

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the World Famous Black Eagles, VAW-113, located in Naval Base Ventura County, about an hour and a half from Los Angeles, California. You are about to join the premier E-2 squadron in the Navy, flying the most advanced version of the E-2C, the Hawkeye 2000.

The Black Eagles are now passing their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary with more than 91,000 hours of Class "A" mishap free flights. Our superb record is due to the hard work and dedication of ALL HANDS. We look forward to your contribution as a productive and positive member of the Black Eagle Team as we continue our fifth decade of mishap-free flying!

We are also extremely proud of our squadron team and extended family. You will find great support throughout the chain of command as we strive to work hard and play smart. I will be responsible for ensuring you are introduced to your chain-of-command and that your initial personal needs are addressed.

You will be required to hold a no-fee passport due to our various deployments and detachments. If you have not yet applied for one, I highly encourage you to do so prior to detaching from your command. If you have any questions, please contact your current Personnel Office or your Black Eagle sponsor.

If you have any questions or special needs, please let us know. Our command Sponsor Coordinator is NC1(AW/SW/IDW) Randy Viscarra [randy.viscarra@navy.mil](mailto:randy.viscarra@navy.mil) at 805-989-3300 and the Command Ombudsman is Mrs. Sara Collins [vaw113ombudsman@yahoo.com](mailto:vaw113ombudsman@yahoo.com) at 805-814-8260. You can access more information through our Black Eagle website at [www.cacclw.navy.mil/vaw113/](http://www.cacclw.navy.mil/vaw113/). Please contact our Squadron Duty Office at (805)989-3285 if you need assistance upon arrival. There are more websites below to assist you in your transfer to VAW-113. In the event you fly into Los Angeles International Airport, contact your sponsor immediately prior to your scheduled arrival.

My office telephone number 805-989-3290 and my email address is [maurice.sutherland@navy.mil](mailto:maurice.sutherland@navy.mil) just in case further assistance is required.

Once again, welcome aboard! I am looking forward to meeting you and I hope you look forward to being a part of the World Famous Black Eagles!

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