600	161099	RECEIVED	30 DEC 92
AB/601	161229	RECEIVED	03 MAR 93
AB/603	160992	RECEIVED	01 APR 93
AB/602	160991	RECEIVED	22 APR 93
AB/604	162799	RECEIVED	14 SEP 94
AB/603	160992	TRANSFERRED	18 AUG 95
AB/604	162799	REDESIGNATED (AB/603)	18 AUG 95