



*V.A.A.W.-35*





VA-35 is home-based at NAS North Island, San Diego, and sends detachments to all CVA's in the Pacific. Each detachment consists of four AD-5N's, which are especially adapted for all weather low-level attack with special weapons capabilities.

The plane is manned by a crew of three, a pilot and two enlisted crew-members who operate the radar and other electronics equipment.

LCDR William H. Cleland is detachment Officer-in-Charge. Four other pilots—LT William M. Fitzgerald, LTJG John H. Hopp, LTJG Tammy H. Etheridge, and LTJG Thomas C. Walker—and 38 enlisted personnel complete the roster.

In addition to its all weather special weapon capabilities, the detachment's varied missions include close air support, ASW, search and rescue, active and passive ECM, and remote transmitting.

Although Detachment "Hotel" spent most of the cruise off-loaded at NAS Cubi Point in the Philippines, a full program of varied tactical training flights was put in operation.

