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USS STERETT (CG 31)

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CAPTAIN BARRY MERRILL PLOTT
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS STERETT (CG 31)

Captain Plott entered the U.S. Naval Academy from Long Beach, California, and graduated with distinction in June 1964. Awarded a Fulbright Fellowship, he studied Latin American politics and government at Salvador University, Buenos Aires, Argentina, for an academic year prior to reporting to USS CORRY (DD 817) as 1st Division Officer. Upon detachment from CORRY, Captain Plott commenced studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, from which he was awarded the degree of PHD in International Relations in June 1969.

From August 1969 to January 1971, Captain Plott served as Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer aboard USS BERKELEY (DDG 15). He then attended the U.S. Naval Destroyer School and was subsequently assigned to the commissioning crew of USS CALIFORNIA (CGN 36) as Operations Officer. After a 3 1/2-year tour as a department head aboard CALIFORNIA, Captain Plott was assigned to the Politico-Military Policy Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D. C., where he served as Assistant Head, Western Hemisphere Branch, and as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the Inter-American Defense Board.

In August 1977, Captain Plott reported to USS MACDONOUGH (DDG 39) as Executive Officer. In May 1979, he received a second assignment to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, where he served until December 1981 as a member of the Strategy and Concepts Branch. In 1982 Captain Plott was assigned to the staff of the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as an assistant to the Force Combat Systems Officer.

Captain Plott assumed command of USS BROOKE (FFG 1) in February 1983. Under his command, BROOKE deployed twice to the Western Pacific and was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for her participation in the Korean Airlines Flight 007 search and salvage operations in the Northern Sea of Japan. Departing BROOKE in June 1985, Captain Plott was selected as a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York for the 1985-1986 academic year. Captain Plott reported to the Joint Staff in June 1986, where he served until June 1988, first as Chief, South America Branch, and subsequently as Assistant Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy, J-5. He took command of USS STERETT (CG 31) in August, 1988.

Captain Plott has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (twice), and various campaign and service ribbons.

Captain Plott is married to the former Karen Jumper of Long Beach, California. They have one child, Susan.