

## NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

REAR ADMIRAL FRANCIS D. FOLEY, U. S. NAVY, RETIRED

Francis Drake Foley, the son of a Naval Officer, travelled extensively and, at the age of 12, had the unique experience of spending three months at sea with his father on board a Naval vessel (by special permission of the Navy Department). He entered the Naval Academy in 1928 and on June 2, 1932, was graduated and commissioned Ensign.

His first assignment was in the cruiser DETROIT in which he served until commencing flight training in January 1935. Designated a Naval Aviator on February 1, 1936, he subsequently served until late 1940 with Scouting Squadron 41 (USS RANGER); Observation Squadron 4 (USS MARYLAND) and Patrol Squadron 31. He was Chief Flight Instructor in Training Squadron 15 at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, when the United States entered World War II, and in the summer of 1942, joined the USS HORNET as Air Operations Officer. After the HORNET was lost as a result of enemy action in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands, he was ordered to duty as Assistant Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander Task Force 65. He later served at Guadalcanal as Assistant Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander Air, Solomons as well as the Staff of Commander Fleet Air, South Pacific. For outstanding services in the Pacific Area from August 1, 1942, to March 31, 1943, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V."

Between 1943 and 1945, he was Head of the Officer Flying Section, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, after which he had duty successively as Navigator, Air Officer, and Executive Officer of the aircraft carrier FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. Late in 1947, he became Administrative and Personnel Officer on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Air Training, Pensacola, Florida. Following brief transitional training, he assumed command of Helicopter Squadron TWO in July 1949.

He again served, 1950-1952, in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; this time as Head of the Aviation Personnel Programs Section. Completing the course in Strategy and Tactics at the Naval War College, in 1953, he then joined the the Staff of the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic as Offensive Plans Officer. He commanded the sea-plane tender SALISBURY SOUND, Flagship of the Commander U. S. Taiwan Patrol Force, from August 1955 until October 1956 and, after completing jet transitional training, took command of the attack carrier SHANGRI-LA in November 1956. Both the SALISBURY SOUND and the SHANGRI-LA were awarded the Pacific Fleet Battle Efficiency "E's" for the fiscal years during which the then Captain Foley commanded them. He was Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans on the Joint Staff of Commander-in-Chief, Pacific from 1957 until 1960, after which he returned to sea in command of Carrier Division ONE. While deployed to the Western Pacific, RADM Foley commanded Task Force 77 and, upon return to home waters, the ready Carrier Striking Group of the FIRST Fleet.

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From March 1961 to July 1962 he was Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Naval Weapons for Program Management, Navy Department, after which he was assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Policy Division, and Senior U. S. Naval Officer, serving there until July 1965. He next had duty as Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness), title later changed to Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness), Navy Department, with collateral duty as Senior Navy Member of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission. In September 1967 he became Commandant of the Third Naval District, headquartered in New York City, with additional duty as Commander of the Naval Base, New York, New York. "For exceptionally meritorious service...(in that assignment) from September 1967 to June 1971..." he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In July 1971 he became Senior Member of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission, Seoul, Korea. He returned to the United States and in March 1972 was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department. He remained there until relieved of active duty pending his retirement, effective July 1, 1972.

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PERSONAL DATA:

Born: 4 July 1910, Dorchester, Massachusetts

Education:

Irving School, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y.  
Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. (BS, 1932)  
Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., (Flight training)  
Naval War College, Newport, R. I. (course in Strategy  
& Tactics)  
HUTRON TWO (helicopter transitional training)  
JTTU-1 (jet transitional training)

Clubs and Organizations:

New York Yacht Club; Army-Navy Club, Washington, D. C.;  
Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, Va.; American Helicopter Society; Caterpillar Club

PROMOTIONS:

Midshipman, 1 July 1928  
Ensign, 2 June 1932  
Lieutenant (jg), 2 June 1935  
Lieutenant, 1 August 1939  
Lieutenant Commander, 15 June 1942  
Commander, 18 November 1942  
Captain, 1 January 1951  
Rear Admiral, to date from 24 July 1958

MEDALS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
American Defense Service Medal  
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four stars  
American Campaign Medal  
World War II Victory Medal  
Navy Occupation Service Medal, Europe Clasp  
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
Korean Service Medal  
United Nations Service Medal

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CITATIONS:

Legion of Merit: "For exceptionally meritorious service as Commandant of the Third Naval District from September 1967 to June 1971... When faced with the teachers' strike which closed New York City schools in 1968, Rear Admiral Foley organized an ad hoc school for Navy dependent children, utilizing Navy personnel and dependents with educational backgrounds as teachers to provide a wide range of instruction in grades one through twelve...(He) directly supervised the Navy's participation in Operation GRAPHIC HAND, in which the military services and their Reserve components were called upon to move the United States mail during a strike of New York City postal employees in March 1970...(In addition) he skillfully supervised the required reductions in number and size of activities occasioned by budget cuts, resulting in a minimum of adverse effect on the accomplishment of the mission of the Third Naval District..."

