

Captain H. D. Wisely

Executive Officer

Captain H.D. Wisely is a native of New Jersey and attended Fairleigh Dickinson University until entering the Navy under the Aviation Cadet Program. After receiving his wings and commission in August 1962, he spent his next few years as a Primary Flight Instructor in Pensacola, FL.

He served in Utility Squadron 3 at NAS North Island. He had two tours with Fighter Squadron 114 (1965-67, 1971-73) and while flying from USS KITTY HAWK in 1967, he became the first Vietnam veteran to shoot down two enemy aircraft.

While attached to the Naval Plant Representative's Office at the McDonnell Douglas Corporation in St. Louis, he test flew eight different versions of the F-4 Phantom. In July 1977, Captain Wisely reported on board the USS MIDWAY, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, as Executive Officer of the

permanently deployed Fighter Squadron 151. In October of 1978, he assumed command of Fighter Squadron 151. After returning from Japan, Captain Wisely became the Commanding Officer and Flight Leader of the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels. He then reported aboard USS AMERICA as Executive Officer in April, 1982.

Captain Wisely is a seasoned combat pilot with over 5500 flight hours and 800 carrier landings. His personal decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 29 Air Medals, six Navy Commendation Medals, the Purple Heart, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and numerous other campaign and foreign decorations.

His wife Jan and their two children, Denny and Susie, reside in Virginia Beach, VA.