



CAPTAIN STEPHEN PHIMISTER

COMMANDING OFFICER USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2)

Captain Stephen Phimister was born 27 August 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University in 1960, entered Aviation Officer Candidate School at NAS Pensacola, Florida in September of that year and was designated an F4 Intercept Officer in March 1962.

Captain Phimister served in Fighter Squadrons 41, 74, 84, and 33 and completed two tours in VF-101, the LANTFLEET Fighter Replacement Training Squadron. His Department Head assignments were as Maintenance Officer in VF-84 and Operations Officer in VF -101. He was also a Fighter Placement Officer in the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Following his squadron command tour in VF-33, Captain Phimister was assigned as Operations Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69); Chief of Staff, Commander Fighter Wing ONE; Chief of Staff, Commander Fighter Wing ONE; Chief of Staff, Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic; and Chief of Staff for Operations, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT. He has served aboard the aircraft carriers USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), USS FORRESTAL (CV 59), USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CV 42) and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the Naval War College.

Captain Phimister assumed command of the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) on August 15, 1985.

Captain Phimister, his wife Marian and children, Courtney and David, make their home in Virginia Beach, Virginia.