

# COMMANDING OFFICER



**CAPT. STANLEY W. BRYANT, USN**

Captain Stanley W. Bryant was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1946 and is a 1964 graduate of Grosse Pointe University School in Detroit, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, from which he graduated and commissioned an Ensign in June of 1969. He then attended flight training with Training Squadron 10 in Pensacola, Florida, and Training Squadron 86 in Glynco, Georgia, receiving his gold wings and designation as a Naval Flight Officer in March 1970.

Upon completing replacement training as an A-6 Intruder bombardier/navigator with Attack Squadron 128, Captain Bryant reported to Attack Squadron 196, making two combat deployments to Southeast Asia in USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N)-65). He then returned to Training Squadron 10 in Pensacola as a flight instructor and student control officer until February 1976. Upon completion of A-6 Intruder refresher training with Attack Squadron 42 in July of 1976, he reported to Attack Squadron 65 making two Mediterranean deployments, one in USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and one in USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), serving as squadron Maintenance Officer and Operations Officer during that period.

After attending the Armed Forces Staff College from August 1979 to January 1980, Captain Bryant reported to the staff of Medium Attack Wing ONE, where he served as the Wing's Administrative Officer until September of 1980. He then joined the staff of Carrier Air Wing SEVEN as its Operations Officer, and again deployed in USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean.

In February 1983, Captain Bryant reported to Medium Attack Wing ONE as the Prospective Commanding Officer of the Warhorses of Attack Squadron 55, assuming command of the squadron upon its commissioning in October of 1983. In May of 1985, he reported to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) as the Assistant Air Officer. During this tour of duty he was also the ship's Maintenance Officer during NIMITZ's overhaul, following a Mediterranean deployment. In May of 1986, Captain Bryant began 18 months of nuclear power training before being assigned as the Executive Officer of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) pre-commissioning unit. He commanded the ship's pre-commissioning unit from 27 September 1988 to 13 October 1988, at which time he was relieved and reassumed duties as Executive Officer. Captain Bryant assumed command of USS PONCE (LPD 15) on 12 January 1990.

Captain Bryant's awards and decorations include three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Meritorious Service Medals, the individual Air Medal, eight Strike/Flight Air Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, and numerous other campaign and service ribbons and medals. He has two sons: Timothy, who attends St. Edward High School in Cleveland, Ohio, and Scott, a student at St. Bonaventure University in New York.