

# *Captain James W. Austin*



Captain James W. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Austin, was born in Fort Worth, Texas in 1932. A graduate of R. L. Paschal High School, Captain Austin attended the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1954 as an Ensign, he reported to Pensacola, Florida for flight training and received his wings in February 1955.

Captain Austin has served as a fighter pilot with VF-111 aboard USS SHANGRI-LA (CVS-38) and with VF-41 aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) and USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67).

Captain Austin earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1962 and a Master of Science in aeronautical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1963.

Following completion of the command and staff school at the Naval War College in 1969, Captain Austin reported to Fighter Squadron 14, the Navy's oldest commissioned aviation squadron, where he served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer. He served aboard the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) as Executive Officer after completing the Navy's nuclear power training program. Recently he commanded the Fast Cargo Support Ship, USS SAN JOSE (AFS-7).

While attached to Fighter Squadron 41, Captain Austin flew more than 100 combat missions over Vietnam in the F-4 Phantom II. Captain Austin's combat awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and other service ribbons for participation in the Vietnam conflict.

Captain Austin is married to the former Elizabeth B. Marshall of Alexandria, Va., and lives in the San Francisco Bay area with his wife and children.