Second VP-28

Lineage

Established as Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED EIGHT (VB-108) on 1 July 1943.

Redesignated Patrol Bombing Squadron ONE HUN-DRED EIGHT (VPB-108) on 1 October 1944.

Redesignated Patrol Squadron ONE HUNDRED EIGHT (VP-108) on 15 May 1946.

Redesignated Heavy Patrol Squadron (Landplane) EIGHT (VP-HL-8) on 15 November 1946.

Redesignated Patrol Squadron TWENTY EIGHT (VP-28) on 1 September 1948, the second squadron to be assigned the VP-28 designation.

Disestablished on 1 October 1969.

Squadron Insignia and Nickname

The first insignia submitted by the squadron was approved by CNO on 24 November 1948. The central figure in the design was a pirate, or Privateer, symbol-



A cartoon pirate was the squadron's first insignia.

izing the type of aircraft flown by the squadron. The pirate was shown holding a bomb in either hand while standing astride a cloud equipped with a propeller and four cannon. He was obviously intent on sinking his victims below: a submarine and a surface ship. Colors: sky and water, blue; clouds, white; propeller and ship, brown and white; guns, bombs and submarine, black; pirate trousers, red; shirt, white; bandanna, red and white.



The squadron's second insignia used a Hawaiian warrior as the central figure.

cape, red; hatchet, yellow; flesh, cream.

A third insignia, again featuring a Hawaiian warrior, was approved by CNO on 26 December 1962. This



The third insignia used the Hawaiian warrior standing on the deck of a submarine.

warrior was shown standing on the deck of a shattered submarine, wielding his battle ax on the enemy vessel. The extra detail was desired by the squadron to more accurately depict the primary role of the squadron in the sixties, antisubmarine warfare. Colors: background, blue; helmet and interior of cape, yellow; cape exte-

The second in-

signia of VP-28 was approved by CNO on 18 November 1954.

The selection of a Hawaiian warrior in

feather helmet and

cape was influenced by the fact that the

squadron was based at Kaneohe Bay.

Colors: background,

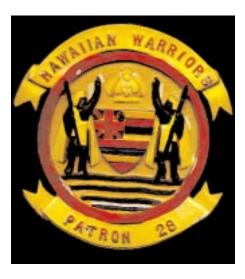
blue; cape and hel-

met, yellow; loin

cloth, red; exterior of

rior and loin cloth, red; axe, yellow; submarine, gray; squadron designation, yellow on blue scroll.

A fourth design retained reference to the local culture, but featured the crosses of St. Andrew and St.



The fourth insignia featured more elements of the local Hawaiian culture in its design.

George on the shield borne by the warrior chief. A crown in the design symbolized the Hawaiian monarchist era and control over the sea. The warriors in the design were portrayals taken from the King Kamehameha statue. Colors were purported to be predominately red and yellow, the colors of the Hawaiian "alii" or chief. The insignia was approved by CNO on 15 December 1966, and was used by the squadron until its disestablishment in 1969.

Nicknames: Hawaiian Warriors, October 1954–1969.

Chronology of Significant Events

- **1 Jul 1943:** VB-108 was established at NAS San Diego, Calif., with an initial "on paper" complement of 12 PB4Y-1 aircraft. Within a few days, the squadron was relocated to NAAS Camp Kearney, Calif., where it received an increase to 15 aircraft, with 57 officers and 148 enlisted personnel organized into 18 flight crews. During the training period the squadron came under the operational control of FAW-14.
- **3 Oct 1943:** With its training completed in late September 1943, the squadron began preparations for its transpac to NAS Kaneohe, Hawaii. The first aircraft departed on 2 October 1943, with all arriving safely at Kaneohe on the 3rd. Routine patrols and combat training commenced immediately. The squadron came under the operational control of FAW-2.
- 23 Oct 1943: Nine of the squadron's 15 aircraft were flown to Canton Island to provide an escort cover for photographic planes of VD-3. This was a most unusual move, since the PB4Y-1 aircraft previously had lacked nose turrets and could not have provided the firepower to protect themselves. All of the early Liberators received for Navy use were Army versions (B-24D) without a powered nose turret. Reports from the combat zone showed that Liberator squadrons with 30-caliber nose guns sustained very high casualty rates. PB4Y-1 Liberators destined for Navy use did not get the refit with the ERCO 250 SH-1 powered turrets with twin 50-caliber gun mounts until after May 1943. Retrofits with the new turrets were completed at Litchfield Park, Ariz. VB-108 was among the first group of squadrons to be equipped with the newer, more heavily armed aircraft.
- **4 Nov 1943:** The Canton detachment flew its first combat mission against light opposition over the enemy-held island of Mille.
- **11 Nov 1943:** VB-108 was relocated to Nuku Fetau, Ellice Islands. Its primary mission was reconnaissance of enemy-held territories, with authorization to attack any targets of opportunity. Generally, six missions were flown each day with photographic coverage of the designated patrol sectors.
- **3 Dec 1943:** Lieutenant Ackerman, flying "Pistol Packing Mama," returned to Mille at wave-top height catching the enemy gunners by surprise. He thor-

