

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

CAPTAIN JOSEPH E. FENWICK, UNITED STATES NAVY

Joseph Eugene Fenwick was born in Douglas, Wyoming, on March 10, 1924. He attended the University of Wyoming at Laramie and while there was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps from September 1942 to March 1943. He enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on March 10, 1943 and had recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Farragut, Idaho, until May 1943. He remained there as a Yeoman Striker until October of that year, then, under the V-12 Program, entered the University of Washington at Seattle. While there he was a member of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps during the period June 1944 to February 1946. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science and on February 20, 1946 was commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He subsequently advanced in rank to that of Captain, to date from July 1, 1967, having transferred from the U. S. Naval Reserve to the U. S. Navy on June 16, 1947.

After receiving his commission in 1946, he had indoctrination at the Naval Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island, until May 1946, then reported on board the USS TUCSON (CL-98). In May 1947 he joined the Staff of Commander Naval Forces, Western Pacific and in October 1947 was detached for flight training at the Naval Air Training Command, Pensacola, Florida. Designated Naval Aviator on June 2, 1949, he next had duty as Flight Officer and Attack Pilot with Attack Squadron ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR and in December 1944 became Operations Officer of that squadron. In June 1950 he transferred to Composite Squadron SEVEN.

From August 1952 to June 1955 he was a student at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, from which he received the degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. He next joined Patrol Squadron NINE and in May 1957 was detached for duty as Antisubmarine Warfare Officer on the Staff of Commander Fleet Air, Alameda, with headquarters at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. In August 1958 he reported for instruction (Command and Staff Course) at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island and during the period June 1959 to February 1960 had training at the Naval Test Pilot School, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland. Upon completing the course in February 1960, he was awarded the Navy League Plaque as Outstanding Student, Class XXIV. He remained at the Naval Air Test Center to serve as Project Coordinator and Project Pilot in the Weapons Test Division.

In February 1962 he joined Scouting Squadron FORTY-ONE as Replacement Pilot and in June of that year transferred to Scouting Squadron TWENTY-ONE to serve as Executive Officer and from July 1963 to July 1964 as Commanding Officer. Following instruction at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D. C., he reported in August 1965 as a Replacement Pilot with Carrier Antisubmarine Air Group FIFTY-ONE and the next month assumed command of Carrier Antisubmarine Air Group FIFTY FIVE. "For meritorious service while serving as Commander

Carrier Antisubmarine Air Group FIFTY-FIVE, in USS YORKTOWN, in Southeast Asia from February 26 to July 2, 1966..." he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal.

In October 1966 he joined the USS BENNINGTON (CVS-20) as Executive Officer and in February 1968 was detached for duty at the Naval Air Systems Command, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Transferred in March 1970 to the Naval Electronic Systems Command, Navy Department, he now serves as Project Manager of the Navy Special Remote Sensor Project.

In addition to the Navy Commendation Medal, Captain Fenwick has the American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; China Service Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp; National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; and the Vietnam Service Medal with three stars. He also has the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

He is a member of the American Ordnance Association and the Association of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His hobbies are music and electronics.