



**LT (USNR) MICHAEL G. ARNETT**

Lieutenant Arnett, class of 1973, holds a BA and MA in history from Southeastern Louisiana University where he was a member of the ROTC program from 1969-1973. Following graduation, he received a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy and underwent ground, basic, and advanced flight training at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida. Arnett received his Naval Flight Officer wings in July 1974 and reported to VA-42 at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA for fleet aviation training. From April 1975 to September 1977, Lieutenant Arnett was a member of Attack Squadron 75 ("The Sunday Punchers") where he flew Grumman A6E Intruders, a medium-attack, all-weather jet bomber aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga (CV 60). Arnett's primary duty was as a bombardier and radar navigator. He also served as the Assistant Carrier Wing Safety Officer, Assistant Personnel Officer, the Aviation Weapons Officer, and the Assistant Squadron Maintenance Officer. While serving with VA-75, Lieutenant Arnett participated in two seven-month deployments to the Mediterranean Sea (1976 and 1977) where he served off the coast of Beirut during the Lebanese crises of 1977. Arnett also flew Atlantic and Caribbean missions with over 225 carrier catapult takeoffs and landings qualifying him for the Navy's Double Centurion Award. Since leaving the Navy in December 1977, Arnett has worked in various managerial positions for AT&T (formerly South Central Bell and Bellsouth) since 1979. He currently works in Hammond and resides in Mandeville, Louisiana.