

Command



**CAPT. ROGER E. BOX, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER**

Captain Roger E. Box began his career at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1952. Upon commissioning in 1956, he proceeded to flight training at Pensacola, Florida and was designated a Naval Aviator in October 1957.

His initial sea tours were served with VF-173, VF-174, and VF-84. He is a qualified Navy Test Pilot and has flown the F-8, F-4, and F-14. Captain Box's first tour as a member of Ship's Company came when he was assigned to the commissioning crew of the USS AMERICA, and served as her Assistant Navigator for two years. Captain Box's introduction to RANGER came in 1966 when he was a member of Fighter Squadron 21. He made two combat deployments to Southeast Asia on RANGER before reporting to the U.S. Air Force War College at Maxwell AFB where he earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Captain Box was the first Commanding officer of the Navy Fighter Weapons School. He has also commanded VF-114, Carrier Air Wing 14 on the USS ENTERPRISE, and the USS HASSAYAMPA. He assumed command of the USS RANGER on 22 May 1979.

Captain Box's combat decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, 13 Air Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V".



**CAPT. THOMAS G. MOORE,
USN
COMMANDING OFFICER**

Captain Thomas G. Moore enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an Airman Apprentice in 1951 and was accepted as a Naval Aviation Cadet in 1952.

Commissioned and designated a Naval Aviator in May 1953, he was assigned to VA-155 after completion of Pilot Training. Subsequent assignments involved staff duty with CAG 15, and Flight Instructor duty at Pensacola, Florida.

Captain Moore attended UCLA, receiving a Bachelor of Art degree in International Relations while attached to the UCLA NROTC unit. In August 1971, he attended the Naval War College in Newport Rhode Island and received his Master's Degree from George Washington University.

Captain Moore served as the Executive Officer of NAS Miramar, the USS ORISKANY, and VF-96. He was also the Commanding Officer of VF-96, and the USS KANSAS CITY. He assumed command of the USS RANGER on June 17, 1978.

Captain Moore's awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with two stars and nine Strike Flight Awards, the Navy Commendation Medal with one star and the Combat "V", the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, a Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.