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Command Operations Report

This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. Instructions on submitting this form and the required attachments are at the end.

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 123 (VAW-123)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **09477**

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: **Hash** First: **Keith** M.I.: **A** Rank: **Commander**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2011-10-06**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **To execute commander's intent by providing on-scene, carrier airborne command and control of joint and combined forces in the battlespace. The SCREWTOPS were deployed on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) from January 2011 to July 2011 to the 5th and 6th Fleet Area of Responsibilities.**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **Naval Station Norfolk, VA**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Commander, Carrier Air Wing ONE**

Administrative: **Commander, Airborne Command Control and Logistics Wing**

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable): **VAW-123 is assigned to Carrier Air Wing ONE (CVW-1), attached to Carrier Strike Group TWELVE (CSG-12), and embarked on USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65). The SCREWTOPS supported Operations NEW DAWN and ENDURING FREEDOM in the FIFTH Fleet Area of Responsibility.**

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): **N/A**

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **4 E-2C+NU: 163693, 165297, 165647, 165298 (Replaced by 165303 in SEP11)**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **N/A**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 32 Enlisted: 128 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LT [REDACTED]

Job Title/Office Code: Public Affairs Officer

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]

Phone number(s): [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: VAW-123

UNIT 60138

FPO AE 09507-6409

2. Commander's Assessment

The Commander's Assessment briefly tells the story of the command's role in national defense and should highlight any general and specific lessons-learned. It should contain the commander's commentary, insights and reflections on the unit's activities. Attention should be directed to significant issues impacting training, operations and mission accomplishment during the reporting period. Descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to major command decisions and results of those decisions are particularly desired. Also desired are accounts of specific contributions of individuals in the command to mission accomplishment. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, particular attention should be given to the commander's estimate of the situation, records of discussions and decisions, descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to operational decisions and results of those decisions. For a unit returning from deployment or participating in a single operation this can normally be a single assessment. For higher-echelon

commands or units engaging in multiple operations, a separate assessment for each operation in addition to an overall assessment may be appropriate.

- VAW-123's primary mission was to provide support to CVW-1 close air support (CAS) and electronic warfare (EW) assets during OEF and OND. VAW-123 provided coordination between the strike warfare commander and the Combined Air and Space Operations Center (CAOC), ensuring that airborne assets were provided up-to-date changes to tanking or tasking requirements. A vital link between multiple command and control (C2) agencies, VAW-123 collected mission reports (MISREPS) from tasked units and quickly pushed the information to collection agencies in an effort to shorten the overall kill chain. They also provided safety of flight (SOF) de-confliction along the heavily traversed routes of flight and coordinated real-time weather changes and airborne emergency deviations with ground based air traffic control facilities and the CAOC.

- VAW-123 provided AEW and maritime security support for CSG-12 while operating in both C5F and C6F. During this time, VAW-123 maintained alert postures and provided around the clock command and control for multiple counter-piracy contingency operations.

- VAW-123 sent five aircrew during the deployment to the CAOC as the CVW-1 E-2C Hawkeye liaison. The squadron was instrumental in leading the way for the initial stand-up of the new concept for the Maritime Air Support Operations Center (MASOC). Their efforts were captured in the first draft discussing the MASOC concept and assisted follow-on CSG's to refine the concept.

- Once finished in the FIFTH Fleet, the SCREWTOPS traveled with the Enterprise Strike Group to Palma de Mallorca, Spain for a port visit. The squadron returned home to Naval Station Norfolk on 15 July 2011. The SCREWTOPS continued to stay sharp through an AIC detachment to Naval Air Station Key West, FL in August, missile exercise support for VMFA-251 off the coast of South Carolina and an intensive Hawkeye Advanced Readiness Program (HARP) in September, and a condensed Air Wing Fallon Weapons Detachment in October and November. The Screwtops then finished the year with carrier qualifications on board ENTERPRISE in December.

3. Chronology and Narrative

Chronology should include dates of movements; local operations and training; exercises and operations (define acronyms and purpose of exercise or operation); installation of new weapons systems or changes; major physical changes to facilities, ship or aircraft; Class A or B mishaps; port visits; unit awards received; reserve augmentation; and other significant operational or administrative events.

