



Our Captain, Sir John Thach, USN, is a gallant and worthy gentleman, brave in battle and courteous among the ladies. Against the infidels in the Great War II, he conceived and applied the noble "Thach Weave" whereupon the then cursed Orientals fell by the thousands before His blows. He hath served our nation and her ships for 30 years, and hath subdued Every type of aircraft. His excellence in marksmanship, from the sling to the cross-bow, Is renowned. It is told on Winter evenings while the chestnuts crackle on the hearth, that over the wide Pacific in which we Sail, our Captain engaged the enemy and, applying his magic weave, did like Achilles destroy 19 of the 20 planes which were sent Like a flock of gigantic insects against him. Sir John's jacket sparkles with many emblems and decorations, including Ye Naval Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Ye Silver Star and the Mighty Legion of Merit. He has served, moreover, off the bleak mountains of Korea, commanding the USS Sicily, the first aircraft man-of-war of this nation to support the United Nations in desperate Battle in these domains. Our Captain assumed command of his Nation's ship, the Brave USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, on May 22, 1953.



Our First Mate, Commander Sir D. M. Minner, was a mighty leader even in the Budding of his youth. When but a Subaltern, he held the destinies of 175 officers and 6,000 men in his Forthwright palm. Sir Delbert has spent his Naval career among flying machines and atom weapons. Yea, he was one of the First qualified atomic fusiliers. He has served in Illustrious positions in our far-flung battle lines, participating in the atomic gunpowder explosions on Eniwetok in 1951. The Commander, from whose chest gleam three Air Medals, was ordered to be First Mate of this Goodly ship in November 1953.