Clarence William Stoddard, Jr.
Commander, United States Navy



Missing in Action 14 September 1966
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IN MEMORY OF

COMMANDER CLARENCE WILLIAM STODDARD, JR.

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On 14 September 1966, while Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 25 (VA 25) embarked in the USS Coral Sea (CVA 43), CDR Clarence William Stoddard, Jr. was leading a two-plane bombing mission over North Vietnam searching for enemy truck convoys. Near the village of Nghi Thiet, his radar detection system warned him of enemy missile activity. Taking evasive action, he withdrew over the Gulf of Tonkin before his aircraft, a single engine propeller A-1 Skyraider, was struck by enemy surface to air missiles. CDR Stoddard was initially listed as Missing In Action. His status was changed in 1973 to Killed In Action.

Bill Stoddard Jr. was born in Atlanta 30 January 1927 and graduated from Marist High School in 1944 and from the United States Naval Academy in 1949.

CDR Stoddard joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 during World War II. During his 22 years of service, he served two combat tours in the Korean Conflict and two in Vietnam. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Purple Hearts, eight Air Medals and two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V in addition to numerous service medals and foreign decorations.

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Pre-Memorial Reception for the family of

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