



**Captain Thomas J. Porcari**

*Captain Thomas J. Porcari was born in Jamestown, New York, 28 January 1925. Subsequent to attending elementary and high schools in Rochester, New York, and one year at the Ohio State University, he entered the Naval Service in June 1943 through the NROTC Program at Georgia Tech. His first assignments were as Gunnery Officer of YMS-57 and later as Engineer Officer of the Philippine-based PCE-886.*

*On inactive duty from 1947 to 1950, he graduated from the Ohio State University and worked as a Design Engineer with General Motors. Returning to active duty in 1950, he served as Staff Communications Officer of an LSM Division in Korea and later served as Aide and Flag Lieutenant of COMPHIBPAC and to the Commandant, FIFTH Naval District. Following duty as Technical Supervisor of a Special Weapons Team deployed in USS RANDOLPH (then CVA-15), he served as Plans Officer of SWULANT.*

*After tours as Executive Officer of the destroyer, USS R. L. WILSON (DD-847), and Commanding Officer of the minesweeper, USS ASSURANCE (MSO-521), Captain Porcari was ordered to the Staff of the Naval War College as an instructor. This was followed by a "Plank-owner" tour as Executive Officer of USS WAINWRIGHT (DLG-28) and one as Commanding Officer, USS BIGELOW (DD-942). He was in command of Destroyer Division SIX TWO for a two year period during which also were included two separate additional duty tours; one as Assistant Chief of Staff (Operations) for Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TWO, and another as Commanding Officer, USS EVERGLADES (AD-24). Captain Porcari then served as Chief of Staff to Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TWELVE from December 1970 to April 1972, and as Chief of Staff to Commander Carrier Group SIX and Commander Carrier Strike Force where he served until May 1974.*

*A graduate of the Naval War College, Captain Porcari holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Ohio State and a Master of Science degree in International Relations from the George Washington University. He has seen duty in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and has served extensively with the SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean. He is married to the former Madelyn Lamb of Jesup, Georgia, and has four children: Tom, Jr. 26; John, 22; Lynne, 20; and Janis, 18.*