- oughly strafed the runway and aircraft revetments before turning his attention to the harbor. There he located and sank an enemy transport and headed for home. On departure from Mille "Pistol Packing Mama" was attacked by six fighters. Lieutenant Ackerman and his crew fought off the enemy aircraft, possibly shooting down two and damaging a third. This form of low-level attack was to become the specialty of VB-108 throughout the central Pacific. It featured approach at no more than 25 feet above the wave tops, then a "pop up" to 150 feet for precise dropping of bombs, all the while blasting at every target and enemy gun site. Surprise was the key element to success, and the fact that the squadron suffered few casualties proved the utility of the tactic.
- **6 Dec 1943:** Lieutenant Daley and crew strafed the length of Jaluit sinking a landing barge filled with Japanese sailors, and exploding two depth bombs on top of an Emily H8K Navy Type 2 four-engine seaplane. Later, several squadron aircraft led by their commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander Renfro, bombed and strafed Jaluit, sinking two ships and damaging two others.
- 12 Dec 1943: Lieutenant John H. Stickell and his crew conducted a solo raid on the enemy facilities at Jaluit. Although the aircraft arrived over the atoll at tree top level, the Japanese defenders were not caught off guard. Lieutenant Stickell flew through a veritable wall of flak to reach the buildings inland, dropping his bombs squarely on target. During the attack a machine gun bullet hit Stickell. Despite a severe wound, he flew his aircraft safely out of the target area. He elected to continue on to a base with a long enough runway for a safe landing rather than risk the lives of his crew landing on a closer, but shorter emergency strip. During the four hour trip to the airfield Lieutenant Stickell bled to death. As a result of his sacrifice and his earlier bravery during previous attacks on enemy installations Lieutenant Stickell was awarded the Navy
- **11 Jan 1944:** VB-108 was relocated to Apanama, Gilbert Islands, still under the operational control of FAW-2. Missions from this location were carried out against Kwajalein, Rongelap, Eniwetok, Parry, Wake, and Kusaie islands resulting in the sinking of at least four enemy vessels.
- **7 Mar 1944:** A detachment was sent to Kwajalein to operate with VB-109.
- **28 Feb 1944:** Two aircraft piloted by Lieutenant Commander John E. Muldrow and Lieutenant Max A. Piper conducted the first daylight bombing attack ever launched on Wake Island. The attack was delivered at low-level (less than 100 feet) with 500-pound bombs. The mission was one of the longest conducted by VB-108 at that time, covering 2,500 miles round trip with over 19 hours in the air.

11 Apr 1944: VB-108 moved to Eniwetok. On that day one of the squadron aircraft attacked an enemy submarine while on patrol, claiming a sinking. This was undoubtedly *I-174*, which departed on 3 April 1944 from the Inland Sea of Japan for the Marshall Islands, Lieutenant Katsuto Suzuki commanding. It failed to answer when called on 11 April 1944. Over the next three months the squadron bombed and strafed installations at Orolick, Ulul, Ujelang, Ant and Pakin islands.

10 Jul 1944: VB-108 was relieved at Eniwetok by VB-116 for return to Kaneohe Bay. After arriving at NAS Kaneohe a week later, the squadron was put on standby status as a ready squadron. Little activity took place other than routine patrols and training flights while crews returned to stateside for rotation and processing of new personnel.

20 Sep-Oct 1944: The squadron was reformed at NAS Alameda, Calif., with its new personnel and PB4Y-1 aircraft. Training continued at NAS Alameda until 17 October 1944, when the squadron was relocated to NAAS Crow's Landing, Calif., for further flight training and preparation for transpac to Hawaii. During this period the squadron came under the operational control of FAW-8.

