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From: Commanding Officer, Airborne Early Warning Squadron SEVEN SEVEN
To: Director of Naval History

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) Biography of CDR T. D. Lindsey

1. Per reference (a), the following information is submitted:

a. Command Composition and Organization. Airborne Early Warning Squadron SEVEN SEVEN's (VAW-77) primary mission is to serve as a counter-narcotics command and control platform in our Nation's war on drugs. The command falls under the administrative control of Carrier Air Wing Reserve TWO ZERO based out of NAS Cecil Field, FL. The squadron will routinely deploy throughout the United States and Caribbean. Once deployed, the command will normally fall under the operational control of Joint Interagency Task Force East or United States Southern Command. The command is a Naval Reserve squadron based out of Naval Air Station Atlanta, Marietta, GA, flying four Northrop Grumman E-2C Hawkeye aircraft. Commander Thomas D. Lindsey, a Selected Reservist, is the Commanding Officer. Squadron manning is made up of 18 full time Training and Administration of the Reserves (TAR) officers and 15 enlisted, 24 Selected Reserve officers and 10 enlisted, and 34 Northrop Grumman contractor personnel who perform maintenance on the aircraft.

b. Chronology.

1. 01 Oct 95 - VAW-77 officially established.
2. 18 Oct 95 - VAW-77 Establishment Ceremony held at Hangar 5, NAS Atlanta. RADM Keith, Commander Naval Air Reserve Force, guest speaker.
3. 18-19 Oct 95 - VAW-77 conducted its first drill weekend.
4. 25 Oct 95 - First VAW-77 flight.

c. Narrative.

VAW-77 was established 1 October 1995. The reserve command was established to replace VAW-122 as a full time counter narcotics E-2C squadron. On 18 October 1995 the squadron held it's Establishment Ceremony. The ceremony was conducted in the format similar to a change of command. CDR T. D. Lindsey is the first Commanding Officer and CDR S. L. Wetzel is the Executive Officer. 18 Oct 95 was also the first scheduled drill weekend.

On 25 October 95, VAW-77 flew it's first flight with CDR Lindsey, LCDR Cutchen and CDR Wetzel.

d. Supporting Documents. Enclosure (1) is CDR Lindsey's biography.


S. L. Wetzel
By direction