



# 854 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

## MOTTO

*'Audentes fortuna juvat' - 'Fortune helps the daring'*

## ROLE

*Operational Airborne Surveillance and Control*

## BASE

RNAS Culdrose



## SQUADRON HISTORY

854 NAS was officially formed in 1944 flying the Grumman Avenger aircraft. Quickly they were amalgamated into No.157 Wing, RAF coastal Command and carried out anti-shipping patrols in the English Channel from Hawkinge. In September the Squadron sailed in *HMS Activity* bound for the Far East, equipped with the Avenger I and took part in operations at Belawan and Palembang. In addition the Squadron was involved in attacking airfields on the Sakishima Islands in the East China Seas in March and April of 1945.

In 1945 the aircraft were upgraded again to the Avenger III's and the Squadron joined the 3rd Carrier Air Group. This deployment, however, was short lived with the aircraft being withdrawn and the Squadron disbanding a couple of months later.

In 2006, 'A' Flight 849 NAS was re-badged as 854 NAS using the Sea King ASaCS Mk 7.

### PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Avenger Sea King

### BATTLE HONOURS

Normandy 1944, Palembang 1945, Okinawa 1945



### WESTLAND SEA KING ASaCS Mk 7

#### Primary Role

Airborne Surveillance and Control

#### Max Speed

120 Knots

#### Crew

1x Pilot, 2x Observer

#### Max Takeoff Weight

9,800kg

#### Endurance

4 Hours

#### Weapons

Searchwater 2000 Radar



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