10 Jan 1945: The ground crews and support staff of the squadron, consisting of one officer and 87 enlisted personnel, departed San Diego by ship arriving in Hawaii on 18 January 1945. The VPB-108 aircrews

departed in three aircraft elements on the 18th, with all aircraft arriving safely at NAS Kaneohe by 19 January 1945.

20 Jan–12 Mar 1945: VPB-108 aircrews began intensive combat training at Kaneohe, with emphasis on air-to-air combat. During this period the squadron came under the operational control of FAW-2. In early February the squadron received new Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer aircraft as replacements for its Liberators.

13 Mar 1945: VPB-108 was transferred to Peleliu Island, Palau, under the operational control of FAW-1 (TG 50.5). The squadron operated as part of the Tinian Search Group (CTU 50.5.3), and conducted nightly antishipping patrols in the Palau area.

4 Apr 1945: VPB-108 was transferred to NAB Tinian to conduct sector searches and continue daily antishipping patrols in the Marianas area. An advanced detachment of eight aircraft and nine crews operated from 15 to 30 April 1945 at Central Field, Iwo Jima. A second detachment operated from that location from 1 to 8 May 1945. During the stay on Tinian Lieutenant Commander Robert C. Lefever experimented with a two-cannon arrangement mounted in the nose of his aircraft. The twin 20-mm gun mount was so successful in combat operations that the remainder of the squadron aircraft were quickly retrofitted with the additional armament.



A squadron PB4Y-2 in flight (Courtesy James C. Miller, Sr. Collection).



Squadron PB4Y-2s on the flight line at NAS Agana, 1949 (Courtesy James C. Miller, Sr. Collection).

9 May 1945: Lieutenant Commander John E. Muldrow, the squadron commanding officer, and seven of his crew were killed in a combat mission against Japanese-held Marcus Island. The attack was conducted in conjunction with several aircraft of VPB-102. Jallao (SS 368) rescued five of the surviving crewmembers. In addition to the loss of Lieutenant Commander Muldrow's aircraft, one VPB-102 Privateers was shot down in flames. As a result of his heroism in leading the attack in the face of intense ground fire, destruction of two enemy aircraft and severe damage to enemy ground targets, Lieutenant Commander Muldrow was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross. Lieutenant (jg) Richard D. Panther was also awarded the Navy Cross for his action against Marcus Island. On 9 May he led his aircraft in successful low-level attacks against enemy installations on the island. He also assisted in the destruction of two enemy aircraft and inflicted severe casualties on enemy troops.

3 Jun–Jul 1945: The advanced detachment operating from Iwo Jima was increased to 12 aircraft and 13 crews. On 1 July 1945, the remainder of the squadron joined the detachment at Iwo Jima. Duties included searches, antishipping patrols and barrier patrols. In addition to standard patrols, the squadron executed 31 air-sea rescue missions in the month of July.

2 Sep 1945: From Iwo Jima the squadron conducted a flyover with VPB-117 and VPB-124 at Truk as

a demonstration of power in conjunction with the formal surrender ceremonies held that same day aboard *Missouri* (BB 63) in Tokyo Bay, Japan.

10 Jan 1949: The squadron maintained an advance detachment at NAF Naha, Okinawa, for search and rescue, typhoon reconnaissance and possible emergency airlift in the event of problems relating to Taiwan and China.

Jun-Jul 1950: At the outbreak of the Korean Conflict on 25 June 1950, VP-28 was already deployed to NAF Agana, Guam. On 14 July 1950, the squadron relocated to Naha AFB, Okinawa, with a detachment remaining at NAF Agana. During the first few weeks of the hostilities the squadron flew patrols over the Formosa Straits, Foochow and Shanghai, China.

26 Jul 1950: A squadron aircraft encountered enemy fighters during a patrol mission.

Apr-Oct 1951: The squadron's primary mission during this combat deployment to Korea was ship surveillance and the secondary mission was antisubmarine patrol. VP-28 was also assigned the additional task of special night weather reconnaissance patrols along the Korean coast.

28 Jun 1951: During the squadron's second tour in the Korean combat zone it was ordered to participate in operation Firefly, the dropping of flares to provide illumination for Marine Corps night fighters attacking supply routes in North Korea.



A squadron P-3A carrying missiles on its pylons.

