

## CAPTAIN LOUIS A. CAVALIERE, US Navy Retired

Captain Cavaliere received his commission from Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, in December 1971. He reported aboard **USS SEVERN (AO-61)** where he served as Communications Officer and as Operations Officer, deploying to Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean in 1973. From July 1974 through early 1976, he served as Instructor in Naval Science at the Officer Staff Corps Indoctrination School, receiving a commendation for his service during the visit of the royal yacht **BRITANNIA** to Newport Naval Station as part of the 1976 US Bicentennial celebration.

In 1976, he served as Operations Officer on **USS DYESS (DD-880)** home ported in Fort Schyler, NY. Upon completion of Destroyer School in 1977, he joined **USS GLOVER (FF-1098)**, serving for two years as Chief Engineer. **GLOVER** deployed to the Middle East in 1978, at a time when Mid East Force consisted of just three ships.

In July 1979, he resigned his active commission to take up a civilian position with Keystone Shipping Co. of Philadelphia, PA. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Naval Reserve, beginning an association with Military Sealift Command. In 1989, he was transferred to Commander Military Sealift Command, Atlantic in Bayonne, NJ. It was during this tour that Captain Cavaliere was recalled to active duty for nine months during **OPERATION DESERT STORM**. For his efforts in directing convoys, loading operations and logistics from Atlantic and Gulf coast ports, he was awarded the **Navy Meritorious Service Medal**.

Upon completion of Operation Desert Storm, Captain Cavaliere was assigned two shore side commands: **Commanding Officer** for the Military Sealift Command Office, Philadelphia, in 1992; and as **Commander, Military Sealift Command Atlantic** Detachment in Bayonne, in 1993. He retired in 1995 with 25 years service.

Captain Cavaliere is recently retired as the General Manager for Government Contracts for Keystone Shipping Co. of Philadelphia. During his tenure at Keystone, he developed a public vessel franchise that currently totals 15 ships, the largest single holding within the Keystone Group.

Captain Cavaliere is Chairman of the Board of the **Chapel of the Four Chaplains in the Navy Yard in Philadelphia, PA**. He holds a BA degree from St John's University and an MBA from Rutgers. Captain Cavaliere serves on the **Board of the American Bureau of Shipping**. He is a member of the **Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers**, and the **Institute of Marine Engineers**. He serves on the Board of the **Philadelphia Maritime Academy Charter School**; the **Millennium Development Goals Task Force of the Diocese of New Jersey** for ending world-wide poverty, and, he is currently involved with the Episcopal Church Center in New York for the care of trafficked women and children, and serves on the **NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking**.

Captain Cavaliere has been married to Denise (Nee Bourgeois) of Fitchburg, Massachusetts since September 1975. They enjoy two sons, Louis, aged 39, a Firefighter/EMT with Evesham Township, New Jersey, and married to Amanda (nee) Gallo of Torrington, Connecticut; and, Michael who is 37, a Food Service Manager with Young Life in Colorado Springs, and married to Meghan (nee) Corless of Phoenix. They are also blessed with three grandchildren, Dominic who is 7, Isabel who is 4, and Rylee who is 17 months..