



*Captain Jack J. Samar, Jr.*

*Captain Jack J. Samar, Jr., a native of Gary, Indiana, attended the University of Notre Dame, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and International Relations. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Candidate program in May 1971 and was designated a Naval Flight Officer on 5 May 1972.*

*Shore duty assignments have included: A-6 Flight Instructor with Attack Squadron ONE TWENTY EIGHT, NAS Whidbey Island, Washington; Flag Aide to the Vice Director, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Omaha, Nebraska; Strike and Air Warfare Department Head, Naval Maritime Intelligence Center Suitland, Maryland; and Director, Education and Training Policy (N73), on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.*

*Sea duty assignments have included: Attack Squadron ONE ONE FIVE, USS MIDWAY (CVA 41) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, participating in OPERATION FREQUENT WIND, the evacuation of Saigon; Attack Squadron ONE FOUR FIVE, USS RANGER (CV 61); Attack Squadron ONE SIX FIVE, USS RANGER and USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63); Combat Direction Officer, USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65); Deputy Commander, Air Wing Two (CVW-2), USS RANGER participating in Operation DESERT SHIELD and STORM. He has accumulated over 3,800 flight hours, including over 3,500 hours in the A-6 Intruder and has accrued 1,046 carrier landings.*

*Captain Samar's tours have included the establishment and command of Attack Squadron ONE FIVE FIVE, the "Silver Foxes," USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62). He commanded USS LA SALLE (AGF 3), Flagship for Commander, Naval Forces Central Command homeported in Bahrain; then, after an extensive shipyard period, Flagship for Commander, Sixth Fleet, homeported in Gaeta, Italy.*

*Captain Samar attended both the Naval Command and Staff College and the College of Naval Warfare at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, earning a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He also has a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Salve Regina College.*

*Personal awards include: the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross (two awards), the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal (two awards), Strike/Flight Medal (three awards) as well as various other joint, naval and national campaign and service awards.*

*Captain Samar is married to the former Sharon L. Renz of Plymouth, Indiana. They have two daughters, Jaime Ann and Jordan Lynn, and a son, Jack III (J.J.)*