



FORMER C. O. CAPTAIN J. R. POWELL, JR.

Captain J. Richard Powell, Jr., hailing from Bay-side, Long Island, N. Y., entered the U. S. Naval Academy in 1946 and was commissioned an Ensign in 1950.

His career in aviation began in 1952 when he was designated a naval aviator. He served in the Pacific until attending the U. S. Naval War College from 1963-1964.

Captain Powell served with Attack Squadron 125 and 144 before he assumed command of Attack Carrier Squadron Three on board the *USS Saratoga (CVA-60)* in 1969. Following his relief in 1971 he reported to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and served as his Executive Assistant until 1973.

After attending Harvard Business School, Captain Powell reported to the *USS Austin (LPD-4)* as Commanding Officer. He became the skipper of *USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2)* in early 1975 and while in command, guided his ship through the waters of the Mississippi River, through the Caribbean Sea and twice through the Mediterranean.

