

# Commanding Officer USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67)

May 1989-December 1990

**C**aptain Herb Browne was born in McKinney, Texas and although he claims the "Lone Star State" as his home, he is in fact an "Army Brat" and graduated from high school in Nuremburg, Germany.

He enlisted in the Navy after attending two years of college at Texas A&M University. Following a couple of years as a seaman, he was assigned to the Naval Aviation Training Command for Naval Flight Officer training and was designated and commissioned in March 1966.

Following A-6 bombardier/navigator training, Captain Browne reported to Attack Squadron Sixty-Five (VA-65) and deployed to WESTPAC aboard USS Kitty Hawk. In September 1969, Captain Browne reported to Attack Squadron 42 (VA-42), where he served as a flight instructor. In April 1972, he again reported to VA-65 and completed a Mediterranean deployment on board USS Independence.

He then reported to the Armed Forces Staff College and following graduation was assigned to the Staff of Commander Medium Attack Wing One, where he served as the Readiness Officer until November 1977. During this assignment, Captain Browne attended night school at George Washington University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in March 1977.

Captain Browne began his third tour with VA-65 as Executive Officer in December 1977. He assumed command in March 1979. During his command tour, the squadron completed a Mediterranean and an Indian Ocean cruise.

In 1981, Captain Browne deployed for a second Indian Ocean cruise on board USS Independence as Air Officer.

In July 1982, Captain Browne assumed command of VA-42, training flight and maintenance crews for Atlantic Fleet A-6 squadrons. He subsequently served as COMCARGRU Two Operations Officer from November 1983 to January 1985. Then he reported to the Office of Naval Operations, Director of Navy Program Planning (OP-090), as special assistant for Aviation and RDT&E. Captain Browne commanded USS Niagara Falls from June 1986 to January 1988 and completed another Indian Ocean



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deployment.

To "round out" his WESTPAC experience, he was assigned for one year to COMSEVENTHFLT as Operations Officer prior to beginning his PCO training enroute to USS John F. Kennedy.

Captain Browne's awards include the

Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Captain Browne is married to Lieutenant Jill Browne, who is his best friend and favorite sailor.