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CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON  
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**VAW-124 COMMAND HISTORY  
FOR 1993**

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## COMMAND ORGANIZATION

- a. Commanding Officer  
Commander T. A. Parker - Commander W. A. Wolters  
03 Apr 92 - 27 Jun 93 27 Jun 93 - Present
- b. Executive Officer  
Commander W. A. Wolters - Commander R. R. Costanzo  
03 Apr 92 - 27 Jun 93 27 Jun 93 - Present
- c. Squadron Mission

To function as an airborne tactical command and control center for offensive and defensive operations by providing Airborne Early Warning and aircraft control through data link and voice communications.

- d. Command Composition

Aircraft: Four Grumman E-2C Hawkeyes

- \* AJ 600, Buno # 162802
- \* AJ 601, Buno # 160007
- \* AJ 602, Buno # 160702
- \* AJ 603, Buno # 161548

Personnel:

Officers: 30

Flying Status: 26  
Maint/Intel: 4

Enlisted: 147

Enlisted on Board: 147  
Flight Status: 1

- e. Squadron Nickname: "Bear Aces"

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

01 JAN - 13 JAN 1993	INPORT - NORVA
14 JAN - 26 JAN 1993	SPMAGTF OPS
26 JAN - 02 FEB 1993	INPORT - NORVA
02 FEB - 12 FEB 1993	ADVANCED PHASE
13 FEB - 10 MAR 1993	POM
11 MAR - 24 MAR 1993	MED 2-93 TRANSIT & TURNOVER W/JFK
25 MAR - 11 APR 1993	OPERATION PROVIDE PROMISE
12 APR - 24 MAY 1993	OPERATIONS DENY FLIGHT AND PROVIDE PROMISE
25 MAY - 27 MAY 1993	AVOGONISI STRIKE TRAINING & TRANSIT TO RHODES, GREECE
28 MAY - 01 JUN 1993	INPORT - RHODES, GREECE
02 JUN - 04 JUN 1993	TRANSIT TO ADRIATIC
04 JUN - 26 JUN 1993	OPERATIONS DENY FLIGHT AND PROVIDE PROMISE
26 JUN - 30 JUN 1993	TRANSIT TO SUEZ CANAL
01 JUL - 14 JUL 1993	OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH
15 JUL - 18 JUL 1993	TRANSIT TO NAPLES, ITALY
19 JUL - 28 JUL 1993	INPORT - NAPLES, ITALY
29 JUL 1993	TRANSIT TO ADRIATIC SEA
30 JUL - 05 AUG 1993	OPERATIONS DENY FLIGHT AND PROVIDE PROMISE
06 AUG 1993	TRANSIT TO CORFU, GREECE
07 AUG - 12 AUG 1993	INPORT CORFU, GREECE
13 AUG 1993	TRANSIT TO ADRIATIC SEA

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14 AUG - 24 AUG 1993	OPERATIONS DENY FLIGHT AND PROVIDE PROMISE
25 AUG 1993	TURNOVER WITH USA BATTLE GROUP
26 AUG - 07 SEP 1993	TRANSIT TO NORVA
06 SEP 1993	CVW - 8 FLY OFF
08 SEP 1993	HOME COMING
09 SEP - 30 SEP 1993	POST DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN
23 SEP 1993	MISSILE-EX (VCOA)
01 OCT - 19 OCT 1993	INPORT - NORVA
11 OCT - 14 OCT 1993	MISSILEX (EGLIN AFB)
20 OCT 1993	CQ CVN-71
21 OCT - 22 OCT 1993	INPORT NORVA
23 OCT 1993	DEPENDENT'S DAY CRUISE, AIRPOWER DEMONSTRATION
24 OCT - 07 NOV 1993	INPORT NORVA
08 NOV - 19 NOV 1993	VF-84 FFARP
20 NOV - 28 NOV 1993	INPORT - NORVA
01 DEC - 02 DEC 1993	SPACE SHUTTLE ALERT
03 DEC - 07 DEC 1993	INPORT - NORVA
08 DEC - 15 DEC 1993	CVW-17 ORANGE AIR (CPOA)
15 DEC - 31 DEC 1993	INPORT - NORVA

### 1993 COMMAND HISTORY UPDATE

The start of a new year found the Bear Aces of VAW-124 continuing operations aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT with the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF). In February the Bear Aces successfully completed their advanced phase training and were ready for deployment beginning 11 March. On 25 March, after turning over with VAW-126/USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, they began flying in support of Operation Provide Promise and Maritime Guard. In the early morning hours of 26 March, Bear Ace 603 and her crew were lost at sea. The Bears rebounded from this tragedy and continued their crucial mission in support of United Nations sanctions. On 12 April, Operation Deny Flight was added to their tasking. In all operations the Bears' precision and expertise were essential to the United Nations' effort to avoid further destruction and loss of life in the besieged country of Bosnia-Herzegovina (B-H).

Relief from the tedious employment in the Adriatic came on 25 May. Practice Strikes at Avogonisi range were followed by a transit to Rhodes, Greece for a port call from 28 May through 1 June. On 4 June, the Bears were again scrutinizing the skies, watching for violators of the No-Fly Zone over B-H, while also supporting the much needed supply drops to needy areas in country.

On 26 June, USS ROOSEVELT and CVW-8 were sent to fill a gap in the CENTCOM AOR. After transiting the Suez Canal, VAW-124 began flying missions from the Red Sea in support of Operation Southern Watch. Here, their quick reaction time and ability to flex to changing threats and environments were put to the test. The Bears performed flawlessly in the face of adversity and

their stamina saw them through another 45 days without a portcall. In mid-July, the Bears headed back into the Mediterranean Sea, bound for Naples. After 9 days in port, they returned to the Adriatic and on 30 July they resumed their duties over B-H.

On 7 August, the Bears stopped briefly in Corfu, Greece then returned to the Adriatic for ten more days of Operations Deny Flight and Provide Promise. Turnover with the America Battle Group was completed on 25 August, and the Bear Aces headed home after a truly arduous deployment marked by top-notch performance in both the Adriatic and Red Seas.

The Bears arrived in Norfolk on 8 September, and after a 30 day standdown, they were again responding to operational commitments. On 23 September they flew in support of a missile exercise in the Vacapes OpArea and soon after sent a detachment to Eglin AFB for a high visibility missile exercise. On 20 October, they performed CQ aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT and participated in an airpower demonstration for the Dependents' Day Cruise. In early November the Bears participated in FFARP with VF-84, and from 8 to 15 December they flew Orange Air sorties against the USS SARATOGA/(CVW-17 ) Battlegroup.

## STATISTICS

### a. Milestones

Flight Hours for CY 1993: 2013.6

### b. Performance Statistics

1. Mission Capable Rate (MC): 63.4%
2. Full Mission Capable Rate (FMC): 50.8%
3. A799 Rate: 4.8%
4. FOD Incidents: 0
5. Sortie Completion Rate: 99.1%