

**14. Captain Wilbur Cobb Trafton, USN 2/9/1990 – 5/31/1991**



Capt. Trafton was born in Tela, Honduras and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966. He also has a Masters of Science Degree in Systems Analysis and Operation Research from the U.S. Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA in 1973. He is also a graduate of Defense Systems Management School in Fort Belvoir, VA.

His initial sea duty assignment was with Attack Squadron 152, where he flew 85 combat missions in the A-4E Skyhawk. After transition to the A-7 Corsair II, he served as Operations Officer of Attack Squadron 56 as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 113 and as Operations Officer and Executive Officer of USS FORESTAL (CV-59).

Ashore, he served as Operations Officer and Instructor Pilot with Attack Squadron 122, as Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Air Systems Command and as Operational Planner/Crisis Action Team with the Joint Operations Division, J-3, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, seven Strike Flight Air Medals, the Navy Commendation with Combat Distinguishing Service and Gold Star, as well as several unit commendations and campaign medals. He retired after 26 years of active duty.

Capt. Trafton is married to the former Mary Grace Schwab of Oxen Hill, MD. They have two sons, Steve and David.