

SECOND VA-95

Lineage

Established as Attack Squadron NINETY FIVE (VA-95) on 26 March 1952.

Disestablished on 1 April 1970. The second squadron to be assigned the VA-95 designation.

Squadron Insignia and Nickname

The squadron's insignia was approved by CNO on 16 January 1957. Colors for the knight plumed helmet were: black background on left hand side and silver on the right half of the circular design, with a silver outline on the left and a black outline on the right; silver mace and black sword; the left side of the helmet was silver with green and black markings; the right side of the helmet was green with silver markings;



The squadron's plumed helmet insignia was approved in 1957.

the plume was red; and the scroll was silver, outlined in black with green lettering.

Nickname: Skyknights, 1957–1963.

Green Lizards, 1963–1970.

Chronology of Significant Events

Jan 1963: The squadron participated in cross deck operations with the British carrier HMS *Hermes* while operating in the western Pacific.

May 1963: Following the military losses of Lao neutralists to the Pathet Lao in the Plaine de Jarres, Laos, *Ranger* (CVA 61) transited to the South China Sea to support possible operations in Laos.

Nov 1964–Apr 1965: The squadron participated in support for photo reconnaissance missions and conducted strikes against targets in Laos.

7 Feb 1965: Following a Viet Cong attack against the American advisors compound at Pleiku, South Vietnam, the President ordered a reprisal strike against North Vietnam, named Flaming Dart I. The squadron's target was the Vit Thu Lu Barracks. However, the strike turned back due to poor weather conditions.

11 Feb 1965: Squadron aircraft participated in Flaming Dart II, retaliatory strikes against the Chanh Hoa military barracks near Dong Hoi, North Vietnam.

Mar 1965: The squadron participated in Rolling Thunder strikes against the Phu Qui ammunition depot in North Vietnam.

Apr 1966: The squadron departed Norfolk, Virginia,

enroute to Vietnam as part of an air wing composed only of attack squadrons.

Sep 1969: Following a coup that overthrew the Libyan monarchy *Kennedy* (CVA 67) cut short its visit to Cannes, France, and departed for operations in the Ionian Sea. The United States later extended diplomatic recognition to the new Libyan government.

Home Port Assignments

	<i>Location Assignment Date</i>
NAS Alameda	26 Mar 1952
NAS Moffett Field	08 Mar 1962
NAS Lemoore	01 Apr 1963
NAS Alameda	04 Aug 1968

Commanding Officers

	<i>Date Assumed Command</i>
LCDR Samuel B. Berrey	26 Mar 1952
LT L. Wilson (acting)	1953
CDR David L. Berrey	Aug 1953
CDR John C. Allman	Oct 1954
CDR Donald L. Irgens	Jan 1955
CDR Martin J. Stack	Sep 1956
CDR F. L. Brady	21 Mar 1958
CDR Rollin E. Gray, Jr.	20 Apr 1958
CDR Carl Weisse	04 Mar 1959
CDR R. R. Renaldi	02 Sep 1960
CDR Stanley F. Abele	13 Jun 1961
CDR H. G. Silliman	17 Jul 1962
CDR Harold J. Zenner	19 Jul 1963
CDR Dwight E. DeCamp	05 Jun 1964
CDR G. E. Jacobssen, Jr.	15 Jun 1965
CDR F. E. O'Connor, Jr.	10 Jun 1966
CDR W. E. Ohlrich, Jr.	26 Jun 1967
CDR M. A. Benero, Jr.	1968
CDR J. K. Hassett	02 Jul 1969

Aircraft Assignment

<i>Type of Aircraft</i>	<i>Date Type First Received</i>
F6F-5	21 Apr 1952
AD-1	19 May 1952
AD-4NA	03 Jul 1952
AD-4	Sep 1952
AD-4L	Oct 1952
AD-6/A-1H*	Oct 1953
AD-7/A-1J*	Sep 1956
A-4C	15 Jul 1965
A-4B	05 Dec 1965
A-4C	Sep 1968

* The AD-6 and AD-7 designations were changed to A-1H and A-1J in 1962.



A squadron AD-6 Skyraider positioned on the forward part of the flight deck along with other air wing Skyraiders. The photo was taken during Hornet's (CVA 12) transit through the Suez Canal in June 1954 during her world cruise.

Major Overseas Deployments

<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Date of Return</i>	<i>Air Wing</i>	<i>Carrier</i>	<i>Type of Aircraft</i>	<i>Area of Operation</i>
15 Dec 1952	14 Aug 1953	CVG-9	CVA 47	AD-4/L/NA	Korea
11 May 1954	12 Dec 1954	CVG-9	CVA 12	AD-6	World Cruise
11 Feb 1956	13 Jun 1956	CVG-9	CVA 34	AD-6	WestPac
16 Sep 1957	25 Apr 1958	CVG-9	CVA 14	AD-7	WestPac
06 Feb 1960	30 Aug 1960	CVG-9	CVA 61	AD-7	WestPac
11 Aug 1961	08 Mar 1962	CVG-9	CVA 61	AD-7	WestPac
09 Nov 1962	14 Jun 1963	CVG-9	CVA 61	AD-6/7	WestPac
05 Aug 1964	06 May 1965	CVW-9	CVA 61	A-1H/J	WestPac/Vietnam
04 Apr 1966	21 Nov 1966	CVW-10	CVS 11	A-4B	WestPac/Vietnam
15 Nov 1967	04 Aug 1968	CVW-8	CVA 38	A-4B	Med
05 Apr 1969	21 Dec 1969	CVW-1	CVA 67	A-4C	Med

Air Wing Assignments

<i>Air Wing</i>	<i>Tail Code</i>	<i>Assignment Date</i>
CVG-9/CVW-9†	N/NG*	26 Mar 1952
COMFAIRALAMEDA		02 Oct 1965
CVW-10	AK	01 Feb 1966
CVW-8	AJ	Oct 1967
COMFAIRALAMEDA		26 Aug 1968
CVW-1	AB	Feb 1969
COMFAIRALAMEDA		02 Mar 1970

* The tail code was changed from N to NG in 1957. The effective date for this change was most likely the beginning of FY 58 (1 July 1957).

† CVG-9 was redesignated CVW-9 when Carrier Air Group (CVG) designations were redesignated Carrier Air Wings (CVW) on 20 December 1963.

Unit Awards Received

<i>Unit Award</i>	<i>Inclusive Dates Covering Unit Award</i>	
KPUC	25 Jan 1953	27 Jul 1953
NUC	31 Jan 1953	27 Jul 1953
AFEM	19 Sep 1964	20 Sep 1964
	01 Oct 1964	09 Oct 1964
	28 Nov 1964	30 Dec 1964
	17 Jan 1965	17 Mar 1965
	04 Apr 1965	13 Apr 1965
VNSM	15 May 1966	15 Jun 1966
	08 Jul 1966	10 Aug 1966
	01 Sep 1966	23 Sep 1966
	02 Oct 1966	18 Oct 1966



All 14 of the squadron's A-4B Skyhawks are parked in numerical order on the flight line in 1967.