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AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON SEVEN SEVEN
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From: Commanding Officer, Airborne Early Warning Squadron
SEVEN SEVEN

To: Director of Naval History

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Biography of CDR T. D. Lindsey
(2) Biography of CDR C. P. Valliere

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) and the following information are 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 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 Atlanta. The squadron routinely deploys 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 Claude P. Valliere, 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) 07 - 09 Jan 96 - Missile Exercise with MAG-49.

(2) 17 - 22 Mar 96 - Counter Narcotic Training in Savannah, GA with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI).

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(3) 18 Apr 96 - Counter Narcotic Training Missions with the United States Coast Guard Aviation Training Center located in Mobile, AL.

(4) 05 May 96 - 03 July 96 - Counter Narcotic Missions with Joint Interagency Task Force East (JIATF EAST) and Tactical Support Center (TSC), Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

(5) 14 - 21 Aug 96 - Counter Narcotic Missions in support of SEAD, DEA and OPBAT in the Bahamas LEA operational theater.

(6) 17 Sept 96 - Provided SAR alert services for Space Shuttle Mission-79 (STS-79).

(7) 17 Oct 96 - 15 Dec 96 - Counter Narcotic Missions with Joint Interagency Task Force East (JIATF EAST) and Tactical Support Center (TSC), Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

(8) 27 Jan 97 - 01 Feb 97 - Counter Narcotic Missions in support of SEAD, DEA and OPBAT in the Bahamas LEA operational theater.

(9) 11 Feb 97 - Provided SAR alert services for Space Shuttle Mission-80 (STS-80).

(10) 11 Feb 97 - VAW-77 received USCG Meritorious Unit Commendation

(11) 26 Feb - 4 Mar 97 - Counter Narcotic Training in Savannah, GA with the Georgia Bureau Investigations.

2. Narrative. The Nightwolves have had a successful first year of operations. We've been involved in numerous verifications of new tactics for the E-2C Hawkeye and at the same time have had great success in the war on drugs. Our deployments have been marked by multiple seizures and subsequent destruction of marijuana, cocaine and other illegal drugs as well as the vehicles transporting these substances. These successes enabled the squadron to earn the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation.



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