

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Captain McClendon in a friendly discussion with Secretary Of The Navy James Webb.



*Captain Robert P. McClendon Jr.
Executive Officer USS Ranger*

Captain Robert P. McClendon Jr., of Lafayette, Alabama, graduated from Auburn University in 1965. After completing Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, in May 1966, he was ordered to USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14), where he completed two combat deployments in support of operations in Vietnam.

Qualified in all phases of Combat Information Center operations, he was assigned to Naval Technical Training Center, Glynco, Georgia, in 1968, as an instructor in CIC operations.

In 1970, he reported for basic Naval Flight Officer training at Pensacola, Florida. He subsequently attended basic Airborne Tactical Data Systems training at RVAW-110 at NAS North Island, California.

He joined VAW-116 in January 1971 aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) in the Gulf of Tonkin. During his tour with the Sun Kings, he served as Safety Officer, Training Officer and Assistant Operations

Officer.

Reporting again to RVAW-110 in August 1974, he headed a team that consolidated the former NATTC Glynco and RVAW-110 courses. In addition to classroom, trainer and flight instructor duties, he was the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet E-2B Naval Air Training Operations Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) Evaluator, the squadron Training Coordinator and, for two years, the squadron Operations Officer.

After attending the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, he reported to VAW-117 in April 1978 where he served as Maintenance Officer during his sixth Western Pacific deployment. Upon detaching from VAW-117, he attended E-2C qualification at RVAW-120 in Norfolk, Virginia.

In February 1980, he reported as VAW-116 Executive Officer and deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans in support of the Iranian contingency operations. In April 1981, he became Com-

manding Officer of VAW-116. He detached from VAW-116 in May 1982 and reported to the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. From July 1983 to April 1985, he served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Strategy, Plans and Policy Division). Captain McClendon reported to Commander, Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet in May 1985 as the Commanding Officer of VAW-110, the West Coast E-2C Fleet Replacement Squadron.

After attending the post-command Integrated Warfare Course at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, he reported to USS RANGER (CV-61) in February 1987 as Executive Officer.

Captain McClendon is married to the former Jennifer Ann Faircloth of Lumberton, North Carolina. They reside in Leucadia, California, with their two daughters, Michelle and Shannon.