- **1 October 1951**: The squadron was ordered to form a detachment to continue flare operations in Korea following its return to NAS Barbers Point. On 1 October four planes, 13 officers and 39 enlisted personnel were detached from the squadron and assigned as VP-28 Detachment Able to continue the flare dropping mission in Korea until relieved by VP-871.
- **16 Dec 1951**: The squadron's Detachment Able returned to NAS Barbers Point from NAS Atsugi, Japan, after 2 1/2 months of flare operations totaling 1,103 flight hours.
- **26 May 1952:** VP-28 deployed to Naha, Okinawa. From this location the squadron maintained patrols along the Communist-held China coast and the Straits of Formosa.
- **20 Sep 1952:** A P4Y-2S flown by Lieutenant Harvey R. Britt was attacked by two MiG-15s over the sea near Shanghai. Five firing passes were made by the MiGs without damage to the Privateer, which returned safely to Naha, Okinawa. During the remainder of the deployment three more squadron patrols were subjected to attacks by MiGs. Squadron aircraft exchanged fire with the MiGs but no damage was reported on any of the aircraft.
- **28 Nov 1952**: The squadron transferred three P4Y-2S Privateers to Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) Formosa for transfer to the Chinese Nationalist Air Force.
- **8 Jan 1955:** VP-28 deployed to Japan under the operational control of FAW-6. Daily surveillance flights were flown over the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea.
- **Jun 1956:** The Warriors deployed to NAS Kodiak, Alaska. During the deployment the squadron flew

- surveillance patrols along the northern defense perimeter, and assisted scientists in gathering data on ice conditions in the Bering Sea and volcanic activity along the Aleutian Islands.
- **23 Jul 1957:** A squadron P2V-5F, BuNo. 128418, crashed 300 yards off the end of the NAS Barbers Point runway, killing all eleven crewmen aboard.
- **17 Apr 1962:** VP-28 deployed to advance bases on Christmas and Johnston islands to provide air reconnaissance during U.S. nuclear testing. The squadron flew enough miles during the three-month period to circumnavigate the world 18 times.
- **16 May 1964:** VP-28 deployed to WestPac, based at Iwakuni, Japan, with a detachment at NS Sangley Point, R.P. From August to September 1964, the squadron flew a total of 1,148 hours in support of the Seventh Fleet during the Tonkin Gulf Crisis.
- **11 Dec 1964–Apr 1965:** VP-28 received its first two P-3A Lockheed Orions as replacements for the SP-2H Neptunes. Transition to the new aircraft was completed in April 1965.
- **3 Nov 1965:** VP-28 deployed to WestPac with its new Orions, stationed at NS Sangley Point, R.P., with a detachment at NAS Agana, Guam. Despite the difficulties in maintaining the new type airframes at this site, the squadron flew a record number of flight hours in Market Time and Yankee Team patrols for one month, surpassing the previous record set in Neptunes during the August 1964 Tonkin Gulf Crisis.
- **27 May 1967:** The Warriors deployed to NAS Adak, Alaska. During the deployment the squadron received one of the strangest missions ever assigned to a patrol squadron. The ex-USS *Robert Louis Stevenson* was a

hulk loaded with 2,000 tons of obsolete ordnance ready for disposal. The hulk was towed into position south of Amchitka Island, where it was to be scuttled. It was rigged to hydrostatically detonate at a depth of 4,000 feet. Research vessels nearby would monitor the explosion for oceanographic and seismic research purposes. A combination of bad weather and strong winds pushed the hulk off position after the sea cocks were opened. The vessel sank in water too shallow to detonate the charge. VP-28 was called upon to bomb the submerged wreckage and detonate the charge. A total of 24 2,000-pound bombs were dropped on the position with no secondary explosions. It was later determined that the hulk was thoroughly flattened and the ordnance dispersed in a manner that no longer posed a danger to navigation.

15 Jan-26 May 1969: VP-28 deployed to Naha, Okinawa, relieving VP-22. Detachments were maintained at Cam Ranh Bay, RVN, and NAS Atsugi, Japan. On 18 April 1969, the squadron was put on alert following the downing of a Navy EC-121 by the North Koreans. The squadron dropped the alert status on 26 May, resuming normal operations.

