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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: Command History

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) Annex I, POR for 1-31 January 1980  
(2) Annex II, POR for 1-29 February 1980  
(3) Annex III, POR for 1-31 March 1980  
(4) Annex IV, POR for 1-30 April 1980  
(5) Annex V, POR for 1 May - 20 June 1980  
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(10) Annex X, POR for 1-30 November 1980  
(11) Annex XI, POR for 1-31 December 1980  
(12) Annex XII, AEW Excellence Award Submission  
(13) Annex XIII, Battle "E" Award Submission  
(14) Annex XIV, CNO Annual Aviation Safety Award Submission  
(15) Annex XV, 1980 Command History Update  
(16) Annex XVI, Golden Mike Award  
(17) Annex XVIII, Personnel Manning Rosters

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted as VAW-126's Command History for calendar year 1980.

a. Basic History

(1) CDR Herman J. LONG, JR., USN, [REDACTED] 1320 was Commanding Officer from 5 September 1979 until squadron change of command on 8 December 1980, when command was assumed by CDR Gary M. WITZENBURG, USN, [REDACTED] 1320.

(2) The mission, composition of command, and homeport were unchanged in 1980. The officer and enlisted manning records for 1980 are attached as Enclosure (17)

b. Summary of Operations (specific details in Annexes I-XI)

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(1) 1 Jan - 25 Feb: NAS Norfolk, VA

(2) 26 Feb - 3 April: Returned to sea aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) for pilot carrier qualifications and JFK Refresher Training operating in the Key West and Jacksonville Florida Op Areas.

(3) 4 April - 27 April: NAS Norfolk, VA

(4) 28 April - 16 May: Type Training (TYT) I and II conducted in operating areas off Norfolk and Jacksonville coasts.

(5) 17 May - 25 May: NAS Norfolk, VA

(6) 26 May - 21 June: Participated in OPSAIL '80 (Boston's 350 Birthday Celebration) from 29 May to 4 June. Started TYT III in the Jacksonville OP Area continuing to Puerto Rico Op Area, finishing with the Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE).

(7) 22 June - 3 Aug: NAS Norfolk, VA.

(8) 4 Aug - 31 Dec: Deployed aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) to the Mediterranean Sea.

(a) 8 - 21 Aug: Transit to and operations in Western Mediterranean.

(b) 17 - 21 Sep: Participated in National Week Exercises where E-2C airborne command and control was given particular emphasis. The CV maintained a strict Emcon (Emission Control) posture in order to conceal its whereabouts, allowing the E-2C extensive control over the tactical picture. "Real World" operations were also conducted off the coast of Libya.

(c) 2 - 12 Oct: An extensive surface search and electronic surveillance scenario was participated in by VAW-126 during Display Determination exercises with the French.

(d) 11 - 13 Nov: Poopdeck, joint-combined air defense exercise with U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force and Spanish Armed Forces participating.

c. Special Topics: Award submissions summarized in Annexes XII, XIII, XIV, XVI.

d. Documentary Annexes: POR's (Annexes I-XI, AEW Excellence Award Submission XII, Battle "E" Award Submission XIII, CNO Annual Aviation Safety Awards Submission XIV, 1980 Command History Update XV, Golden Mike Award Submission XVI, Personnel Manning Rosters Annex XVII.

  
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