

CAPTAIN EDWARD G. MARSYLA, USNR (RET)

A native of Minnesota, Captain Marsyla entered flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, as a NAVCAD in April 1964, commissioned as an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve and designated a Naval Aviator in November 1965. After completing Fleet Replacement Squadron training, he was assigned to HS-6 and deployed aboard USS *Kearsage* (CVS-33) for two tours in Southeast Asia. The squadron's mission was to conduct antisubmarine warfare and combat search and rescue operations. He attended the Naval Post Graduate School where he received his B.S. degree in engineering science in June 1972. He was Officer-In-Charge of HC-9 at Naval Air Station North Island San Diego, California, from June 1977 until August 1979. He was then assigned to the staff of Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. as an action officer in the Current Capability and Mobilization Plans Section (OP-605). Filling the billet of Reserve Forces Objectives Officer, he was involved in the assignment of Naval Reserve forces in the major OPLANS; the structuring of the Navy's level of play in major mobilization exercises and performing duties as the Navy's liaison with Headquarters Coast Guard. In May 1982, he reported to the staff of Commander Helicopter Wing Reserve where he was the Chief Staff Officer. In May 1984, he reported to HAL-5 as the X.O. that was followed by a tour as C.O. In May 1987, he reported as X.O. of the Naval Reserve Personnel Center in New Orleans. In May 1988, he assumed command of the Naval Air Facility, Washington, D.C., prior to retiring after 26 years. Captain Marsyla's awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart and the Air Medal (5). Captain Marsyla and his wife Judith, reside in Corpus Christi, Texas.