

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CDR R. A. VOLPI

CDR Ray Andrew VOLPI was born in Antioch, California on August 31, 1921 and reared in Tracy, California. After leaving the College of the Pacific in 1942, he joined the Navy and was sent to Livermore, California for aviation training. He spent two and one half months as a seaman, then attended Flight Training School at Corpus Christi, Texas. CDR VOLPI was commissioned a Naval Aviator in April, 1943 and soon after commissioning joined Scouting Squadron 47.

CDR VOLPI later departed for the Pacific war area serving with squadrons aboard the carriers KALININ BAY, SAVO ISLAND and MATANAKAU. In 1945, he returned to the United States, serving with Squadron VC-3. The next year he served as Training Officer with Air Support Training Unit Number One, San Diego, and for the next two years held down duties as Flight Officer with TACTRON ONE, San Diego.

In 1949, CDR VOLPI attended General Line School, Monterey, California, followed by duty with the Bureau of Aeronautics as representative at McDonnell Aircraft Corporation until June, 1951. He saw Korean action as

Operations Officer of VF-24 and later served as Commanding Officer. From 1952 to 1954 his assignments included Administrative, Aircraft Maintenance and Flight Officer with Squadron VX-4 at Point Mugu, California.

From 1954 to 1956 CDR VOLPI was Aide to the Commander of Naval Air Bases, ELEVENTH and TWELFTH Naval Districts. In October 1956 he became Assistant Air Officer aboard the USS SHANGRI-LA. From 1958 till March of 1959, he commanded VF-52 which deployed to the Western Pacific on the USS TICONDEROGA. This was followed by duty at the Naval Aviation Safety Center as the head of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Department. In June 1961, CDR VOLPI joined the staff of the Commander of the U. S. SEVENTH Fleet as Liaison Officer with the Air Force's 313th Air Division. He detached from the staff in February, 1963.

After a short period of orientation at the Commander of Naval Air, Pacific, CDR VOLPI joined CONSTELLATION at Subic Bay, P. I. He officially assumed the duties of Executive Officer on April 10, 1963.

CDR VOLPI is married to the former Maria Colli of Banta, California and has one son.