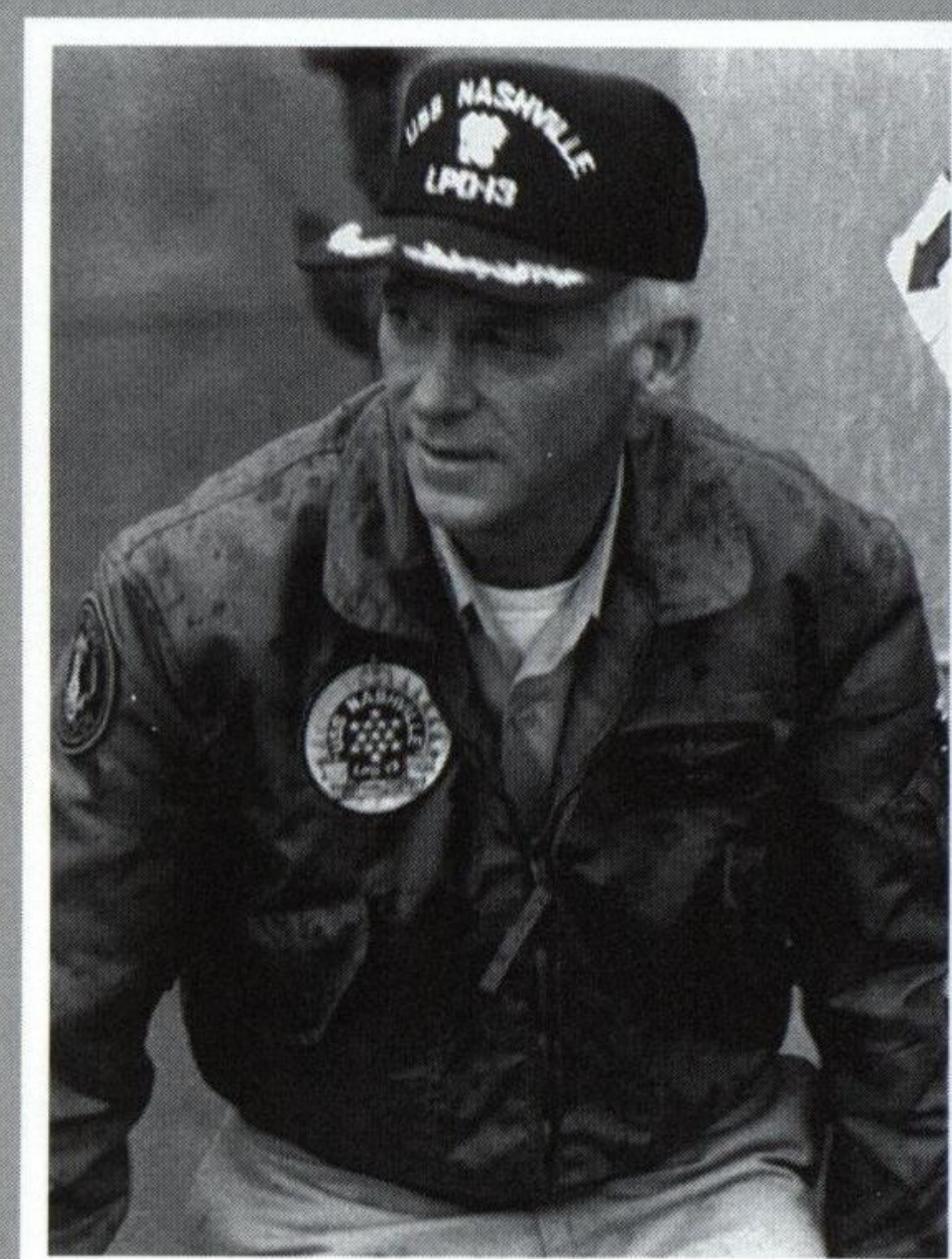
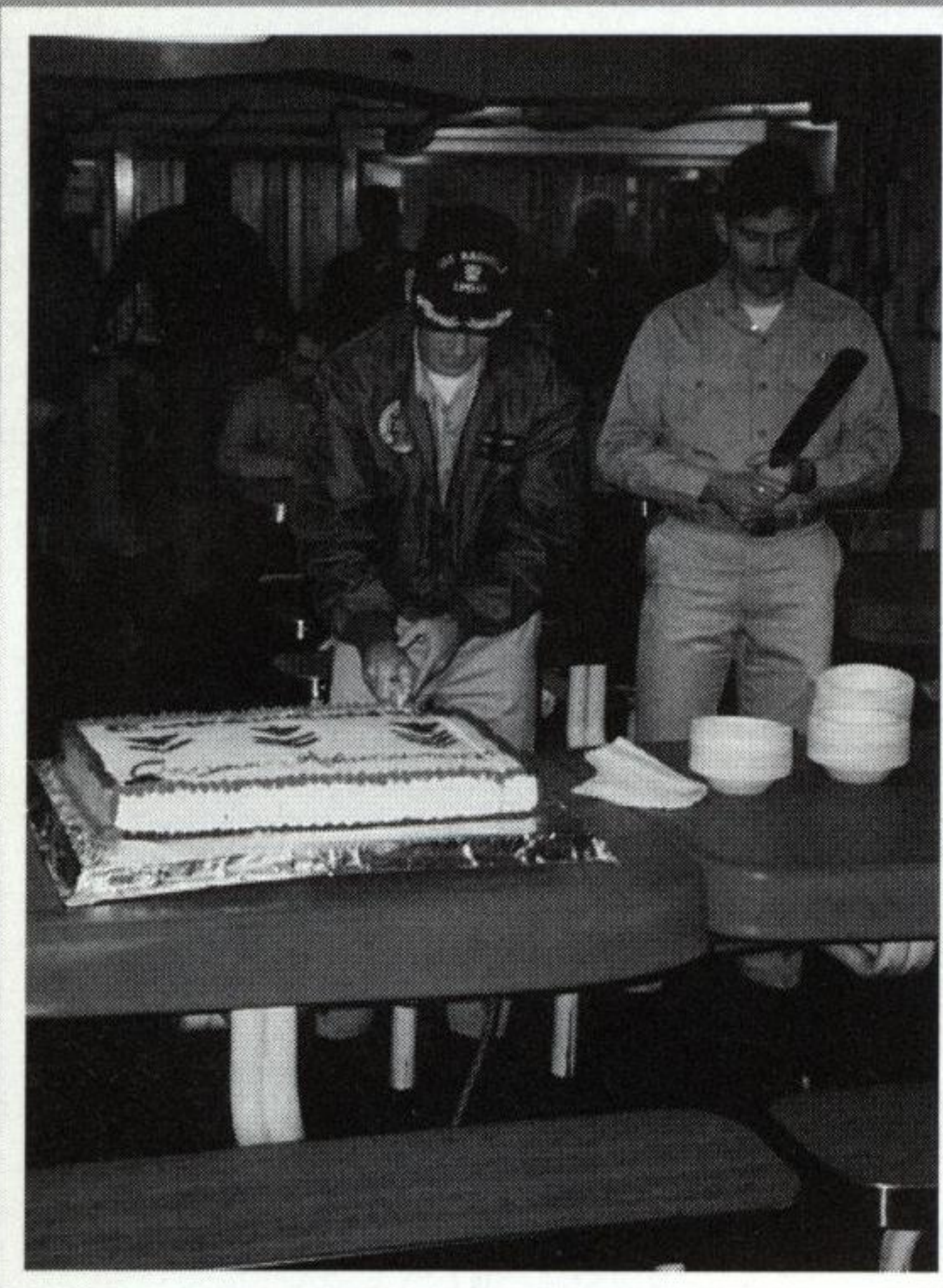


