

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Commander W. W. Hargrave, Jr.  
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Commander William W. Hargrave entered the United States Naval Academy in 1950 from the Naval Reserve. Upon graduation in 1954 he commenced flight training at Pensacola, Florida and was designated a Naval Aviator in November 1955. Reporting as instructor pilot at NAAS, Whiting Field, Florida he taught basic students to fly the SNF, T-34 and T-28 aircraft.

In 1957, Commander Hargrave reported to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED THREE and deployed in F8 Crusaders to the Mediterranean in 1958 and 1960. From 1961 to 1963, he was Personnel, Safety and Projects Officer on the A-6 Intruder during initial trials phase at the Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility Albuquerque, New Mexico. After attending the one year Engineering Science course at Post Graduate School, he served aboard USS FORRESTAL (CVA-59) completing one Mediterranean cruise in 1965 as Ordnance Handling Officer and another Mediterranean deployment in 1966 as Assistant Navigator.

Upon completion of F8 Crusader refresher training at NAS Miramar, California, Commander Hargrave joined Fighter Squadron FIFTY ONE on board USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) as Administrative Officer for a combat tour in Vietnam. In 1968 he reported to Fighter Squadron ONE NINETY ONE as Executive Officer and deployed aboard USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14) for a second combat tour.

Commander Hargrave then transitioned to F4 Phantom fighters and subsequently served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO, on the USS INDEPENDENCE.

After a year as a student of the Naval War College Commander Hargrave served as the Fourth Battalion Officer at the Naval Academy for 18 months. He has been the USS INDEPENDENCE Executive Officer since June of 1974 and has recently been selected to the grade of Captain.

His decorations include 3 individual Air Medals, 12 Strike/Flight Air Medals, and 4 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V".