

# ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRON 134



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The GARUDAS are a carrier aviation squadron based at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. The squadron is made up of approximately 30 officers and 170 enlisted men. The GARUDAS fly the Grumman Aerospace EA-6B Improved Capability (ICAP II) "Prowler", a four seat, twin turbojet carrier based aircraft that combines a fully intergrated electronic warfare weapons system with long range all weather capabilities. The EA-6B is the Navy's first aircraft designed specifically to counter the modern electronic warfare threat and thereby provide active jamming coverage for the fleet's aircraft. In modern EW environment, where radar is used extensively to acquire and track friendly strike aircraft, the four man GARUDA crew employs its ICAP II Tactical Jamming System to decieve and confuse the enemy radar and their operators, seriously degrading their effectiveness, and ensuring protection of strike aircraft. The nickname "GARUDA" was officially adopted by the squadron in 1969. The GARUDA is a mythical Indonesian bird-half man, half bird-which has many names and epithets. The "GARUDA" symbolizes durability, swiftness, and safety in flight; hence, a suitable insignia for a naval



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