Captain William L. McKee

United States Navy



Captain William L. McKee was born and raised in Worthington, Ohio. Graduating with honors, he received a commission from the Naval Academy in June 1975. Following flight training, CAPT McKee reported to the "Hellrazors" of VA 174 for training in the A-7E Corsair. He joined the "Ubangis" of VA 12 on board USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) in April 1977, completing two Mediterranean deployments.

In 1980, CAPT McKee reported to VA 45 at Cecil Field. He was one of the initial cadre of personnel to move with the squadron to NAS Key West. While serving with the "Blackbirds", he was the first attack pilot to serve as Adversary Program Manager. In 1983, CAPT McKee began participating in the foreign exchange program, flying Harrier GR3 aircraft with the Royal Air Force. After training in the United Kingdom, he served two years with 3 (F) Squadron in Gutersloh, West Germany.

Following his exchange tour, CAPT McKee attended the Armed Forces Staff

College in Norfolk, Virginia. In July 1986, he joined the "Valions" of VA 15, where he participated in the squadron's transition to the F/A-18 Hornet. CAPT McKee served as Operations and Maintenance Officer of the "Valiant".

In December 1988, CAPT McKee reported for duty in Washington, D.C., where he served as aide to Navy Secretary William Ball III, Director of Operations in the Office of Legislative Affairs, and on the personal staff of Senator John Glenn under the Legis Fellows Program.

After Refresher Training, CAPT McKee reported to the "Sunliners" of VFA 81 as Executive Officer, and in August 1990, deployed aboard USS SARATOGA (CV-60) during Operations DESERT SHIELD, subsequently flying combat missions over Iraq and Kuwait during operation Desert Storm. He assumed command of VFA 81 in September 1991, leading the "Sunliners" through another successful Mediterranean deployment commencing 1992 in June 1992.

After relinquishing command in November 1992, he completed the 18 month Nuclear Power Program training pipeline before reporting aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73), where he served as Executive Officer from June 1994 to May 1996.

CAPT McKee has amassed more than 5,000 flight hours in a variety of aircraft. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross (with Combat "v"), Meritorious Service Medal (with two Gold Stars), seven individual and two strike/flight Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal (with two Gold Stars and Combat "V"), Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign, and unit awards.

CAPT McKee and his wife B.J. reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia with their three daughters: Heather (16), Kayleigh (11), and Meredith (6).