



Carl W. Chamberlain
Captain, United States Navy
Commanding Officer, USS WABASH (AOR 5)

Captain Carl W. Chamberlain was born in Long Beach, California in 1945. He graduated from California State University at Long Beach in 1968 with a degree in Management. He was commissioned in October of that year, and was designated a naval aviator in April 1970. He earned a Master's Degree in International Relations from Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island.

Following his first tour of duty at Naval auxiliary Landing Field Monterey, California, Captain Chamberlain joined Attack Squadron 113, deployed onboard USS RANGER, just prior to the cessation of hostilities in Vietnam. After two more WESTPAC cruises, he transferred first to Training Squadron 26 then to the Chief of Naval Air Training Staff where he served as flight instructor standardization officer. Returning to sea in 1976, he served as Flight Deck Officer in USS NIMITZ, where he deployed twice to the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean. In 1980, Captain Chamberlain returned to Light Attack aviation in Lemoore, California as a department head in Attack Squadron 94 where he deployed to WESTPAC, once in USS KITTY HAWK and again in USS ENTERPRISE. Following two years ashore at Naval War College and OPNAV Staff, he returned to sea with Attack Squadron 94 where he was privileged to become Executive, then Commanding Officer. While there, he deployed twice again in USS ENTERPRISE. Following his command tour, Captain Chamberlain remained at sea on the staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE. His next tour was again at sea as Executive Officer in USS RANGER where he deployed to the Arabian Gulf for Desert Storm. His last assignment was a year's study at National War College. Captain Chamberlain has flown more than 5,000 hours, including 3,200 in the A-7E. He has piloted 21 different models of Naval aircraft and has made arrested landings on nine different aircraft carriers.

His awards include Distinguished Flying Cross (with combat V), two Meritorious Service Medals and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Captain Chamberlain is married to the former Rebecca Gilliland of San Antonio, Texas. He has a son, Steve, and a daughter, Erin.

Following WABASH's Decommissioning, Captain Chamberlain will proceed to San Diego, CA, to assume duties with Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.