



COMMANDING OFFICER CAPTAIN JOHN V. JOSEPHSON



Captain Josephson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1949. After a short tour of duty in **USS MIDWAY**, he attended flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida and was designated a Naval Aviator in October 1950. Following his designation he served with Air Transport Squadron **THREE** until 1953, when he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy where he served as an Electronics Instructor until August 1955.

His next duty assignment was with Patrol Squadron **EIGHT** as Administrative and Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer. This was followed by a tour with the Staff of Commander Fleet Air Wing **THREE** at Brunswick, Maine. Captain Josephson was then transferred to the Bureau of Naval Personnel where he served as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Chief of Naval Personnel. This was followed by a tour as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe.

In 1961, he entered the Naval War College and upon graduation reported to Patrol Squadron **SIXTEEN** at Naval

Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, where he served as Operations Officer until April 1964. After that tour Captain Josephson then served as Naval Assistant to the President of the United States until August 1965. He then was reassigned to Patrol Squadron **FIVE** as Executive Officer. He became Commanding Officer of that Squadron in January 1967.

In January 1968 he assumed command of Patrol Squadron **THIRTY** at Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland, followed by a tour as Executive Officer of **USS WASP**. After that tour, he attended the Naval War College where he received his Master's degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. Captain Josephson was then ordered to the **USS PORTLAND** where he served as Commanding Officer until May 1973. He became Commanding Officer of **USS IWO JIMA** on September 5, 1973.

Captain Josephson is married to the former Mary Ellen Allison of Washington, D.C. They have two children: Susan, a graduate of Florida State University and Peter, a junior at Duke University.