



**Commanding Officer
Captain Edgar J.
Boudinot Jr.**

Captain Boudinot entered the Navy in 1942 as an Aviation Cadet after having attended the University of San Francisco and California Polytechnic College. He received his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy and was designated a Naval Aviator in November 1943. His first assignment was with Night Fighter Squadron 78 and later Fighter Squadron 20 where he served in the Pacific aboard USS ENTERPRISE, during 1944 and 1945. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals for combat action during WWII.

Captain Boudinot received a BS Degree from the University of Maryland in 1960, and was awarded a Masters Degree in 1965 while attending George Washington University.

Captain Boudinot assumed command of the USS NEW ORLEANS on 18 December 1969, while the ship was deployed in the Western Pacific.

