



120214-N-VE260-165 AYASE, Japan (Feb. 14, 2012) Airman Douglas Shearer, assigned to the Gauntlets of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 136, directs an EA-6B Prowler to the flightline on Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi. The Gauntlets are flying a trans-Pacific flight of more than 4,200 nautical miles (6,700 km) to arrive at Whidbey Island, Wa. The aircraft are being replaced by the EA-18G Growler of squadron VAQ-141 Shadow Hawks, which will occur in early spring 2012. The Gauntlets have been part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 for nearly 32 years. (U.S. Navy photo

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120214-N-VE260-237 AYASE, Japan (Feb. 14, 2012) Two EA-6B Prowlers attached to the Gauntlets of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 136 take off from Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi for the last time. The Gauntlets are flying a trans-Pacific flight of more than 4,200 nautical miles (6,700 km) to arrive at Whidbey Island, Wa. The aircraft are being replaced by the EA-18G Growler of squadron VAQ-141 Shadow Hawks, which will occur in early spring 2012. The Gauntlets have been part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 for nearly 32 years. (U.S. Navy photo Mass Communication

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120214-N-VE260-249 AYASE, Japan (Feb. 14, 2012) Two EA-6B Prowlers attached to the Gauntlets of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 136 take off from Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi for the last time. The Gauntlets are flying a trans-Pacific flight of more than 4,200 nautical miles (6,700 km) to arrive at Whidbey Island, Wa. The aircraft are being replaced by the EA-18G Growler of squadron VAQ-141 Shadow Hawks, which will occur in early spring 2012. The Gauntlets have been part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 for nearly 32 years. (U.S. Navy photo Mass Communication

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120214-N-VE260-300 AYASE, Japan (Feb. 14, 2012) Two EA-6B Prowlers attached to the Gauntlets of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 136 take off from Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi for the last time. The Gauntlets are flying a trans-Pacific flight of more than 4,200 nautical miles (6,700 km) to arrive at Whidbey Island, Wa. The aircraft are being replaced by the EA-18G Growler of squadron VAQ-141 Shadow Hawks, which will occur in early spring 2012. The Gauntlets have been part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 for nearly 32 years. (U.S. Navy

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120214-N-VE260-308 AYASE, Japan (Feb. 14, 2012) Two EA-6B Prowlers attached to the Gauntlets of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 136 take off from Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi for the last time. The Gauntlets are flying a trans-Pacific flight of more than 4,200 nautical miles (6,700 km) to arrive at Whidbey Island, Wa. The aircraft are being replaced by the EA-18G Growler of squadron VAQ-141 Shadow Hawks, which will occur in early spring 2012. The Gauntlets have been part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 for nearly 32 years. (U.S. Navy

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