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Commander

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CDR Brett “Bucket” Easler, a graduate of Olin High School at Olin Iowa first entered naval service having completed boot camp at San Diego, California in the fall of 1978. Enlisting under the Delayed Entry Program, then Airman Easler graduated from Air Traffic Control ‘A’ School at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tennessee and reported to his first duty station at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

Achieving full facility rating and designation as Facility Watch Supervisor, AC2 Easler then reported to the USS Ranger, homeported in San Diego, where he went on to be designated a Carrier Air Traffic Control Center Supervisor. From there he went on to a tour of duty at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas as a Facility Watch Supervisor prior to his commissioning as an Ensign in April 1988, designated as an Air Traffic Control Limited Duty Officer.

After completion of Limited Duty Officer Indoctrination School at Pensacola, Florida, he reported aboard USS Independence at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as the Carrier Controlled Approach Officer and OC Division Officer. Upon completion of a successful yard period, the ship set sail for its new homeport in San Diego via a trip around Cape Horn in South America and several liberty ports along the way. From there, LTjg Easler reported to Naval Air Station Adak AK, 1200 miles east of Anchorage on

the Aleutian Island chain as the Air Traffic Control Facility Officer. From there he reported to Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility located at North Island, California and then completed a tour at Naval Air Station Point Mugu, California.

LCDR Easler’s next tour of duty landed him on the staff of the Chief of Naval Air Training at Corpus Christi, Texas in April 1999 as the Air Traffic Control Readiness Officer for assigned facilities supporting naval aviation training commands. In October 2002 he reported as the Officer in Charge of the Air Traffic Control Schools located at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida. During that time he completed a six month temporary assignment to the Secretary of the Joint Staff at U. S. European Command located in Stuttgart Germany.

After a successful tour as the Navy’s Liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington D.C. CDR Easler is now serving on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as the Navy’s Airspace and Air Traffic Control Officer. He and his wife Judy have three daughters, Jennifer, Kristin and Rebecca. He has received numerous awards and commendations including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.