1 Oct 1969: VP-28 was disestablished at NAS Barbers Point.

Home Port Assignments

| Location | Date of Assignment |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| NAS San Diego, Calif. | 1 Jul 1943 |
| NAAS Camp Kearney, Calif. | 3 Jul 1943 |
| NAS Kaneohe, Hawaii | 3 Oct 1943 |
| NAS Alameda, Calif. | 20 Sep 1944 |
| NAAS Crows Landing, Calif. | 17 Oct 1944 |
| NAS Kaneohe, Hawaii | 19 Jan 1945 |
| NAF Naha, Okinawa | Dec 1945 |
| NAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii | Apr 1948 |
| NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii | 10 Jul 1949 |

Commanding Officers

| | Date Assumed Command |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| LCDR E. C. Renfro | 1 Jul 1943 |
| LCDR J. L. Elwell | Jul 1944 |
| LCDR J. E. Muldrow | 20 Sep1944 |
| CDR R. C. Lefever | 9 May 1945 |
| LCDR Alexander D. Walter, Jr. | 31 Aug 1945 |
| LCDR G. E. Hoffman | Mar 1946 |
| CDR C. E. Olson | Feb 1947 |
| CDR F. L. Curtis | 23 May 1948 |
| LCDR C. F. Skuzinski | 22 Jul 1949 |
| CDR C. S. Minter, Jr. | 12 Sep 1950 |
| LCDR C. B. McAfee | 8 Feb 1952 |
| CDR M. V. Montgomery | 17 Dec 1952 |
| CDR J. J. Hinman III | Apr 1954 |

Commanding Officers—Continued

| | Date Assumed Command |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| CDR R. W. Long | Aug 1955 |
| CDR H. D. Metke | Feb 1956 |
| CDR Robin E. Larson | Jan 1957 |
| CDR Ralph W. Hart, Jr. | Jul 1958 |
| CDR John R. Trautmann | 8 Jun 1959 |
| CDR Henis J. Williams | 12 Jul 1960 |
| CDR William C. Campbell | 23 Aug 1960 |
| CDR Henis J. Williams | 12 Jul 1961 |
| CDR Lloyd A. Kurz | 16 Jul 1962 |
| CDR R. T. Folsom | 29 Jul 1963 |
| CDR Walter D. Roll | 11 Apr 1964 |
| CDR Wallace E. Sharp | 26 Feb 1965 |
| CDR Chandler L. Von Schrader | 21 Jan 1966 |
| CDR Edward F Lebiedz | 28 Dec 1966 |
| CDR Ralph R. Hedges | 12 Dec 1967 |
| CDR Harvey Gray, Jr. | 12 Dec 1968 |
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Aircraft Assignment

| Type of Aircraft | Date Type First Received |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| PB4Y-1 | Jul 1943 |
| PB4Y-2 | Feb 1945 |
| PB4Y-2S | Oct 1949 |
| P4Y-2/2S* | 1951 |
| P2V-5 | 1 Dec 1952 |
| P2V-5F | 1959 |
| P2V-5FS PAR/MOD | Jan 1962 |
| SP-2H | Dec 1962 |
| P-3A | Dec 1964 |

 $^{^{\}circ}$ The PB4Y-2 and PB4Y-2S were redesignated P4Y-2 and P4Y-2S in 1951.



A squadron P2V being worked on in the hangar.

