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RESUME OF DAVID LEE NEWTON

David L. Newton, U. S. Navy, was born at St. Petersburg, Florida, on 19 September 1943. He attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, where he graduated with the Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering in August 1965. Upon graduation he was also commissioned an Ensign, USNR, and received the Third Assistant Engineer steamship license from the U. S. Coast Guard.

Following engineering assignments aboard various conventionally powered cargo and passenger ships, he entered the engineering training program for the Nuclear Ship Savannah. After licensing by the Atomic Energy Commission, he served as a reactor operator and plant engineer aboard NS Savannah from 1966 to 1969.

Commander Newton entered active Naval service in June 1969 and was assigned to the Naval Air Training Command. He participated in a joint Navy/University of West Florida graduate degree program and received a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Systems in November 1970. He was designated a Naval Aviator in December 1970.

His first operational tour was in the A-6 aircraft with VA-115 aboard U.S.S. Midway. He saw combat action in Vietnam and in 1973 transitioned with U.S.S. Midway to her forward deployed homeport in Japan.

In 1975 Commander Newton attended the Naval Test Pilot School and then served a tour with the Carrier Suitability Branch at the Naval Air Test Center in Patuxent River, Maryland. Following two deployments with A-6 Attack Squadron 165 aboard U.S.S. Constellation, Commander Newton was selected for squadron command. In January 1981, he reported to Aviation Safety Programs as the fixed-wing aerodynamics instructor.

His personal decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal.

