

## CAPTAIN HENRY C. DeLONG, UNITED STATES NAVY

Henry Clay DeLong was born in Bath, Maine, on November 2, 1910, son of Harold W. and Victoria (Hennessey) DeLong. He attended Morse High School in Bath, before entering the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on appointment from his native state in 1928. As a Midshipman, he was a member of the Crew for three years. Graduated and commissioned Ensign on June 2, 1932, he subsequently advanced in rank, attaining that of Captain, to date from July 1, 1953.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy in June 1932, he joined the USS OKLAHOMA and was on board that battleship as a junior officer until June 1934, when he assumed duty as Aircraft Gunnery Observer with Observation Squadron ONE-B, aviation unit of that vessel. Detached from the OKLAHOMA in June 1936, he next had flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Designated Naval Aviator on July 6, 1937, he joined Cruiser Scouting Squadron EIGHT, operating from the USS PHILADELPHIA. He served as Squadron Gunnery Officer and Senior Aviator until August 1941, after which he was Chief Flight Instructor and Engineer of training squadron VN12D6 at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida. Between May and August 1942 he continued duty at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station as Production Control Officer in the Assembly and Repair Department.

He was in command of the Naval Air Station, Great Exeuma Island, British West Indies until June 1943 and following transitional training at the Naval Air Station, Sanford, Florida, he assumed command in August of that year of Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN. From February 1944 to March 1945 he served as Administrative and Maintenance Officer on the staff of Commander Fleet Air Wing NINE and until July 1947 was Executive and Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN.

A student at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, from August 1947 until January 1948, he next had duty as Head of the Logistic Programs (Air) Section, Logistics Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. In May 1950 he reported as Executive Officer of the USS CORAL SEA and in October of that year was detached for duty on the staff of Commander Fleet Air Wing, Pacific. In October 1951 he transferred to the staff of Commander Fleet Air, Japan and served as Chief of Staff and Aide until August 1954, when he assumed command of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida.

After briefing and language instruction in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, (October-December 1956), he reported as Sub Chief of the United States Mission to Brazil with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro. In February 1959 he became Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and under orders of July 21, 1961, later joined the Staff of Commander Western Sea Frontier.

Captain DeLong has the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; the Navy Occupation Service Medal, Europe Clasp; the National Defense Service Medal; the Korean Service Medal; and the United Nations Service Medal.

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