



**CAPTAIN JOHN K. BELING,
COMMANDING OFFICER**

Originally a native of Harrington Park, New Jersey, Captain BELING now regards Zephyrhills, Florida as his hometown. He entered naval service as an ensign in the Naval Reserve on graduation from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1941. Captain BELING received his wings in Pensacola, Florida in January, 1943.

During World War II, he served in Bombing Squadron ONE and Bomber Fighter Squadron FIVE in the Pacific. After the war, he studied aeronautical engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School and nuclear physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Captain BELING completed the senior course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and has served as Operations Officer of USS INTREPID (CVS-11). He has been Commanding Officer of Attack Squadrons SEVENTY-TWO and FORTY-THREE, Commanding Officer of USS ALSTEDE (AF-48), and has served on the staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. Captain BELING assumed command of USS FORRESTAL (CVA-59) on 7 May 1966.

