

Description

The newest Arleigh Burke-class destroyers are considered to be the most capable and survivable surface warships.

Wars and other Military Operations

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E-3 "Sentry" S.A.P.FORCE

Description

The E-3 is an Airborne Warning And Control System (AWACS) aircraft, used to detect and monitor an enemy's air activity and to direct fighter planes. It is a mobile, air battle management and command, weapons control, communications and intelligence headquarters. Data is displayed in graphic and tabular format on video screens for console operators.

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E-3s have been used in at least the following wars and military operations:

South Korea (1979-1980), Saudi Arabia (1979-1989), Libya (1983), Iran (1984), Panama (1989), Iraq (1991), Iraq (1991-1996), Iraq (1992-present), Yugoslavia (1999), Afghanistan (2001-2003) and Iraq (2003). (See page 31.)

Canadian War Shows

The E-3 has "performed" for audiences at Canadian "air shows," including the following:

Cold Lake (AB), Quinte (ON), Saskatoon (SK), Toronto (ON) and Winnipeg (MB).

CPP Investment√ **Prime Contractor:** (See pp. 6-7)

Boeing Aerospace Co. (USA)

Weapons

Prime

BGM-109 MK-45 MK-50 RIM-7M RIM-66 (For details, see "Bombs, Guns and Missiles," pp. 32-37.)

CPP Investment√

Contractors

(See pp. 6-7)

Northrop Grumman, Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding (USA)

Canadian Parts and Services

The following is a partial list of Canadian companies and the parts and/or services they provided for the DDG-51:

Indal Technologies: (1) Horizon Reference Systems & double-track Recovery Assist, Secure and Traverse systems, (2) Watertight cargo access doors and actuating systems

Interactive Circuits and Systems Ltd: sonar upgrade program for the guided missile (DDG) class of destroyers

MIL Davie Inc: Sonar domes

Pivotal Power: uninterruptible power systems & batteries Securiplex (subsidiary of SNC-Lavalin): microprocessorbased damage control system equipment

Canadians Onboard

Photo: Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (AFPN) "One of five E-3 Sentry AWACS aircraft receives a traditional hosingdown upon returning here April 28 [2003]. The aircraft carried approximately 180 members from the 552nd Air Control Wing - the wing's Canadian component — and 513th Air Control Group reservists. The units were deployed supporting operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom." (Air Force photo by Airman K.L. Kimbrell) Web: www.af.mil/search/media.asp? mediaID=5963&media

For decades, Canadian Air Force crews have been assigned to duty on various US warplanes. Through one such "exchange program," Canadian officers working aboard E-3s have been directly involved in the command and control of the 2003 war in Iraq.

For more info. on this Canada-US military exchange program, see "The AWACS Canadian connection," Air Combat Command News Service, April 16, 1999. Web: www2.acc.af.mil/accnews/apr99/990122.html

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CAE Military Training and Simulation: operational flight simulation devices so crew can practice takeoffs, landings, aerial refuelling and emergency procedures.

DRS Flight Safety and Communications: radio navigation equipment

Fag Bearings Ltd: unmounted, antifriction bearings

Héroux-Devtek: repair, overhaul and modifications of landing gear and components

Litton Systems Canada: radar control & display program Xwave Simulation and Training: AWACS battle-management communications scenarios