

CAPTAIN LIONEL E. AMES, JR., UNITED STATES NAVY

Lionel Eugene Ames, Jr., was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on February 2, 1925, son of Lionel E., Sr. and Beulah Shirley (Brown) Ames. He attended Bay City (Michigan) Central High School and Bay City Junior College. He enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on January 16, 1943 and entered the University of Michigan under the V-12 program in June 1943. He remained there until January 1944, when he was assigned to the Naval Air Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota. From March to July 1944 he was a student at the Naval Flight Preparatory School, Northfield, Minnesota. He entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on appointment from his native state. Graduated and commissioned Ensign with the Class of 1948 on June 6, 1947 (accelerated course due to World War II) he subsequently advanced in rank to that of Captain, to date from July 1, 1968.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy in 1947, he joined the USS TOLEDO (CA-133) to serve as Gunnery Department Officer until November 1949. He next had flight training at various naval air stations; was designated Naval Aviator on June 15, 1950 and then became Material Officer of Fighter Squadron ELEVEN. During the period October 1950 to July 1953 he was Project Officer with Air Development Squadron THREE, after which he had instruction at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, from which he received the Bachelor of Science degree in Ordnance Engineering in June 1955. He next was a student at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, receiving the degree of Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in June 1956.

During the period June 1956 to May 1958 he was Maintenance Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO, then transferred in the same capacity to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE. Detached in October 1958, he joined Fighter Squadron NINETY TWO as Operations Officer and in May 1960 was assigned to the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, for training until February 1961 and then as Assistant Project Officer in the Service Test Division.

In July 1961 he reported as F4B Project Officer in the Bureau of Weapons, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. In December 1963 he became Executive Officer of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN and from November 1964 to January 1966 commanded that Squadron. Assigned to the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., he was Assistant Project Manager for the F-111B until March 1968, then reported as Project Manager for the F-14 (the Navy's air superiority fighter) and Phoenix Missile Project.

Captain Ames has the American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal; China Service Medal; and the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star.

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