

CAPTAIN JOSEPH MERIT TULLY, JR.
Commanding Officer
October 1966 — September 1967



Captain Tully was born in San Antonio, Texas on 3 August 1918, the son of Brigadier General Joseph M. Tully, USA (Ret) and Mrs. Tully. He graduated with the U. S. Naval Academy Class of 1942 in December of 1941, and has been a Naval Aviator since 1945.

During World War II, Captain Tully served in the Pacific Theater of War aboard the destroyers CLARK (DL-361) and DAVID W. TAYLOR (DD-551) prior to his designation as a Naval Aviator at Corpus Christi, Texas in August of 1945. After completion of Flight Training, Captain Tully served in Fighter Squadron NINETEEN aboard the USS BOXER, and in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He later attended the Air Command and Staff School of the Air University at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and upon graduation, was designated Assistant Naval Attache in Mexico City.

Upon completing his assignment in Mexico, Captain Tully attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, and then reported to Cabaniss Field, Corpus Christi, as Officer in Charge of Advanced Fighter Training Unit 101. In August 1955, he joined Heavy Attack Squadron FIVE, serving as Executive Officer and, later, as Commanding Officer until December 1958. This squadron operated from the carriers INTREPID and FORRESTAL during this period, making their Sixth Fleet deployments, and numerous Second Fleet deployments.

Following his tour with Heavy Attack Squadron FIVE, Captain Tully served in the Bureau of Naval Personnel until May 1960 when he joined the USS FORRESTAL as Executive Officer. After leaving the FORRESTAL in June of 1961, Captain Tully served as Wing Commander of Heavy Attack Wing ONE until July 1963.

After a year's attendance at the National War College, Washington, D. C., he was the Commanding Officer of the USS NEOSHO (AO-142).

Following a year as the head of the Naval Science Department of the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, he took command of the USS SARATOGA (CVA-60) in October of 1966. He served as Commanding Officer of the SARATOGA until September of 1967, when he was transferred to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Captain Tully is married to the former Ruth Edwards of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. They now reside with their children, Heather, Holly and Joseph III, at 1447 E. Bay Shore Drive (Bay Colony), Virginia Beach, Virginia.