

J.A. Carney Captain, USN Commanding Officer



Captain Al Carney is a native of the state of Arkansas. Born in Fort Smith, his family later moved to Hot Springs where he attended school until entering Hendrix College in Conway in 1957. Following commissioning at OCS in 1961, he was assigned to USS Princeton (LPH 5) where he served successively as Personnel Officer and Assistant Navigator. He then served in USS Richard E. Kraus (DD 849) before entering Class 11 of Destroyer School in June of 1964. Upon graduation he was assigned to USS Robert K. Huntington (DD 781) as Weapons Officer.

Captain Carney's next assignments included a one year tour as Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Kansas. He was then assigned to the Naval War College as a student in the Com-

mand and Staff Course, graduating in June 1972. Following a tour as Weapons Officer in USS Dewey (DLG 14), Captain Carney was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP 39) as Anti-Air Warfare Training Coordinator and Surface Warfare Officer Program Coordinator.

Captain Carney served as Executive Officer in USS Jesse L. Brown (FF 1089) from September 1975 to April 1977. Following a tour as Force ASW Officer on the staff of Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, he commissioned USS Leftwich (DD 984) and had command of that ship for three years. He then returned to OPNAV where he served as Head of the CG-47/DD-51 Branch (OP 35) and later as Executive Assistant to the

Director, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (OP 098). He assumed command of USS Missouri (BB 63) on June 20, 1986.

Captain Carney received a B.A. in Economics from Hendrix College and an M.A. from the University of Kansas. His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnamese Navy Honor Medal First Class, and Vietnamese Civil Action Unit Citation.

Captain Carney is married to the former Betty Kate Brown of Hot Springs. They have two sons, Allen and Logan.