



VAW - 11

The AD-5W is a flying watchdog. The "Guppy" is by no means a sleek airplane with its bulging underbelly and squat shape. This plane extends the ship's radar search area over a space of many hundreds of square miles. The radar equipment stowed in the protruding bulge beneath the fuselage is extremely powerful and reliable and can make contact with an enemy either above or on the surface of the ocean. Once contact is made, fighter pilots in other planes are guided to the enemy from the "Guppy".

The long and tedious hours spent aloft by the men of VAW-11 help to ensure the safety of the ship from surprise attack. In wartime the lives of all the crew would depend in great part upon the watchful human and electronic eyes of LCDR Novak's airborne sentries.





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