

## **Captain John C. Nygaard, USN**

Captain Nygaard is a native of Miami, Florida. He graduated from Auburn University in 1984 and received his commission through the ROTC Program.

Captain Nygaard was relieved October 30 as Commanding Officer USS Vicksburg CG69. His previous sea tours include Auxiliaries Division and CIC Officer in USS MOUNT BAKER (AE-34); CIC Officer in USS DEYO (DD-989); Combat Systems Officer in USS ANTRIM (FFG-20); ASW, Strike and Operations Officer (N3) on COMDESRON 24 staff; Executive Officer in USS SPRANCE (DD-963); Fleet Warfare Officer (Surface) on the COMSEVENTHFLT staff; Commanding Officer, USS PAUL F FOSTER (DD-964), and Operations Officer (N3) on the COMCRUDESGRU 12/COMCARSTRKGRU 14 staffs in support of USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) Strike Group.

Captain Nygaard's assignments ashore include Pacific Fleet TLAM Officer on the COMPACFLT staff and Deputy of Airwing Training (N5A) on the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) staff.

Most recently he served as the Strategic Operations Division Chief on the Joint Staff J3 Directorate staffing issues such as National Missile Defense, Nuclear Command and Control, and Continuity of Operations/Government; also serving as a Deputy Director of Operations (DDO) in the National Military Command Center (NMCC).

Captain Nygaard holds a Masters Degree in Undersea Warfare from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars), the Navy Commendation Medal (two gold stars) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

# **USS FIREDRAKE AE-14**

**REUNION 2009**

**BANQUET PROGRAM**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2009  
CROWNE PLAZA RIVERFRONT  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

# USS FIREDRAKE AE-14 REUNION

**November 8, 2009**

PRESENTATION of COLORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM  
JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY NAVY MARINE CORP DRILL TEAM

INVOCATION

POW/MIA PLACE OF HONOR

***PLEASE BE SEATED***

Welcome Remarks

BANQUET SERVED

Your pre-selected choice of Prociutto wrapped Chicken Breast with wine sauce and wild mushrooms **or** New Your Strip Loin Steak au poivre (10 oz) with peppercorns and cream sauce **or** Florida Grouper with Citrus Buerre Blanc

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM –  
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RECOGNITION of PLANK OWNERS

COMMENTS FROM SHIPMATES

BENEDICTION

CONCLUSION

*May you have fair winds and following seas  
And a safe and pleasant trip home!  
See you in 2011!*

## Shipmates and Family in Attendance

Casel & Eva Allen  
Ken & Fay Barnaby  
Ron Blanton & son Dwayne, brother Larry, nephew Kevin  
Wayne & Rose Burling  
Walt & Peg Duensing  
Skip & Barbara Fallon, son Roy & Rhonda Fallon  
Skip & Dianne Flohr  
Manny & Jean Fontana  
Bob & Marion Fox  
Mike & Sue France  
Bill Franke & son-in-law Chuck Munson  
Ross & Sylvia Glasner  
John Gutzwiller  
George & Violet Gyure  
Don Hanley & son Danny  
Michael & Khristine Hawthorn  
Jake Hendrix  
Art Herry & daughter Leanne Arntz  
Bob & Janeth Hitt  
Dick Jacobs  
Chuck Kishick son of Charles Kishick  
Jim Koppenhaver  
Danny & Esther Martin  
Glenn McCormack  
Phil & Joanne Nessler  
Karl Smith  
Keith Suiter  
Dick & Pat Tracy  
Bill & Connie Turner  
Ernie von Heimburg  
Ken & Billie Voss