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Commanding Officer Capt. K.L. Carlsen

Rear Admiral Kenneth L. Carlsen graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1963. He is currently Commander, Carrier Group ONE.

Rear Admiral Carlsen previously served at sea as Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and the underway replenishment ship USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4). He also served as Executive Officer of the USS MIDWAY (CV 41). After completing flight training as a Naval Flight Officer, Rear Admiral Carlsen reported to VAP-62 in Jacksonville, Fla. In 1971 he joined the first operational EA-6B squadron and the following year made a combat deployment to the Western Pacific aboard the USS AMERICA (CV 66). Later, he commanded VAQ-136 embarked in USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) and USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62).

Shore tours include the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Computer Systems. He was a flight instructor in VAH-123, the A-3 Fleet Replacement Squadron and served as Training Officer and Maintenance Officer in VAQ-129. He eventually assumed command of VAQ-129 and later served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Program Coordinator for the EA-6B aircraft and the U.S. Navy Tactical Air Electronic Warfare Systems. His most recent assignment was as Director for Warfare Systems Architecture, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

Rear Adm. Carlsen has earned various military awards including the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, seven Strike/Flight Air Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, and various Service and Campaign Medals.

He is a native of Shenandoah, Iowa, and is married to the former Carole Adams of Norfolk, Va. Their family includes two sons, John and Paul.

