



Captain Wilson M. Coleman was born in Eutaw, Alabama. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1934, and was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1938.

Active operational flying began for Captain Coleman with VF-6 in USS ENTERPRISE, followed by duty as Senior Aviator, USS BROOKLYN, and as Superintendent of Aviation Training at NAS Miami. He then had command of VF-43 and VF-13 in USS FRANKLIN and of Air Group 18 in USS INTREPID. After a tour as instructor at General Line School, he became Executive Officer, USS BAIROKO. During the Korean War, Captain Coleman served as Operations Officer on the staff of COMCARDIV 15. Other assignments include attendance at the Naval War College and service on the following staffs: Joint Chief's of Staff; Commander, Joint Task Force 7; and Commander, Field Command, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. He took command of the Ticonderoga on September 20, 1958.

Included among Captain Coleman's achievements during World War II are six planes shot down, three probables, and twenty four destroyed on the ground. He is also credited with leading a successful attack on an enemy submarine.

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Commander William E. Lemos was born in Riverside, Rhode Island. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1941 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1943. Early flying experience included duty in VS-46 and VF-98, and as Senior Aviator, USS WASHINGTON.

From 1946 to 1949, Commander Lemos attended the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he studied Aviation Ordnance and Guided Missiles. He received a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from M. I. T. He then was ordered to VX-1 as a Project Pilot and Assistant Development Officer. This was followed by a tour in the Bureau of Ordnance as Head of the Bombing Systems Section of the Research and Development Division. From 1954 to 1956 he had command of VAH-9, followed by duty as Chief Staff Officer on the Staff of Commander, Heavy Attack Wing ONE. During the year prior to reporting to the TICONDEROGA, he attended the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Commander Lemos is no newcomer to THE BIG T. He was a part of Air Group THREE on the TI during the 1956 Mediterranean deployment.

