



COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPTAIN FRANK T. HAMLER, USN

Captain Frank T. Hamler is a native of East Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Shaw High School, attended Purdue University, and went to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was part of the Reserve Sixth Battalion; the original "Ninety Day Wonders." Commissioned in 1944, he was assigned to the destroyer USS McNAIR (DD-697) as an engineering officer. He became a qualified engineering officer, an OOD underway, and then was accepted into the regular Navy. Captain Hamler then served in the USS ABBOTT, the USS ERBEN, and USS BUCKLEY, rising to Executive Officer.

Flight training came next, at Corpus Christi, Pensacola, and Jacksonville. Subsequent squadron tours in All Weather Squadron 33, Attack Squadron 12 and 212, and Carrier Air Group 1. Most recently he was Commanding Officer of VA-212, flying off the carrier USS HANCOCK.

Captain Hamler has a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering at M.I.T. He's had duty in the Propulsion Branch of the Office of Naval Research. He had served as the Navy representative on the NACA committee for propulsion and then on the NASA committee for propulsion. He has completed the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College. A combined tour of the Naval Electronics Laboratory, the Fleet Anti-Warfare Training Center in San Diego, and the Fleet Computer Programming Center, Pacific, enabled him to become a computer programmer, manage programmers making a Strike Warfare Program, and be in charge of installing the original Navy Tactical Data System at a shore activity.

Captain Hamler has served as the Navy representative to the Joint Services Office (JSO) for Advanced Tactical Command and Control, and Communications. In this billet he worked for the Deputy Chief of Operations for Development and for the Assistant Secretary at the Naval Research and Development.

Duties afloat, other than destroyers and aviation tours have included Air Operations Officer and Executive Officer in the USS ORISKANY. He's also had a tour with Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla SEVEN assisting with policies for simultaneously operating several ships having the Navy Tactical Data System.

Captain Hamler is married to the former Aylene Fitzgerald Barabba, Wisconsin. They have five children: Stuart, Ian, Nathan, Jeffrey, and Naval Academy and three at home: Carl, Theresa, and Doug.

