

REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT C. CHAPLIN
Superintendent
Naval Postgraduate School

Rear Admiral Robert C. Chaplin was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky and graduated from Fort Knox High School. He attended the United States Naval Academy where he received his commission and Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation in 1970.

Admiral Chaplin was designated a naval aviator in January 1972 and reported to NAS Bermuda. In October 1975, he reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) Thirty-two and served on various detachments and as Officer in Charge aboard USS RICHARD L PAGE (FFG-5).

In January 1979, Admiral Chaplin reported to Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California and earned a Master of Science degree in Computer Systems Management. He later reported to HSL-36 in Mayport, Florida and served on various detachments as Officer in Charge. In August 1982, he reported to Commander Seabased Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing Atlantic as the Flag Secretary.

In June 1984, Admiral Chaplin assumed duties as Executive Officer for HSL-42, the first East Coast LAMPS MK III Squadron. He took command of the squadron in March 1986. Following this tour, he reported to USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2) as Operations Officer. In September 1988 he served as Commanding Officer for HSL-41, the SH-60 Fleet Replacement Squadron in San Diego, California. After this tour, Admiral Chaplin reported to the Pentagon in Washington, DC. where he worked for the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations Air Warfare as the Special Assistant for the Flying Hour Program.

Rear Admiral Chaplin assumed command of USS INCHON (LPH 12) in September 1991. In June 1993, he assumed command of USS WASP (LHD 1) while the ship was deployed to the Persian Gulf. He participated in Operations RESTORE and CONTINUE HOPE off the coast of Somalia and Operations SUPPORT and UPHOLD DEMOCRACY off the coast of Haiti. After this tour, he was appointed Director, Plans and Policy, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In July 1996, Rear Admiral Chaplin was promoted to Flag Rank and in November reported as Commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. SEVENTH FLEET. In March 1998 Admiral Chaplin received his second star and became the Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School.

Rear Admiral Chaplin's personal awards includes the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with two Gold Star), the Meritorious Service Medal (with three Gold Stars), Navy Commendation Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.

He and his wife, the former Janice Doult of Dover, Ohio, have two sons, Jason and Jamie, who reside in Kentucky.