Bronze Star Medal: "For meritorious service as Air Operations Officer of the USS HORNET during operations against enemy Japanese forces from August 1 to October 26, 1942, and subsequently as Intelligence and Air Gunnery Officer on the Staff of Commander Task Force 65 and Commander Air Solomon Islands, until March 31, 1943. Skilled and courageous in the performance of duty, (he) labored tirelessly in planning and coordinating the complex operations of a large carrier air group, contributing materially to the success of the group in its attacks on Bougainville and Guadalcanal and on enemy sea and air forces. Subsequently performing his staff duties with equal ability and perseverance, he demonstrated exceptional ability in collecting, evaluating and disseminating information regarding the enemy..."

Joint Service Commendation Medal: "For exceptionally meritorious service while serving as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Policy Division, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Paris, France, during the period August 1, 1962 to July 21, 1965. Throughout this period, Admiral Foley exercised a prominent role in formulating and reviewing strategic plans and policies for the Allied Command Europe, in the preparation of the Allied Command Europe Recommended Forces Goals for 1970, and in the revision of the Emergency Defense Plan and SACEUR's Alert System. He established priorities and criteria for Infrastructure projects, prepared recommendations on politico-military matters affecting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and coordinated the SHAPE position on items to be considered by the Annual Planning Coordinating Conferences. Also, he was personally responsible for the important progress made toward formulating the policy upon which the Supreme Allied Commander Europe based his recommendations concerning the revision of boundaries and the command structure in the Mediterranean Area..."

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CHRONOLOGICAL TRANSCRIPT OF NAVAL SERVICE:

Jun 1932 - Dec 1934 USS DETROIT (Watch Division Officer, Ass't Navigator)  
Jan 1935 - Feb 1936 Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. (flight training-  
Designated Naval Aviator February 1, 1936)  
Mar 1936 - Jun 1938 Scouting Squadron 41 (USS RANGER) (Squadron Pilot)  
Jun 1938 - May 1939 Observation Squadron 4 (USS MARYLAND) (Pilot)  
Jun 1939 - Nov 1940 Patrol Squadron 31 (Patrol Plane Commander)  
Nov 1940 - Jun 1942 Training Squadron 15, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville,  
Florida (Chief Flight Instructor)  
Jun 1942 - Oct 1942 USS HORNET (Air Operations Officer)  
Nov 1942 - Nov 1942 "Nest Detail" (Survivor)  
Nov 1942 - Feb 1943 Staff, Commander Task Force 65 (Ass't Operations  
Off.)  
Feb 1943 - Apr 1943 Staff, Commander Air, Solomons (Ass't Operations  
Off.)  
Apr 1943 - Sep 1943 Staff, Commander Fleet Air, South Pacific (Personnel  
Officer)  
Oct 1943 - Mar 1945 Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Dept.,  
(Head, Officer Flying Section)  
Apr 1945 - Oct 1947 USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (Navigator-12 mos., Air  
Officer-8 mos., Executive Officer-10 mos.)  
Nov 1947 - Jun 1949 Staff, Chief Naval Air Training, Pensacola, Florida,  
(Administrative and Personnel Officer)  
Jul 1949 - Aug 1949 Helicopter Squadron TWO (Helicopter transitional  
training)  
Sep 1949 - Oct 1950 Helicopter Squadron TWO (Commanding Officer)  
Nov 1950 - Aug 1952 Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Head,  
Aviation Personnel Program Section)  
Aug 1952 - Jun 1953 Naval War College, Newport, R. I. (Student)  
Jul 1953 - Jul 1955 Staff, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic (Ass't  
Director Plans Operations)  
Aug 1955 - Oct 1956 USS SALISBURY SOUND (AV-13) (Commanding Officer)  
Nov 1956 - Sep 1957 USS SHANGRI-LA (CVA-38) (Commanding Officer)  
Oct 1957 - Jan 1960 Joint Staff, Commander in Chief, Pacific (Ass't  
Chief of Staff for Plans)  
Feb 1960 - Mar 1961 Commander Carrier Division ONE  
Mar 1961 - Jul 1962 Bureau of Naval Weapons, Navy Department (Ass't  
Chief for Program Management)  
Aug 1962 - Jul 1965 Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe (SHAPE)  
(Deputy Ass't Chief of Staff, Plans and Policy  
Division, and Senior U. S. Naval Officer)  
Aug 1965 - Sep 1967 Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet  
Operations and Readiness), Navy Department  
Sep 1967 - Jun 1971 Commandant, Third Naval District, headquartered  
in New York City, with additional duty as Commander  
Naval Base, New York

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Jul 1971

Senior Member, United Nations Command Military  
Armistice Commission, Seoul, Korea

Mar 1972

Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy De-  
partment

1 July 1972

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