

RAdm. Eugene J. Carroll, Jr., USN Commander Carrier Group Two

Rear Admiral E. J. Carroll, Jr., was born 2 December 1923 in Miami, Arizona. He graduated from Bell High School, Bell, California, and attended CALTECH prior to entering the Navy as an Aviation Cadet on 20 July 1943 at Los Angeles, California. Following completion of flight training, he was designated a Naval Aviator and commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve on 1 April 1945. He was appointed to a regular commission in the U.S. Navy in 1947 and has served in a wide variety of operational assignments since that time. Highlights include two tours of combat duty in the Korean Campaign as a pilot in an A-1 SKYRAIDER Squadron, flying from the aircraft carriers USS BOXER, USS VALLEY FORGE and the USS PHILIPPINE SEA. He has also served as Navigator of the Flagship of the Commander Middle East Task Force, Maintenance Officer of Attack Squadron 176 and as Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the aircraft carrier, USS KITTY HAWK. His aviation commands were both A-4 SKYHAWK Squadrons, Jet Attack Squadrons 36 and 43. During the Vietnam Campaign he commanded the USS OGDEN (LPD-5) which engaged in a series of amphibious assault operations in Vietnam. Subsequently he became the Commanding Officer of USS MIDWAY (CVA-41), once again returning to Vietnam waters for combat operations there.

Upon completion of two years aboard USS MIDWAY, Rear Admiral Carroll was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans on the Staff of Commander in Chief, U. S. Naval Forces Europe, in London, England. During this tour of duty he was selected for and appointed to the rank of Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy on 1 November 1972. He next assumed dual duties as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower Planning and Programming), and Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel (Personnel Planning and Programming). RADM Carroll assumed duties as Commander Attack Carrier Striking Force, SIXTH Fleet (CTF 60)/Commander Carrier Group TWO on 14 July 1975. He also commands the NATO Attack Carrier Striking Force (CTF 502).

Rear Admiral Carroll is a graduate of the U.S. Navy General Line School, U.S. Naval War College (C&S), and the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle. Barracks. He holds BA and MA degrees from George Washington University. His awards include the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, Bronze Star Medal with Gold Star and Combat

V, four awards of the Air Medal and numerous unit citations and campaign medals.

He is married to the former Margaret Steffen of Northumberland, Pennsylvania. They have one son, Dennis.