



## **ADMIRAL STANLEY R. ARTHUR**

*United States Navy*



Admiral Arthur was born in San Diego, California. He entered the U.S. Navy through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Program at Miami University and was commissioned in June 1957.

Designated a Naval Aviator in 1958, he reported to VS-21 and later was a “plank owner” in VS-29. Admiral Arthur attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, followed by a tour of duty with VX-1, as Weapons Project Officer. After a tour in USS BENNINGTON (CVS 20), he reported to VA-55 aboard USS HANCOCK (CVA 19). He then reported to VA-122 as an A-7 Instructor Pilot and Maintenance Officer. Additionally, he became the first Officer in Charge of COMFAIRLEMOORE Weapons Training Center.

In July 1971, he reported to VA-164 as Executive Officer and assumed command a year later while again deployed in USS HANCOCK. During this tour, he completed over 500 combat missions in the A-4 Skyhawk. He then acquired a Master of Science Degree in Administration from George Washington University. Following assignments at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, he reported aboard USS SAN JOSE (AFS 7) as Commanding Officer in July 1976, and assumed command of USS CORAL SEA (CV 43) in June 1978.

Other significant assignments included the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, as Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy with additional duty as Commander, Rapid Deployment Naval Forces and U.S. Naval Forces Central Command; Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN; Director, Aviation Plans and Requirements Division (OP-50); and Director, General Planning and Programming Division (OP-80). Selected for the rank of Vice Admiral in February 1988, he assumed the duties as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics).

On 1 December 1990, Admiral Arthur assumed duties as Commander U.S. SEVENTH Fleet and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command for Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He directed the operations and tactical movements of more than 96,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel and 130 U.S. Navy and Allied ships, including 6 aircraft carrier battle groups, 2 battleships, 2 hospital ships, 4 minesweepers and numerous combatant and amphibious ships. This represented the largest U.S. naval armada amassed since World War II. On 24 April 1991, he relinquished duties as COMUSNAVCENT and continued duties as Commander, SEVENTH Fleet until his change of command in July 1992. Admiral Arthur assumed current duties as the Vice-Chief of Naval Operations on 6 July 1992.

Admiral Arthur has been awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal (3 awards), Legion of Merit (4 awards, 1 with Combat “V”), Distinguished Flying Cross (11 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal, individual Air Medal (4 awards), Strike/Flight Air Medal (47 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards, 1 with Combat “V”), various foreign personal decorations, and additional individual U.S. and Foreign Service and campaign awards.

Admiral Arthur is married to the former Jennie Lou Mapes of Jackson, Ohio. They have four children; Erin, Brian, Derek, and Brad.