

# COMMODORE

**Captain  
JOHN P. COLLINS, JR.  
United States Navy**

Captain John P. Collins, Jr. was born in Washington, D.C. on 14 July 1943. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned a Naval Officer in June 1965, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Captain Collins was initially assigned to **USS EDWARD MCDONNELL (FF-1043)** where he served as Damage Control Assistant and Combat Information Center Officer. In November 1967 he was assigned as Chief Staff Officer and later Commanding Officer of River Assault Division 92, participating in Riverine Amphibious Combat operations in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam.

In November 1968, Captain Collins reported for duty to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he served as an operations staff officer in the CNO Command Center and as a CNO operations briefer. A 1971 graduate of the Naval Destroyer School, he was assigned to **USS STICKELL (DD 888)** and later to **USS TALBOT (FFG 4)** where he served as Operations Officer.

In March 1974, he entered the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and was graduated in September 1975 with a Master of Science Degree in Telecommunications Systems