2011

Deployment	USS ENTERPRISE	2011-01-03
Port Visit	Lisbon, Portugal	2011-01-26 - 2011-01-28
C6F Operations	Mediterranean Sea	2011-01-31 - 2011-02-13

Port Visit	Marmaris, Turkey	2011-02-08 - 2011-02-11
C5F Operations	Red Sea/HOA/Arabian Gulf	2011-02-15
S/V Quest Support	Horn of Africa	2011-02-19
Operation NEW DAWN	Persian Gulf	2011-03-18
Operation ENDURING FREEDOM	Southern Afghanistan	2011-03-19 - 2011-04-09
Port Visit	Manama, Bahrain	2011-04-12 - 2011-04-15
Operation NEWDAWN	Persian Gulf	2011-04-17 - 2011-04-29
Operation ENDURING FREEDOM	Southern Afghanistan	2011-05-02 - 2011-06-02
C5F Operations	Gulf of Aden	2011-06-03 - 2011-06-23
C6F Operations	Mediterranean Sea	2011-06-24
Port Visit	Palma, Spain	2011-06-28 - 2011-07-02
End of Deployment	NS Norfolk, VA	2011-07-15
Air Wing Fallon	NAS Fallon, NV	2011-10-21 - 2011-11-10
Flight Deck Certification	USS ENTERPRISE	2011-12-05 - 2011-12-08

The short narrative should amplify chronology entries (such as objectives and results of exercises/operations; commander's evaluation of exercises/operations, etc). Entries may refer to an enclosure of this report without additional description if the enclosure sufficiently reports the incident/event. For all other entries, give the date or period in YYYY-MM-DD format and provide a brief narrative. All significant events during the reporting period are to be included.

4. Supporting Reports

Supporting Reports are those reports required by other instructions that provide significant data about the command during the calendar year. These reports may be submitted "as is," eliminating the need to duplicate information for this report that is already contained in reports prepared in response to other instructions and requirements. Examples include battle efficiency, safety and other award submissions, major staff or command studies, and end of cruise reports or briefs. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, enclosures may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Situation Reports
- b. Intentions Messages
- c. Operational Reports
- d. Operations Orders/Deployment Orders
- e. Operational Plans
- f. Personal For Messages
- g. After Action Reports
- h. Significant Electronic Message Traffic (outgoing/e-mail/chat)
- i. Battle Damage Assessments
- j. Casualty Reports
- k. End-of-Cruise/Deployment Reports
- l. Intelligence Summaries
- m. Major Exercise Reports

List below the items submitted, indicating the classification of each. Electronic reports should be in a Microsoft Office format (Word, Excel, Power Point, or Access), HTML, PDF, JPG, GIF, or plain text. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Submit electronic reports via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained at the end of this form. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in hardcopy in the same manner as a CD-ROM.

Battle E Report
End of Cruise Brief

5. Published Documents

List below the published documents being submitted in either electronic or paper format, indicating the classification of each item. Documents to be submitted include cruise books, change of command programs, commissioning/decommissioning brochures, establishment/disestablishment/deactivation brochures, copy of command's web site, news releases, biography of commander, welcome aboard brochures, newspaper articles, command studies, statistical data, etc.

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October 2011 Change of Command Program
Squadron Newsletters (February, March, April, May, June, July)
Commanding Officer Biographies (CDR Beaver, CDR Hash)

6. Photographs

List below official photographs and any other command-generated media being submitted in either electronic or paper format. Photographs to be submitted include: official photo of commanding officer; recent photo of ship, aircraft, or facility; and photos of historic events associated with the command. Photographs submitted electronically should be in JPG, TIFF or GIF format. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Photographs in electronic format are to be submitted via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained below. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in the same manner as the CD-ROM. Also include any photographs covering operational strikes, battle damage (especially that sustained by own ship, aircraft, facilities or equipment), or other relevant photos relating to combat or deployment operations.

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