

Captain Jack E. Davis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Davis (father deceased) of Parkersburg, West Virginia, entered the Naval Service in April of 1943. After completing the Aviation Cadet Program, he received his commission as Ensign and was designated a Naval Aviator in September of 1944.

Captain Davis later served as Landing Signal Officer at NAAS, Vernalis, California, and aboard the USS RANDOLPH. He served as Operations Officer of Attack Squadron 175 at Jacksonville, Florida, and as Weapons Project Pilot at Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland. From March 1954 to June 1955 he served as an exchange pilot with the 389th Fighter-Bomber Squadron of the U.S. Air Force.

After graduating from the Naval War College in 1956, Captain Davis reported to Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Mediterranean for a two year tour of NATO staff duty in Malta. He returned to operational flying in February of 1959 as Executive Officer of Fighter Squadrons 103 and 62. Captain Davis then was assigned to NATC at Patuxent River, Maryland, in 1961 as Program Manager and test pilot at the Naval Air Test Center.

In April of 1963, he took command of Fighter Squadron 141/53 and following this tour was assigned to the USS SARATOGA (CVA-60) as Navigator and later as Executive Officer. From 1966 to 1968 he was reconnaissance Aircraft Program Coordinator for Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D. C. Captain Davis then commanded USS MONTROSE (LPA-212) and decommissioned her in late 1969. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for performance in the Vietnam Theater as Commanding Officer, USS MONTROSE.

Captain Davis has recently received a degree in Business Management/Economics from San Diego State College under the Navy Bootstrap Program. He assumed command of USS LEXINGTON (CVT-16) on April 14, 1971.



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USN**

