

VICE ADMIRAL GEORGE C. TALLEY, JR., UNITED STATES NAVY (RETIRED)

George Clyde Talley, Jr. was born in Eastland, Texas on March 28, 1922, son of George C. and Pearl A. Talley. He graduated from Lawton (Oklahoma) High School and attended the University of Oklahoma for one year. He entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1940. He graduated "with distinction" with the Class of 1944 on June 9, 1943 (accelerated course due to World War II), and was commissioned Ensign. He subsequently advanced in rank to Vice Admiral, effective June 1, 1972.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy in 1943, he was assigned to the USS ARKANSAS (BB-33). He was on board that battleship during the invasions of Normandy and Southern France. In October 1944, he was ordered to flight training. He was designated Naval Aviator on October 17, 1945.

In May 1946, he joined Torpedo Squadron SEVENTY-FIVE (which was later designated Attack Squadron FOUR-B). From June 1948 until September 1950, he served as Test Pilot in the Armament Test Division, Patuxent River, Maryland. He then served with Fighter Squadron ELEVEN, based on the USS KEARSARGE. In that assignment, he completed sixty combat missions in the Korean area of hostilities and was awarded the Air Medal with Gold Stars in lieu of the Second and Third Air Medals "for meritorious achievement . . ." during the period September 17, 1952 to February 20, 1953.

From 1953 to 1958, he served in various sea and shore staff assignments. From October 1958 until March 1960, he commanded Attack Squadron THIRTY-FOUR. Then, after one year on the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, he commanded Air Group One aboard USS ENTERPRISE and USS F. D. ROOSEVELT.

During the period January 1963 to June 1965, he headed the Air Warfare Division on the Staff of Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force. From June 1965 to June 1966, he commanded the USS CHILTON (APA-38). In August 1966, he became Commanding Officer of the USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVA-42), and for outstanding services during combat operations in Southeast Asia from August 28 to December 27, 1966, was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In 1967, he was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral and served on the OPNAV Staff, first under DCNO (Air), and then under DCNO (Plans and Policy).

From 1970 to 1971, Rear Admiral Talley commanded CARRIER DIVISION FOUR and Task Force 60 in the Mediterranean. He then returned to OP-06 for one year. In June 1972, he was promoted to Vice Admiral and assigned as Deputy Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor.

In mid-1974, VADM Talley returned to Washington as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans and Policy. In March 1975, he retired voluntarily in order to pursue a career in financial management.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Air Medal, all with two Gold Stars, Vice Admiral Talley has the American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; China Service Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal, Europe Clasp; United Nations Service Medal; Korean Presidential Unit Citation Badge; and the Vietnam Service Medal.

His official home address is 4301 Woodwick Court, Fort Worth, Texas. He is married to the former Elsie Gravesen of Jacksonville, Florida, and they have three children, Dale Frederick, Karen Elissa, and Steven Jeffrey Talley.