Major Overseas Deployments

| Date of Departure | Date of Return | Wing | Base of Operations | Type of Aircraft | Area of Operations |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Oct 1943 | 10 Jul 1944 | FAW-2 | Kaneohe | PB4Y-1 | WestPac |
| 23 Oct 1943 | * | FAW-2/1 | Canton | PB4Y-1 | SoPac |
| 11 Nov 1943 | * | FAW-1 | Nuku Fetau | PB4Y-1 | SoPac |
| 11 Jan 1944 | * | FAW-2 | Apanama | PB4Y-1 | SoPac |
| 11 Apr 1944 | * | FAW-1 | Eniwetok | PB4Y-1 | SoPac |
| 10 Jan 1945 | * | FAW-2 | Kaneohe | PB4Y-1 | WestPac |
| 13 Mar 1945 | * | FAW-1 | Peleliu | PB4Y-2 | SoPac |
| 4 Apr 1945 | * | FAW-1/18 | Tinian/Iwo | PB4Y-2 | SoPac |
| 1 Jul 1945 | * | FAW-1/18 | Iwo Jima | PB4Y-2 | SoPac |
| Dec 1945 | Apr 1948 | FAW-1 | Okinawa | PB4Y-2 | WestPac |
| 5 Jan 1949 | 10 Jul 1949 | FAW-1 | Agana/ | PB4Y-2 | WestPac |
| | | | Okinawa | | |
| 2 Feb 1950 | 14 Jul 1950 | FAW-1 | Agana | PB4Y-2/2S | WestPac |
| 14 Jul 1950 | 10 Aug 1950 | FAW-1 | Naha/Korea | PB4Y-2/2S | WestPac |
| 28 Mar 1951 | 11 Oct 1951 | FAW-1 | Itami | P4Y-2/2S | WestPac |
| 1 Oct 1951 [‡] | 13 Dec 1951 | FAW-1 | Kimpo/Korea | P4Y-2/2S | WestPac |
| 26 May 1952 | 1 Dec 1952 | FAW-1/2 | Naha | P4Y-2/2S | WestPac |
| Sep 1953 | Apr 1954 | FAW-4 | Kodiak | P2V-5 | NorPac |
| 8 Jan 1955 | 10 Jun 1955 | FAW-6 | Iwakuni | P2V-5 | WestPac |
| Jun 1956 | Nov 1956 | FAW-4 | Kodiak | P2V-5F | NorPac |
| Apr 1958 | Aug 1958 | FAW-6 | Kwajalein | P2V-5F | WestPac |
| 28 Dec 1959 | 15 May 1960 | FAW-6 | Iwakuni | P2V-5F | WestPac |
| 12 May 1961 | 11 Nov 1961 | FAW-6 | Iwakuni | P2V-5F | WestPac |
| 17 Apr 1962§ | 7 Jul 1962 | FAW-2 | Johnston Is. | P2V-5FS | SoPac |
| 19 Nov 1962 | 14 May 1963 | FAW-6 | Iwakuni | SP-2H | WestPac |
| 16 May 1964 | 18 Oct 1964 | FAW-6 | Iwakuni | SP-2H | WestPac |
| 5 Aug 1964§ | 30 Sep 1964 | FAW-8 | Sangley Pt. | SP-2H | WestPac |
| 3 Nov 1965 [†] | 2 Jun 1966 | FAW-8 | Sangley Pt. | P-3A | WestPac |
| 3 Nov 1965 [†] | 2 Jun 1966 | FAW-1 | Agana | P-3A | WestPac |
| 27 May 1967 | 1 Dec 1967 | FAW-4 | Adak | P-3A | NorPac |
| 15 Jan 1969† | 15 Jul 1969 | FAW-1 | Naha | P-3A | WestPac |
| 17 Jan 1969 [†] | 18 Jul 1969 | FAW-8 | Cam Ranh | P-3A | WestPac |
| 15 Jan 1969† | 18 Jul 1969 | FAW-6 | Atsugi | P-3A | WestPac |

^{*} Continued combat deployment in the South Pacific, moving from base to base.

Wing Assignments

| Wing | Tail Code | Assignment Date |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| FAW-14 | | 1 Jul 1943 |
| FAW-2 | | 3 Oct 1943 |
| FAW-8 | | 20 Sep 1944 |
| FAW-2 | | 19 Jan 1945 |
| FAW-1 | | 13 Mar 1945 |
| FAW-18 | | 5 May 1945 |
| FAW-1 | AB^* | 1 Dec 1945 |
| FAW-2 | CF [†] / QC [‡] | Apr 1948 |

^{*} The squadron remained part of FAW-1 but was assigned the tail

[†] The squadron's tail code was changed from CF to QC in 1957. The effective date for this change was most likely the beginning of FY 1958 (1 July 1957).



A close up of the tail of several squadron P-3As showing the Hawaiian warrior and the QC tail code, Adak, Alaska.

[†] Conducted split deployment to two or more sites on the same dates. ‡A squadron detachment was maintained in Korea to continue its mission of dropping flares for Marine Corps night fighters.

[§] Squadron detachments deployed to these sites but not the full squadron.

code AB on 7 November 1946.

† The squadron's tail code was changed from AB to CF on 4 August

Unit Awards Received

Unit Awards Received—Continued

| Unit Award | Inclusive Dat | e Covering Unit Award | Unit Award | Inclusive Da | te Covering Unit Award |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| PUC | 16 Jul 1950 | 7 Aug 1950 | VNSM | 3 Nov 1965 | 31 Dec 1965 |
| NUC NOSM | 1 Jun 1952 1 Nov 1943 15 Jul 1950 | 30 Nov 1952 8 Jul 1944 6 Aug 1950 | AFEM (Det) KSM | 4 Aug 1964 1 Apr 1951 | 15 Oct 1964 9 Oct 1951 |
| VNSM 3 Nov 1965 31 Dec 1965 | (Det) | 29 Oct 1952 | 30 Oct 1952 | | |



A squadron P-3A flies over the snow capped peaks near Adak, Alaska.