



*CAPT Gemmill lets Pamela Churchill Harriman, U.S. Ambassador to France, take the helm during a visit to the ship.*

CAPT Alan Mark Gemmill was raised on a cattle ranch near Phoenix. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. Commissioned through Aviation Officer Candidate School, he won naval aviator's wings of gold in February 1970.

Flying F-4 Phantoms in Fighter Squadron One Hundred Two (VF-102), CAPT Gemmill made two Mediterranean deployments in USS Independence (CV 62). He graduated first in his class from U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Patuxent River, Md., in 1974, then flew developmental test flights in F-8 Crusaders, F-4 Phantoms, F-14 Tomcats, and A-4 Skyhawks. He returned to Test Pilot School in 1976 as an instructor.

From July 1977 through July 1979, CAPT Gemmill completed another Mediterranean deployment as Assistant CATCC Officer and then served as Air Operations Officer in USS Nimitz (CVN 68). In 1980, he joined Fighter Squadron One Hundred Forty-Three (VF-143) flying F-14 Tomcats from USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). As Operations Officer, he completed a record-breaking Indian Ocean deployment of 254 days with only five days in port during the Iranian hostage crisis. As Maintenance Officer, he made two more deployments to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean in IKE. CAPT Gemmill then served one year as a Test Coordinator for Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force in Norfolk, Va.

As Executive Officer of Fighter Squadron Thirty-Two (VF-32) flying F-14 Tomcats, he completed two more deployments in USS Independence (CV 62), including combat flights over Lebanon during 1983 and 1984. After taking command of VF-32, he completed another Mediterranean deployment in USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67).

Following Naval Nuclear Power Training, CAPT Gemmill reported as Executive Officer of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). He served through her maiden Mediterranean deployment and helped host historic visits by top Soviet military and government officials before detaching in July 1990.

CAPT Gemmill commanded USS San Jose (AFS 7) from December 1990 through July 1992. He made two deployments to the North Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He took command of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in March 1993, where IKE helped implement cooperative engagement capability (CEC) and landed 2,000 men of the Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Haiti at the start of Operation Support Democracy. IKE deployed to the Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, and Mediterranean in October 1994.

CAPT Gemmill has 3,800 flight hours and 950 carrier landings. He has a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, the First Strike/Flight Air Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and several campaign awards.

CAPT Gemmill is married to the former Letitia Harris of Roxboro, N.C. They live in Virginia Beach with their sons, Alan and William.