

COMMANDING OFFICER

Captain William J. Mooberry
United States Navy

Captain William J. Mooberry was born in Los Angeles, California and reared in Bartonville, Illinois. He attended Bradley University, graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. Captain Mooberry entered the Navy through the Aviation Officer Candidate Program in July 1962. He was commissioned in November of that year and, following flight training was designated a Naval Aviator in June 1964. His first duty assignment was with VR-21's Alameda Detachment, flying C-131 and C-1A aircraft.

In 1966, Captain Mooberry reported to VAW-11 in San Diego, California for transition to the E-2A. From there, he reported to Naval Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland as Officer in Charge of the C-2A Fleet Detachment. Captain Mooberry was the Navy's first C-2A Aircraft Commander and took the aircraft through Bureau of Inspectors Survey Trials. In December of that year, he introduced the new C-2A to VRC-50, homeported in Atsugi, Japan. For the next 2½ years, he flew COD support missions for CTF-77 carriers stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin.

In June 1969, Captain Mooberry reported to VAW-120 for duty as flight instructor and LSO. In 1971, he joined VAW-122 as they prepared to embark with CVW-7 on USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62).

Captain Mooberry returned to shore duty in December 1973, reporting to the Armed Forces Staff College where he graduated in 1974. From there, he reported to COMCAEWW-12 for duty as Wing TWELVE Safety Officer, a post he held for one year before becoming Operations Officer. He then reported to VAW-125 as Executive Officer in July 1977. On 1 October 1978 he assumed command of VAW-125. During his tour, VAW-125 was deployed on USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) and USS FORRESTAL (CV 59).

Departing VAW-125 in 1979, Captain Mooberry assumed his new duties in Washington, D.C. as E-2 Program Coordinator in OP-506. He held that position until July 1980 when he was selected as Naval Aide to the Chief of Naval Operations. He served on the personal staff of Admiral Thomas B. Hayward until assuming command of VAW-110 in February of 1982.

Captain Mooberry next served as Chief of Staff of the Naval Air Training Command from June of 1983 to December 1984, and has just completed a two-year tour as Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Carrier Group EIGHT. Captain Mooberry assumed command of USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) on 17 March 1987.

Captain Mooberry has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," as well as unit and theatre awards from Vietnam.

Captain Mooberry is married to LT Melissa Andrews of Cumberland, Maryland. LT Andrews is stationed at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia. Captain Mooberry's children, Laura, Tracey, and Patrick reside in San Diego, California.



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Hi, I'm Bill Mooberry.



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