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Command Operations Report

1. Command Data

- a. Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE TWO THREE (VAW-123)
- b. 09477
- c. Commanding Officer
- d. Leung / Raymond / C
- e. Commander
- f. 2014-04-03
- g. Provides Airborne Early Warning command and control in support of Fleet and joint assets / Norfolk, VA
- h. Norfolk, VA
- i. Immediate superior In command: CVW-3
- j. Operational: Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW-3)
- k. Administrative: Airborne Command Control and Logistics Wing (ACCLOGWING)
- l. None
- m. None
- n. 5 E-2C Hawkeyes – Tail Codes AC 600-604
- o. None

p. Number of Personnel Assigned:

q. Officers: 28 / Enlisted: 128 / Civilian: 0

r. Command Point of Contact:

- (1) LCDR [REDACTED]
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2. Commander's Assessment

The SCREWTOPS demonstrated unparalleled excellence throughout a challenging 2014. The year required the SCREWTOP team to think “out of the box” in order to meet Air Combat Training Continuum (ACTC) milestones during an extended inter-deployment period. This ambitious training plan, under strict financial constraints, proactively pursued cost-effective training opportunities to ensure mission success. These actions directly resulted in VAW-123 enhancing training and readiness for CVW-1, CVW-3, and Airborne Command Control and Logistics Wing.

The SCREWTOPS ensured aircrew met career milestones by augmenting three VAW squadrons on deployment. One pilot conducted combat operations in support of attacks against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIL) terrorist group. Three aircrew from VAW-123 deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Five aircrew and one Sailor assisted with Pacific Command's theater objectives by flying from the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), conducting exercise plans in South Korea during Exercise KEY RESOLVE and in Guam during Exercise VALIANT SHIELD, and finally by recovering remains with Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Laos.

During this year, VAW-123 excelled in the Navy Occupational Safety and Health Inspection, Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization Unit Evaluation, and the Commander Naval Air Forces Aviation Maintenance Inspection (AMI). VAW-123's exceptional programmatic accomplishments are highlighted by AMI results of 37 programs graded “on track,” exceeding the overall Fleet average by 50 percent.

Two achievements stand out for VAW-123 in 2014. First, the squadron inducted the first E-2C Hawkeye into the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. Second, VAW-123 performed 2 Trans-Atlantic flights, transferring an E-2C to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE TWO FOUR deployed to the United States Central Command area of

responsibility and returning an E-2C to Norfolk with 75 incident free flight hours allowing for continued command and control combat operations in support of theater objectives.

The Hawkeye Community and Naval Aviation pride itself on its dedication to professionalism and aggressive mission accomplishment. VAW-123 is dedicated to this fine tradition and the squadron's multitude of accomplishments in 2014 is a testimony to their unwavering commitment to the VAW Community and Naval Aviation.

3. Chronology / Narrative

10-12 MAR	HSCWSL Hellfire MISSLEX Norfolk, VA
03 APR	Change of Command – see enclosure (2)
09 MAY	VAW-123 E-2C Hawkeye aircraft induction to National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM) Pensacola, FL
13 MAY	CVW-7 MINEX Virginia Beach, VA
15 MAY	USAF Exercise RAZOR TALON Jacksonville, FL
28 MAY-07 JUN	VAW-124 Trans-Atlantic aircraft transfer – SCREWTOPS ferried an E-2C roundtrip to Bahrain due to wing center section crack on VAW-124 aircraft
15 JUL	ISIC change from CVW-1 to CVW-3
16 JUL	USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) carrier qualification (CQ)
29-31 JUL	USAF Exercise BOAR'S NEST Warner Robins, GA
07 AUG	VMFA-223 MISSLEX Virginia Beach, VA
20-28 AUG	Exercise COALITION VIRTUAL FLAG 14-4
25-23 AUG	USS ANZIO (CG 68) RGM-84 Harpoon MISSLEX Norfolk, VA
17-28 AUG	VFA-131 MISSLEX Virginia Beach, VA
9-11 SEP	CVW-3 MISSLEX Virginia Beach, VA
15-19 SEP	Exercise VALIANT SHIELD Guam
24-25 SEP	USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75) CQ
29 OCT	FY14 Squadron Blue M Award for Outstanding Medical Readiness
24 NOV	Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic recognition for 90,400 Class "A" Mishap free flight hours
17 DEC	New York and Maryland Air National Guard Exercise Wallops Island, VA
DEC	FY 14 Retention Excellence Award

4. Supporting Reports

See Enclosure 1 - Battle "E" nomination

5. Published Documents

See Enclosure 2 - Change of Command Program

Command Website: <http://www.cacclw.navy.mil/vaw123/>

Facebook Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/VAW-123/108237052529993>

Naval History and Heritage Command Website:

<http://www.history.navy.mil/research/archives/command-operations-reports/aviation-commands/vaw-carrier-airborne-early-warning-squadrons/vaw-123.html>

6. Photographs

See Enclosure 3 - CO

See Enclosure 4 - XO