

REAR ADMIRAL ROY L. JOHNSON

United States Navy

Admiral Johnson was born in Big Bend, Louisiana in 1906 and entered the U. S. Naval Academy in 1925. His selection for the rank of Rear Admiral was approved by the President in 1955.

Upon graduation he served on the USS Tennessee, and the USS West Virginia. Once designated a Naval Aviator, he served on the USS Salt Lake City, and then returned to NAS Pensacola, Florida as an instructor. He later served aboard the USS Enterprise with Patrol Squadron 12; in the Navy Department; and then as COMCARAIRGROUP 2. On the USS Hornet he was Air Officer and the Executive Officer.

Admiral Johnson is entitled to a Ribbon for the Presidential Unit Citation awarded the USS Hornet for "extraordinary heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces."

In the Navy Department, he served with Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, with Chief of Naval Operations, and in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His next duty was Aviation Operations Officer on the Staff of Command SECOND Task Fleet.

In 1955 he had charge of fitting out the USS Forrestal, and became her first Commanding Officer at commissioning. He commanded the Forrestal until May, 1956, when he was ordered to duty as Director of the Long Range Objectives Group, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. On December 2, 1958, he relieved Admiral Griffin as COMCARDIV 4, and Commander Task Force 60.

Admiral Johnson and his family currently reside in Falls Church, Virginia.



**COMMANDER
CARDIV FOUR**



CAPTAIN JOSEPH D. BLACK

United States Navy

The reporting for duty as Chief of Staff for Commander Carrier Division FOUR starts an eleventh year of carrier based operations for Captain Black. Most of these operational flying years have been in fighter squadrons and as an air group commander. Other shipboard duties have included tours as executive officer of a CVE and of the CORAL SEA (CVA 43), command of the CURRITUCK (AV 7) and the HANCOCK (CVA 19). WESPAC and Mediterranean cruises have been in equal numbers. Duties ashore have included tours on the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as Director of Air Warfare in OPNAV.

The family consists of wife, the former Jane Morris of Pasadena, California, eleven year old Celia, a son Gregory who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1955 and was a Navy jet pilot, and daughter Cheron married to LT W. W. Hargrave, a Crusader pilot in VF 193 on this cruise of the FORRESTAL. Naval aviation has ruled the family fortunes since 1932 when Captain Black entered Pensacola as a student aviator.

From World War II: Silver Star, Air Medal with Star, Commendation Ribbon, Pacific Area with 4 stars, Philippine Liberation with two stars.



**CHIEF OF STAFF
CARDIV FOUR**